

OPINION

Protect yourself

As we head into the summer, thoughts of gardening, outdoor recreation and other fun-in-the-sun activities become forefront in our minds.

The Canada Safety Council recently launched its National Summer Safety Week awareness campaign to remind us of the dangers associated with ultraviolet (UV) rays.

Statistics provided by the council indicate that nearly one in five Canadians is likely to develop skin cancer sometime during their lives.

Melanoma is the type most likely to be fatal. It's also one of the most common cancers among young people in Canada aged 15 to 29.

There are some simple tips you can follow to protect you and your family, including:

- Apply sunscreen generously before all outdoor physical activities. Remember to apply at least 20 minutes before sun exposure. Re-apply often, as perspiration will reduce the effectiveness;
- Schedule outdoor physical activities when UV rays are at their weakest, before 11 a.m. and after 4 p.m.;
- Always keep children under the age of one out of the sun;
- Cover children's heads, necks and ears with a broad-brimmed hat when outdoors.



Readers Write

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Parking complaints unwarranted

DEAR EDITOR:

I have to disagree with the letter in the May 27 *Champion* entitled 'Residential parking limitations are indeed cause for frustration' and agree with the letter 'Parking complaint tough to swallow' that was in the same issue.

As a lifelong Miltonian who's learned to drive in the past few years, I can truthfully say that where some people decide to park in residential areas creates a driving hazard. For example, turning left from Syer Drive onto Laurier Avenue, one nearly has to be entirely past the stop sign in order to see around the cars parked not only on the street, but also on the boulevard.

This blocks the view of pos-

sible oncoming traffic from either the stop lights at Laurier and Thompson Road or the three-way stop at Laurier and Coxe Boulevard.

This is just one of many examples in this neighbourhood alone. Hayward Crescent, across from Laurier Park, is also notoriously bad for parked cars on the street. This seriously impedes traffic, since car owners like to park near the bends in the street, or right at the corner across from Laurier Park, opposite the stop sign, when all the parking spaces are taken up and there's no more room to park along Laurier during soccer games.

In my opinion, parking laws are almost not strict enough. Surrounding municipalities

such as Oakville and Burlington have similar parking bylaws and Mississauga has even stricter laws when compared to our own.

I have seen owners of multiple cars make the best of their limited amount of space for driveways or garages in some very efficient ways.

Complaining about a parking ticket received for illegally parking on the road when owning two cars but only having accommodations for one is pointless. It's nobody's fault but your own.

You should have either bought smaller vehicles or a house with parking accommodations that fit your needs.

**NERHYS HALL
MILTON**

Listen to public and keep Bruce St. library open

DEAR EDITOR:

This is in response to the recent letters about the future use of the Bruce Street library.

When is town council going to stop wasting money on stupid ideas? The downtown library should remain open so the seniors and area residents have a place to go.

It shouldn't take \$20,000 in consultant fees to figure this out. All council has to do is listen to the public and put this consultant fee to better use.

**ANDREW GOODWIN
MILTON**

Pay freeze just political move

DEAR EDITOR:

I'd like to comment on town councillors' decision to freeze their salaries this year and not approve the 2 per cent increase that was proposed.

I believe this freeze is nothing more than a symbolic and political gesture inspired more by the upcoming election than this council's concern for taxpayer dollars.

Let us not forget that this is the same council that voted itself a 23 per cent salary increase six months after being elected.

In fact, over the last three years these councillors have increased their own salaries from the \$20,572 it was when they were elected to the current amount of \$26,495.00 — an increase of 28 per cent.

During that same period, this council has increased property taxes by 17 per cent.

It seems like these councillors were filling their own pockets while emptying the pockets of ordinary Miltonians.

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