

HomeJames is about to begin for the holidays

The Holidays are fast approaching, with plenty of celebrating to go with it.

With the season comes the question of getting home after the parties, and HomeJames is gearing up to address that.

HomeJames-Caledon begins its 10th fall and winter campaign Nov. 17, providing free designated driver services to all requesting a safe ride home within Caledon and its immediately surrounding neighbourhoods.

Starting Nov. 17, services will be available every Friday and Saturday night between 9 p.m. and 2 a.m. the following morning until Dec. 30, and they will be operating the following Sunday night, which is New Year's Eve.

HomeJames-Caledon will operate from its new dispatch headquarters at Bolton United Church on Nancy Street, utilizing a world-class, Canadian-designed dispatch system linking ride requests with the closest volunteer driver/navigation team staged throughout Caledon.

This year's campaign will require more than 130 volunteers using vehicles supplied by every new car dealer in Bolton and Enterprise Car rent-a-car. Volunteer registration is always underway at homejames-caledon.ca

Crews will be fortified by coffee from Tim Horton's, food by a variety of donors and supported by service clubs in Caledon and Nobleton, the Town of Caledon itself and the Ontario Provincial Police. As Mayor Allan Thompson has said; ?it's a truly a Caledon-wide voluntary effort that makes this community a safer place to live.

In all its years, on nights when HomeJames and its predecessor organization have been in operation, there has not been a single fatal or serious personal injury traffic collision on Caledon roadways.

Booking a safe ride home is as simple as going to the organization's website at homejames-caledon.ca or by downloading the homejames-caledon app available for all smart phones. For non-techies, the telephone still works at 905-951-9000.

