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Home Safe Home Courtesy Fire Safety Inspection Program

Halton Hills, ON – The Halton Hills Fire Department will once again be conducting a home inspection program commencing the week of July 11, 2017 and running until October. This valuable program assists homeowners in making their home safer by reducing the chance of fire and other tragedies. The program is free and participation by homeowners is voluntary.

Despite media, prevention and public education efforts by fire departments in the province, including Halton Hills, residential properties continue to have fire safety issues. Issues such as inoperable or missing smoke alarms, improper storage or accumulation of combustibles and improperly constructed two unit dwellings, are just a few of the fire safety concerns that continue to be identified. Chief deHooze noted that “Most of a families’ free time is spent in their homes, a place that provides them shelter, and where adults and children should feel safe. The Home Safe Home Courtesy Fire Safety Inspection Program will improve fire safety in their home”.

The program will see firefighters going door-to-door asking homeowners if they would like an inspection. During the visit, firefighters assist homeowners in understanding and addressing simple but important fire safety issues.

With the homeowners’ permission, firefighters will conduct an inspection of their home using a checklist specifically focusing on items such as smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, heating equipment, electrical, home escape planning, and household hazards. Firefighters will also leave fire safety literature for the homeowner. Should any issues be identified, firefighters will educate the homeowner on corrective measures. If during the inspection, smoke and/or CO alarms are found to be inoperative or require replacement, staff will install new batteries or, if necessary, new battery-operated alarms. In the event of more serious fire safety issues or upon request, fire prevention staff will contact the homeowner.

This years’ program begins with the following streets in Acton: Beardmore Crescent, Birchway Place, Bonnette Street, Browns Crescent, Campbell Court, Cedar Road Dawkins Crescent , Elliott Drive, Hurst Street, Greenore Crescent, Kenney Street, Kingham Road, Kingsley Road, Nelles Street, Pearl Court, Rachlin Drive, Rennie Street, Salmon Way, Somerville Road, Sprowl Street, Tanners Drive, and Vimy Street.

In Georgetown, the streets include: Academy Road, Alexander Street, Ann Street, Arletta Street, Beaver Street, Bennett Place, Beverley Lane, Bishop Street, Brian Lane Caroline Street, Cherry Street, College Street, Confederation Street, Corey Circle Chelton Street, Credit Street, Daniela Court, Dufferin Street, Edwin Lane, Elena Court, Elizabeth Street, Erin Street, Ewing Street, Forster Street, Glen Road, Glen Crescent

Drive, Hewson Crescent, Jason Crescent, John Street, Joseph Street, Karen Drive, Kennedy Street, Kersey Lane, Lilac Lane, Lynden Circle, Main Street, Maple Avenue McMaster Street, Meagan Drive, Mountain Street, Mullen Place, Palomino Trail Oak Ridge Drive, Ontario Street, Park Street, Pine Valley Trail, Prince Street, River Drive Riverview Crescent, Robert Lane, Rosetta Street, Stewart Maclaren, Sumach, Trail, Thomas Court, Temple Road, Tweedle Street, Victoria Street, Wildwood Road, Whitehorn Lane, and Wylie Circle.

Residents not living on one of the scheduled inspection streets interested in having a voluntary inspection may contact the fire department at 905-877-1133 to arrange a visit. Residents can also call if they wish to request an inspection prior to a scheduled street visit.

“I encourage all residents to participate in this free service being provided by the Fire Department.” said Mayor Bonnette. “The Home Safe Home Courtesy Fire Safety Inspection Program will make both your home and our community a safer place to live”.

About the Town of Halton Hills

The Town of Halton Hills, with a population of approximately 60,000, consists of two urban centres, Georgetown and Acton, the Halton Hills Premier Gateway employment area, three hamlets – Glen Williams, Stewarttown and Norval – and several smaller settlements. Halton Hills has long been recognized for its natural beauty, active agricultural community, high quality of life and proximity to major centres, including Brampton, Mississauga and Toronto. The Town is the 2013 recipient of the National Municipal Environmental Award from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators and is ranked as one of the top small communities in Canada by a national magazine.

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