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Our three office locations are open again, as of August 10th when the province moved into Phase 3 of their reopening efforts. We are adhering to all federal, provincial, municipal and local heath authority guidelines and recommendations and each of our locations are in full compliance with these orders. Thank you for your cooperation, we look forward to seeing you!

HURONIA OFFERS ALARM.COM SMART HOME AND BUSINESS SECURITY SOLUTIONS

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Check out a day in the life of an Alarm.com smart home ...

A NEW FREE LOCATION APP TO HELP LOCATE CALLERS FASTER AND MORE ACCURATELY

The designers of an app called "<u>what3words</u>" have assigned each 3m square in the world a unique 3 word address that will never change. (For example, the front door of our Midland office three word address is: "brothers.agency.funniest".) These 3 word "addresses" are easy to say and share, and are as accurate as GPS coordinates; they're easier to remember and enter by voice or text into a vehicle's navigation system or mobile device.

In emergency situations, Emergency services are not always able to automatically or accurately detect a caller's exact location, so users of the app are better able to direct emergency services to a specific location. This is helpful, if you don't know your precise location – ie: if you're out hiking or camping in an unmarked area, or if you are on an

uncharted stretch of road.

Seven Canadian emergency services have confirmed that they are using this app to help locate callers faster. And because the app works offline, this service has been especially useful for rural areas in Canada that are subject to poor or unreliable cellular connections.

You can also use the app to plan meeting locations – so if you've found the perfect spot on the beach, just text your family and friends the three words and they'll be able to find you easily!

Available for iOS and Android, it is also available online at: https://map.what3words.com/

Click here for more information about this app.

HOW TO SET UP A CAMPFIRE AND SHORE LUNCH SAFELY

As we roll into the last long weekend of the summer, we'd like to remind those of you that are going camping or even planning a shore lunch, to <u>follow these safety tips from the</u> <u>Government of Ontario</u> when setting up your campfire:



Campsite fire safety tips for the campfire:

- 1. Choose a site
 - Pick a site close to a water source and sheltered from the wind.
 - Build your fire on bare rock, bare dirt or other non-combustible material (mineral soil).
 - Build your fire at least one metre away from any flammable materials.
 - Make sure the space above the fire is at least three metres from overhanging branches and vegetation.

2. Prepare the site

- Clear a space about two metres wide for the fire.
- Remove pine needles, grass, leaves and twigs.
- Scrape the area right down to the mineral soil.
- Ensure you have a pail of water and a shovel to control the fire.

3. Build your campfire

- Keep your fire small to a maximum of one metre high and one metre wide.
- Remember that small fires are safer, easier to control and easier to put out.
- A small fire will also keep cooking tools from blackening and let you get close enough to cook.
- 4. Stay nearby
 - Never leave a campfire unattended.
 - Remember that you are responsible for tending your campfire, ensuring it is kept under control, and for putting it out.

5. Put the fire out

- Pour lots of water on the campfire.
- Stir the ashes with a stick.
- Pour more water over top of the campfire.
- Stir the ashes with a stick again.

Repeat until:

- the ashes are cold to the touch
- the ashes don't hiss
- the ashes look soaked
- no more smoke comes from the ashes

Shore lunch fire safety tips:

- Build the fire on bare soil or rock in a location sheltered from the wind.
- Make sure the fire is a safe distance from all flammable material, including overhanging branches.
- Keep the fire small and tend it at all times.
- Put out the fire when you are done. Soak it with water, stir the ashes and soak it again. Repeat until the ashes are cold to the touch.

Click here for more information about preventing forest fires from the Government of Ontario.

UPDATE: GTHS WALKATHON YOUR WAY EVENT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!



Thank you to all our friends, colleagues and fellow animal lovers who helped us fundraise for the Georgian Triangle Humane Society as part of their virtual walkathon. As you know, Huronia was the Premier sponsor for this event and we are thrilled to report the following results ...

Over two months of fundraising, 1 whole week of celebrating community Walkathon stories, 100 participants, and over 612 supporters ... the goal was to raise \$70,000, and with an outpouring of generosity and hard work, our community managed to raise in excess of \$94,000 for the GTHS.

Click here for all the details.



