

Huronia



As I continue to reflect on the last 50 years, when Huronia Alarm & Fire Security Inc. first began, I also got to thinking about how this year has just flown by. So has the summer! As we begin our plans for the upcoming Labour Day weekend, I'm reminded of my Labour Day long weekends in the '70s. They always meant a family road trip to the trailer.

We had a site at Post Creek trailer park outside of Capreol (that's North of Sudbury) on Lake Wahnapiatae. It wasn't a terribly long drive to get there ... but there was an excruciating additional 45-minutes added to the journey once we turned off the main road. Those extra 15kms dad drove painfully slowly trying to keep the fenders on the car, swerving to miss potholes, washouts, deer, and even bears! One of us would inevitably request a break from the drive to get some fresh air, and Dad would oblige ... although the breaks never lasted long as there were always full swarms of black flies that would make you think there was a solar eclipse.



Mom was a teacher so the week leading up to the Labour Day weekend was our last chance to spend some carefree time together at the trailer before reality set in and we had to move back to the base (dad was a radar tech in the military and we were posted to CFS Falconbridge at the time).

As soon as we pulled into the site, my brother and I would grab our bikes out of the trunk (remember when car trunks were that big?) and head off toward the dump to see if there were any bears roaming around. We could hear mom yelling in the distance as we rode away "*don't get eaten by bears*". Thankfully the bears were far more interested in the trash bag picnics than in us. Other than bear sightings, sometimes we'd push our luck in

the old Sportspal canoe and try to paddle up to the rapids without capsizing or go out in the cedar strip boat fishing on the lake and hope the wind didn't pick up.

During our stay friends would often come to visit, and we'd have lots of big campfires and roast marshmallows, and there would even be a pig roast to end the summer in style. We'd return home after that long weekend exhausted, sunburnt, covered in mosquito and blackfly bites, and bruised from falling off our bikes and out of the canoe. The cuts and scrapes were summer war wounds, and we couldn't have been prouder of them.

As we head into the upcoming Labour Day long weekend, I hope that you and your families are headed out to create similar memories. From all of us at Huronia Alarm & Fire Security Inc., please stay safe, don't forget your sunscreen and "*don't get eaten by bears*".

~David P. Clark, President

Image credit: Post Creek Campground official Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/PostCreekCampground/>

HURONIA LABOUR DAY HOURS OF OPERATION

Please take note that Huronia will be **CLOSED** on Monday, September 5th, for Labour Day. **We will re-open on Tuesday, September 6th.** Our 24/7 ULC listed [monitoring station](#) WILL remain open on Monday the 5th with no interruption in monitoring service. 24/7 emergency service is also available if required.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE, CAMPER AND MOTORHOME FIRE SAFETY TIPS

If you're headed out on the road for the last long weekend of the summer, practicing fire safety while travelling in an RV or motorhome is just as important as the measures you take to protect your home.

Here are some tips that you may wish to consider

1. When travelling in an RV make sure you know your exact location so emergency responders can find you in the event of an emergency. The [What3Words app](#) is helpful in providing an exact location, even if you're out in the woods or in a remote location. If you're at a registered campsite, take a photo of the address and campsite number and keep it on your phone. During a stressful event, remembering a new address isn't always top of mind!

2. Just as you do at home, make sure you and everyone travelling with you (including children) know how to unlatch all doors, hatches, and emergency exits. Also, ensure that everyone understands the fire escape plan.

- Have at least two escape routes - one in the front of the RV and one in the rear of the RV.
- Test all escape windows, hatches, and door latches for smooth operation.
- Keep all escape windows, hatches and doors clear of any obstructions.

3. Install and maintain at least one smoke detector AND one carbon monoxide detector in your RV near the sleeping area. Depending on the size of your RV and the placement of sleeping areas, more than one smoke detector may be required.

Please take note that carbon monoxide detectors that are designed for bricks and mortar homes require 110v power and will only work when your RV is plugged into an electrical source at the campsite. Be sure you have a 12v battery-supplied carbon monoxide detector for when you're on the road.

4. Install a propane leak alarm at floor level, no more than 6 inches above the floor or lowest level to alert you in the event of a propane leak. If you have a leak, immediately evacuate the RV and shut off the propane at the tank, but only if it is safe to do so.

5. Make sure you have your ABC fire extinguisher inspected before you leave and that it is installed near an escape exit. Also make sure that each traveller knows its location, and how to use it.

