

Earth Week celebrations in Halton Hills

Sunday, April 22 will mark the 48th anniversary of Earth Day. The Town of Halton Hills is celebrating Earth Day and the importance of taking care of our community by partnering with local schools, businesses and organizations to host week-long events that better our community.

"The success of our Town's annual Earth Week celebrations relies on the dedication of volunteers and sponsors," said Mayor Rick Bonnette. "Thank you to all who are helping with the clean-up efforts and participating in the scheduled activities which in turn, enhances our community's sustainability and environmental health."

Events take place between April 21 to 28 and include:

Community Clean-up on Saturday, April 21

Halton Hills is celebrating its 18th anniversary of our annual spring clean-up. Join residents, community groups and service clubs to pick-up litter and debris from parks, ravines and roadsides. Email cleanup@haltonhills.ca to:

- Register your participation and clean-up location;
- Join a clean-up location;
- Request a clean-up sign to advertise a clean-up;
- Request free bags and gloves for clean-up participants;
- Report an area that needs cleaning attention; and
- Report graffiti.

Free bags and gloves are available at the Robert C. Austin Operations

Centre between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and during regular business hours of Halton Hills McDonald's restaurants. Thank you to our sponsors Superior Glove and McDonald's Halton Hills restaurants for their support.

"We had an outstanding turnout for last year's cleanup. Thanks to neighbourhood schools, businesses, families and community groups," said Councillor Jane Fogal. "We want to continue the momentum this year."

The 22-Minute Makeover on Monday, April 23

Similar to the Community Clean-up, everyone is asked to take 22 minutes to clean-up outside of where they spend their day. Thank you to local schools and businesses who participate in this annual event. Please register your participation at cleanup@haltonhills.ca to help the Town keep track of all clean-up locations.

Halton Hills Earth Day Robert C. Austin Operations Centre on Saturday, April 28, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Environmental activities will take place at the Robert C. Austin Operations Centre located at 11620 Trafalgar Road, Georgetown. Activities include:

- Purchase of native trees for \$5 each (limit of 4 trees per person before 10 a.m.).
- Free compost and woodchips (bring your own shovel).
- Free drop-off of unwanted household hazardous and electronic waste.
- A BBQ breakfast and lunch available for a

nominal fee.

- Collection of food donations for the Georgetown Bread Basket and the Acton Food Share.

Earth Day and Sustainability Fair on Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Town is hosting this annual event at the Georgetown Market Place at 280 Guelph Street, Georgetown. Local environmental, cultural, economic and social organizations will showcase the good work they do. Bring the family to see the interactive display of Mountsberg "Birds of Prey". Children may also make a mini-garden to take home. Food donations for local food banks will be gratefully accepted at the Town of Halton Hills table.

As an extension of the Earth Day and Sustainability Fair, other activities will be held throughout the community. Visit the Halton Hills Public Library in Acton and Georgetown to learn about the energy and water conservation features of these energy efficient buildings.

- Take the self-guided Greenwalk at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex.
- Willow Park Ecology Centre in Norval is encouraging families to visit and enjoy a hike outside.
- Wastewise in Georgetown will be offering tours of their recycling facility.

King Annual Road Hockey tournament



By: Alex Hilson

The King Annual Road Hockey tournament continued for its fifth year on Good Friday, March 30. The event attracted over 100 people, including players, parents and on-lookers.

When the event began five years ago, it was a New Year's Day tradition. "With our three young boys who love hockey, our neighbourhood decided to get together to start the new year off right. It began with a few neighbours and quickly morphed into 150 people last year," said Shannon King, who organizes the event with her husband, Dan. Due to a different vacation schedule this year over the new year, the Kings had to postpone the tournament, but some neighbours still showed up looking for them. Realizing there was a desire to have it continue, the Kings chose Good Friday as an alternate date.

Player numbers fluctuate but there are usually 40 to 50 kids and dads on the various teams. The event is organized like a tournament with multiple games

going on all the time. The kids play for "the Stanley Cup", rotate lines, act as goalies and cheer on friends as fans, then they take breaks for snacks and drinks. The whole event lasts hours and, some years, well into the night depending on how cold the kids were. In years past, they have had to take breaks to clear the road of

snow, warm up from the rain or, on lucky years, enjoy the sunshine.

"We keep the tournament going every year for the kids. They love it and kept asking this year when we were going to have it," said King. "It gets the kids outside, keeps them active, gives lots of laughs, and allows us to eat good food and circulate with friends."

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