



The Town of Halton Hills has a spring community clean-up planned for this Saturday and encourages citizens and community groups to help pick up litter and debris in the parks, ravines and roadsides. Pictured above (from left) are Guelph St. Tim Hortons' manager Erin Loughran, employees Bonnie DeForest and Karen Krush, Councillor and Litter Free Task Force Chair Jane Fogal, Mayor Rick Bonnette and Tim Hortons' general manager Peter Brzozowicz. The first 100 volunteers to register will receive a Tim Hortons' travel mug for their efforts. For more information visit www.haltonhills.ca/earthday. Photo by Eamonn Maher

Town is big on Earth Week

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Free gloves and garbage bags are available from the Robert C. Austin Operations Centre located at 11620 Trafalgar Road (Georgetown), and also at participating McDonald's Halton Hills restaurants.

Gloves and bags have been provided through the generosity of Superior Glove, Tim Hortons and McDonald's.

April 22 22-Minute Makeover

Over the past four years, Halton Hills has had 100 per cent participation from area schools and a growing number of businesses participating in our municipality, and the Town is hoping to attract even more participants this year.

On Monday April 22, students and business colleagues are encouraged to take 22 minutes to spruce up the community.

Registration is encouraged to ensure cleaning coverage of the Town. Free posters are available to download from the Town's website to advertise your 22-Minute Makeover event.

Free gloves and bags will be available from the Robert C. Austin Operations Centre at 11620 Trafalgar Road

(Georgetown), and at participating McDonald's Halton Hills restaurants.

April 27 Tree Sale at the Robert C. Austin Operations Centre

Earth Day celebrations will take place on Saturday, April 27 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Town's Robert C. Austin Operations Centre, 11620 Trafalgar Road, Georgetown.

Trees (\$5), free mulch and wood chips will be available as well as free electronic recycling, a barbecue and more.

Donations to local food banks are gratefully accepted.

More details are available at: www.haltonhills.ca/earthday

April 27 Earth Day and Sustainability Fair

On Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Earth Day and Sustainability Fair will take place at the Georgetown Market Place (280 Guelph St., Georgetown) featuring live animals, interactive children's activities and environmental groups.

Donations to the local food banks are gratefully accepted.

Several 'Green Leadership Tours' are available throughout the Town on April 27.

Tour the new Halton Hills Library (Georgetown location) to learn about the green features of this building or tour Devereaux House to learn about renovating and retrofitting using new green technology.

The new Halton Hills Library (Acton location) LEED-certified facility will offer tours to the public to learn about the green technology and conservation features incorporated into this new facility.

Willow Park in Norval is encouraging families to visit and enjoy the afternoon outside.

Wastewise located at 36 Armstrong Avenue in Georgetown is offering tours of their recycling facility.

For more information about the 'green leadership tours' on April 27 and all the other Earth Day celebration events please visit www.haltonhills.ca/earthday

"There are many ways for residents to recognize the importance of Earth Day in Halton Hills," said Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette. "I encourage everyone to get involved in the Earth Day celebration events and make a positive impact in Halton Hills to continue to protect the environment. The steps we take today will build an even greater quality of life in the future."

For more detailed information about the Earth Day celebrations please visit: www.haltonhills.ca/earthday

Visit Environmental Leadership Cornerstones in Halton Hills!

You're invited to attend the 2013 Earth Week Celebration in Halton Hills by touring examples of local environmental leadership. These local examples showcase energy efficiency, water reduction initiatives and environmental preservation. These efficiencies and preservation translate into reduced operating costs, conservation of natural resources, and healthier living and working conditions. No registration is necessary and all tours are **free!** Visit one, visit them all!

All Environmental Leadership Tours will be offered on **Saturday April 27, 2013** at the times and locations specified:

1. Devereaux House - 11492 Trafalgar Road, Georgetown, 8 am - 10 am

The Devereaux House preserves much more than history! As the 2009 "Halton Hills Green Business Award" winner, the Devereaux House is a restored 19th century home which incorporates numerous practical green building features, including on-demand (tankless) water heating, energy efficient lighting, geo-thermal heating, low-flow toilets, rain barrels, biofilter septic system and zoned indoor heating. Thanks to these features, the Devereaux House has reduced its operating costs! Visit the Devereaux House to find simple ways of how you can include similar features in your own home or business! For more information visit: www.devereauxhouse.ca

2. Halton Hills Public Library - 17 River Street, Acton, Tours: 10 am - 1 pm

The Acton Branch of the Halton Hills Public Library is a LEED Gold® certified building. The Library is a leader in its energy efficiency by reducing its operating costs, and providing a healthy environment for visitors and employees. This 9000 square foot state-of-the-art facility features a geothermal climate system with a ground-source heat pump that takes advantage of the building's design to maximize the use of daylight for heating and cooling. Other energy efficiency measures include air-tight envelope construction, thermally efficient exterior walls, a perimeter-to-glazing ratio of 50 per cent, light sensors, and energy recovery ventilation units to capture the energy from outgoing air. The Town has landscaped the site to reduce its heat-island effect. Water conservation measures include bio-swales (landscape elements to manage storm water runoff) as well as water-efficient toilets and fixtures. The new building also includes bicycle storage and employee shower facilities to promote bicycle commuting. For more information visit: www.hhpl.on.ca

3. Halton Hills Public Library - 9 Church St., Georgetown, Tours: 10 am - 1:00 pm

This 51,000 square foot, high-performance, sustainable building is designed to achieve LEED Silver® certification. The building includes several green features such as: a geothermal heating and cooling system, thermally efficient exterior walls and maximum glazing on the south side; exterior windows oriented to optimize sun exposure during the winter; strategic design of interior spaces to bring in daylight; light sensors to optimize artificial lighting; energy-efficient lighting fixtures and reduced lighting power density; energy recovery ventilators (ERV) units; a green roof and low-flow toilets and plumbing fixtures. This beautiful building is one more demonstration of Halton Hills' commitment to sustainability and an example for other communities across Canada. For more information visit: www.hhpl.on.ca

4. Wastewise - 36 Armstrong Ave, Georgetown, Open: 10 am - 4 pm

Wastewise is a long standing community based recycling initiative which offers educational tours and recycling opportunities while generating revenue through the sale of used items. It is a place where items are reused and recycled to be given new life in another home. Wastewise is also an example of successful sustainable economic development and waste management. To date, it has diverted nearly 1,900 tonnes of waste from disposal and 3,000 tonnes for recycling. Find a hidden treasure at Wastewise, help reduce waste and learn about a unique local operation! For more information visit: www.wastewise.ca

5. Willow Park Ecology Centre- enter from Mary Street, Norval Open: 10 am - 4 pm

Bring the family to explore the Willow Park Ecology Centre! Willow Park is a year-round nature preserve that provides habitat for native plants and animals. Located in Norval, it is an ideal site for relaxation, nature study, education and passive recreation. Enjoy a butterfly garden, wetland, snake hibernaculum and a tree trail. For more information visit: www.willowparkecology.ca

Consider carpooling, walking or cycling to the various tour locations. For a complete overview of 2013 Earth Week celebrations, visit: www.haltonhills.ca/earthday or call 905-973-2601 ext. 2290. Follow us on Twitter@imagineHH