6. Lastly, when you are cooking inside the RV make sure to open an overhead vent or turn on the exhaust fan. Open a nearby window to allow carbon monoxide gasses to escape, and fresh air to enter! Remember to never leave cooking unattended.

[Click here for more motorhome, camper, and RV safety tips.](#)

REGISTER YOUR BICYCLE IN A COMMUNITY-POWERED BICYCLE RECOVERY SERVICE: 529 GARAGE

We know a lot of our customers, colleagues and friends are avid cyclists. Many communities are teeming with opportunities to cycle along multi-use trails, quiet country roads and (for the more adventurous) mountain bike trails. If you love your bike, chances are you go out of your way to keep it safe. But sometimes, despite your best intentions, bicycles get stolen. This happened recently to a colleague of ours. His bicycle was stolen from right outside his place of business, during daylight hours.

We advised our contacts last year of this free online North American bike registry that allows individuals to register their bike and report it missing in the event it is stolen. We've added a lot of new customer contacts since then, so we're sending this note out as a new piece of security information, as well as a reminder to consider signing up if you haven't already. So how does it work? This online registration system allows those who are buying a bike to check to see if the bicycle they are about to buy has been reported stolen. The unique ID your bicycle and profile are assigned makes it easy for 529 Garage to contact you if your bike is recovered. Community partners in Toronto, London, Peterborough, Halton, Ottawa, Kingston and in smaller communities across Ontario are using this online registration tool – and the more users there are, the greater the chance that more bicycles will be reunited with their owners.

There are currently listings for stolen bikes in Barrie and the Blue Mountains, so this registry is being used in our areas. (Please note that we are not endorsing the use of this product/service ... we just think it's a neat idea that we wanted to share with you!)

[Please click here for all the information about this online registry.](#) [And click here to register your bicycle!](#) #endbiket theft

WE'RE PUMPED TO SUPPORT MY FRIEND'S HOUSE RED SHOE WALK!

Huronia has been a long-time supporter of [My Friend's House](#) in Collingwood. This non-profit agency provides support and a safe haven for women and their children who are leaving an abusive domestic situation. The Red Shoe Walk helps raise much-needed funds for the crisis shelter and the services they provide. Please join us and support their fundraising efforts – click here to read more about My Friend's House, [the Red Shoe Walk](#), to [make a donation](#) or to [register for the event](#). #RedShoeWalk



Proud Sponsor of the **RED SHOE WALK**



In support of My Friend's House

EAST COAST SUPPER TO SUPPORT LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS IN OUR AREA.

Hurononia was proud to be a Caring Friend Sponsor for the [2022 Lobsterfest fundraiser](#) for the Town of Blue Mountain Council and the Grants and Donations Committee. Proceeds from the events were donated to community groups that support families with low social economic status facing hard times, adults and children with special needs, palliative care for patients and their families, security to women and children (provide shelter and food), children from ages 6 to 16 who need a mentor, single parents facing hardship and adults with disabilities who are challenged with personal independence. *"On behalf of Marc Anthony and MAV Foundation, we are excited to say we surpassed our \$50,000.00 goal. A sincere thank you to each of you for your generosity and support in assisting the many groups, families and individuals who require our assistance."*

RESULTS FROM THE 10TH ANNUAL GEORGIAN TRIANGLE HUMANE SOCIETY WALKATHON!



It was a beautiful sunny day on August 6th as pet lovers from across the South Georgian Bay region (and beyond!) took part in the [10th annual Georgian Triangle Humane Society \(GTHS\) Walkathon](#).

Hurononia was proud to be the premier sponsor for this event and along with other corporate sponsors and community teams and single walkers (141 registrants!), we are thrilled to announce that this year's fundraising event raised **over \$105,000!!!**

[Click here to read the GTHS press release.](#)

WE'RE HIRING ... HELP US FIND THE NEXT GREAT ADDITION TO OUR TEAM!

To support our commitment to exceptional customer service we are always looking to have talented people join our team. Some of our best leads have come from our customers, and so we are reaching out to you again! We are actively recruiting for the following positions:

- Licensed Part-time Static and Response Security Guards (Utterson/Muskoka)
- Senior Locksmith (Collingwood)

[Click here to submit an application or to receive additional information about these career opportunities.](#)

If you know of someone who is looking for an employment opportunity with a family-owned and operated business that is dedicated to customer satisfaction, [please contact us.](#)

We offer an incentive for leads that create viable employment opportunities for our company: three months free monitoring for the lead; 12 months of free monitoring if we employ the lead through their probationary period; an additional 24 months of free monitoring should the lead remain employed after one continuous year of service.



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