Dateline

The La Leche League meets at 8 p.m. at CHERISH Family Resource Centre, 540 Childs Dr. The group is for women interested in information about breastfeeding. Babies are welcome. For further information, call 876-0772 or 878-4803.

Thursday Feb. 20

The Victorian Order of Nurses holds foot care clinics at Milton Community and Information Services (Ontario Street at Childs Drive) from 1 to 4 p.m. and at Milton District Hospital (emergency department) on Derry Road from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$15. For further information or an appointment, call 875-1681. Foot care clinics are by appointment only.

Overeaters Anonymous meets every Thursday at the Milton Children and Youth Centre, 917

Nipissing Rd. (at Thompson Road), at 8 p.m. New format. No dues or fees are charged.

Chronic fatigue syndrome sufferers meet at 1 p.m. Call 878-1802 or 876-3713.

Writer's Circle takes place at Krug's Coffee Shop on Main Street at 7 p.m. Participants are invited to bring work they have written and share reading and listening in a friendly, informal atmosphere. For more information, call 854-0519

Thursday Feb. 20 - 22

Milton Meadows District Girl Guides sell traditional chocolate and vanilla cookies at Milton Mall Thursday and Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 876-3104.

Friday Feb. 21

The Halton Cross Country Ski Club hosts 'Moonlight Ski' at Hilton Falls at 6:30 p.m. and embarks on a ski weekend in Haliburton. New members of all ski levels are welcome. For more information, call 634-2012.

It's Hot Meal Deal Day at the Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, 500 Childs Dr. Seniors are invited to drop in from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. for a hot lunch and fellowship.

Saturday Feb. 22

The Halton Cross Country Ski Club ventures to Horseshoe Valley. New members of all ski levels are welcome. For more information, call 634-2012

Tax hike warning

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not exist in Halton as compared to other municipalities. He explained that Ford in Oakville pays about 2.5 times the local residential tax rate, while General Motors in Oshawa pays about 6.5 times the local residential rate.

On another front, business occupancy taxes have been removed and all property owners will now be responsible for Business Improvement Area (BIA) taxes.

In the past, merchants have paid business occupancy taxes which have been used to fund BIAs. These taxes were hard to collect, Mr. Rossini said, because of the turnover of business. Now property owners will pay the property tax unless they have arranged with their tenants through the lease to pay the charge.

Mr. Flynn called this change "a minefield." He predicted tenants would not willingly pay the levy, adding that landlords would likely apply to have their properties removed from local BIAs.

"Who will run BIAs?" Mr. Flynn asked.
"Should landlords run it because they are paying the taxes or should merchants run it, like they do now?"

Mr. Flynn said he could see merchants running up huge bills in local improvements if they were not responsible to pay the costs.

"I've been told we in Halton would escape these changes lightly or slightly," said Milton Mayor Gord Krantz. "If this is light, I'd hate like hell to think of how others are affected."

Mayor Krantz agreed with Mr. Rossini's election observation. "Guess who votes?" he asked.

"The people you're going to nail," chimed in Mr. Flynn.





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