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## Soup's on

Mina Rosnik enjoys some soup during the annual Empty Bowls fundraiser in support of Milton Transitional Housing Sunday at the Milton Centre for the Arts. For \$50, guests were treated to all-you-can-eat gourmet soup and a hand-painted ceramic bowl of their choice.  
*Eric Riehl / Canadian Champion (Follow on Twitter @halton\_photog)*

## Crime rate record low in 2013

By David Lea  
METROLAND WEST MEDIA GROUP

Halton police say 2013 set a record for having the lowest crime rate since Halton became a region in 1974.

In a report to the Halton Regional Police Service Board last Thursday, Chief Stephen Tanner noted Halton saw 10,804 criminal offences in 2013 — compared to 12,076 the previous year.

That's a 10.5 per cent drop in numbers, but translates to a 12.7 per cent drop in the crime rate, when the region's growing population is factored in, said Tanner.

And that crime rate is the lowest seen since Halton became a region in 1974, said the chief.

"Let me congratulate the entire service for continuing to have a very positive impact on reducing crime throughout the Region," said Tanner.

## SPECIAL REPORT:

# Redevelopment of Burlington hospital underway

*Halton Hospitals: Building our Health Care is a special Metroland Media West four-part project that explores the need for, status and funding of numerous hospital expansion/construction projects in Halton's four municipalities — Milton, Oakville, Burlington and Georgetown. Here, the third part of the series looks at Burlington's Joseph Brant Hospital.*

By Tina Depko-Denver  
METROLAND WEST MEDIA GROUP

A hospital is the heartbeat of a community. It's where babies take their first breath and where families say goodbye to loved ones. Broken arms are cast, chemotherapy is administered, blood pressure is monitored and hips are replaced.

Burlington's Joseph Brant Hospital, formerly called Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital, opened in 1961.

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