

Opinion

There's no excuse for speeding

More than 1,900 tickets issued in school or community safety zones during Project Safe Start — most for speeding

This editorial is directed specifically at the almost 100 people per day ticketed in the region by Halton police officers for speeding in school or community safety zones during this year's Project Safe Start road safety initiative.

In the 12-day Project Safe Start, which coincided with the beginning of the school year and wrapped up a week ago Friday, officers handed out 1,908 tickets in just the designated zones across Halton. The majority of tickets, 1,152, were for speeding. At least one person was charged with stunt driving — going more than 50 km/h over the speed limit.

To those guilty of these infractions, is there a reason you have come to believe posted speed limits — set in order to increase traffic safety for all motorists and pedestrians — don't apply to you?

In the event that a young student on their way to school should dart out in front of you, have you found some new way to circumvent the laws of physics that state it will take 'x' metres for a vehicle weighing more than 1,000 kg to come to a stop when travelling at the excessive speed you have chosen to drive?

Are you familiar with the devastating and frequently fatal consequences when human flesh and bone collide with an automobile travelling too fast to prevent an impact?

Did you also know that when you drive 80 km/h in a posted 60 km/h zone, at best you will save two and a half minutes on a 10-km trip? At worst, you will end someone's life.

Having been caught speeding, you probably now face fines, demerit points that could ultimately lead to the loss of your driver's licence, higher insurance rates and possible vehicle impoundment.

Of course, you already knew these potential consequences before you decided to speed.

What exactly is your problem and, more importantly, could you please seek help for it immediately — before you kill someone who's innocently going about the pursuit of their life.



Heritage Matters

This two-storey Victorian house at 179 Main St. E. with gingerbread trim, shutters and elaborate front entrance was built in 1877 for William Eager and known as Roselawn. In 1889, Eager sold Roselawn to Knox Presbyterian Church and was used as the church manse until 1925 when it was sold to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

— Submitted by Heritage Milton and Milton Historical Society

Editor's Desk

Response to *Champion's* recycling event really amazing

Thank you to all those who dropped off items in the *Champion's* electronics recycling event in support of the United Way of Milton Saturday. Despite the pouring rain, people pulled up in their vehicles steady all day. Some came before the event started and even after it ended. The bin filled up quickly and, as indicated in the photo caption on page 11, a tractor-trailer unit had to be called in to collect all the overflow, which could have filled another container. Some people must have been holding on



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to their electronics for decades. Among the older items dropped off for recycling were eight-track players, turntables and even a Commodore computer. Apparently, many of the items still worked.

How much money was raised? We won't know for a few weeks, but when we do we'll be sure to let you know.

A spouse of a *Champion* employee who isn't that familiar with Milton came to help at the event and noted how community-minded he found the people to be.

"Milton really is a caring community," the helper commented. "I can't believe all the people turning out with their stuff — people of all ages, families."

That's not news to me but nice to hear from a non-Miltonian's perspective anyhow.

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