

Town is encouraging residents to pitch in and clean up Saturday

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The Town is looking for a whole lot of neatniks who are willing to volunteer to clean up this community on Saturday.

The annual Community Clean-Up Day takes place Saturday, and Litter-Free Task Force chair Councillor Jane Fogal is looking for more volunteers to pick up litter in various parts of the Halton Hills.

"We prefer to have people register (their location), so the Town Public Works can come and pick up their collected litter," she said, at Monday's council meeting. "Free gloves and bags are available from Public Works (on Trafalgar Rd.)."

Register a clean-up location by calling the Public Works department, 905-873-2601, ext. 2609, to ensure pick up of the collected litter.

The Town is also supplying free gloves and bags, courtesy of Tim Hortons (T-shirts, gloves and advertising and product donation), McDonald's (bags and gloves at all their Halton Hills locations) and Acton's Superior Glove (5,000 gloves to all schools).

Locations already with litter leaders are: Georgetown Fairgrounds, Dominion Gardens, Glen Williams Park and Wallace St. (Acton). Pick-up begins at 9 a.m. Fogal reminded high school students they can use their clean-up hours toward their volunteer hours requirement—provided their time can be verified.

At the meeting, the Litter-Free Task Force presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Hornby Area Rate Payers group for its longstanding effort (11 years) of cleaning up the south end of Halton Hills.

"It's disgraceful the amount of garbage we have had to pick up," said H.A.R.P. member Erik Kowal, accepting the award on behalf of the 150 or so

Hornby residents who turn out annually to the event. He noted that Hornby residents have already begun picking up garbage along Sixth Line.

This year, the Hornby Clean-up begins in the park at 9 a.m., followed by a free barbecue at noon.

Mayor Rick Bonnette, who made the presentation to the group, calculated that the H.A.R.P. has picked up more than 3,000 bags of garbage over the last decade, plus tires, appliances, pop cans and even a car windshield.

"The sad thing is I'm sure the H.A.R.P. would have rather just enjoyed having a barbecue with their neighbours instead of spending all day picking up after other people's messes," the mayor said.

Last year, Town-wide more than seven tonnes of garbage, two tandem truck loads of tires, one tandem truck load of metal and another tandem truck load of wood and other objects were picked up.

...and don't forget the 22 Minute Makeover

Businesses and schools are being asked to clean up on 22 Minute Makeover Day on Wednesday, April 20.

Last year, Fogal said two businesses sent nearly all their employees out to clean up their communities—SunOpta in Norval and Purity Life in Acton. As well, there was 100 per cent participation by all Halton Hills schools—Superior Glove in Acton again this year has donated gloves for every student in the town.

Any businesses wishing to participate on 22 Minute Makeover Day are asked to register their clean-up locations and arrange for free gloves and bags by calling 905-873-2601, ext. 2609.



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