

Community clean up sees nine tonnes of trash collected

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It has taken the Town's Public Works department all week to clear up the garbage bags left from last weekend's major community spring clean.

The department reports nine tonnes of garbage has been picked up, plus two tandem truckloads of wood, four tandem truckloads of tires, and two tandem truckloads of metal from the four corners of the town.

For example in Hornby, the H.A.R.P. (Hornby Association of Rate Payers) volunteer force of 100 collected nearly 300 bags of garbage, said H.A.R.P. president Ken Lawday. In addition, a dump truck was filled with other roadside garbage such as 12 gallons of used motor oil, 22 tires, engine parts, small freezer, wood skids, batteries.

Litter-Free Task Force chair Jane Fogal said the two events—the fourth annual 20-Minute Makeover on Friday and the eighth annual Halton Hills Clean Up—were successful once again.

"I'm very impressed with the number of people that came out into our community and supported the clean up events," Fogal said. More than 80 groups, representing about 200 people, registered with the Town, and many more went out to pick up garbage, without registering for the free gloves and bags.

There was 100 per cent support from all Halton Hills schools, with some allowing the entire school body to go out to pick up litter during the 20-Minute Makeover.

"The town looks a lot better," Fogal said. "There are still things to clean up out there, so I guess the message is anytime is a good time to some litter pickup ... and the town will appreciate it."

Noting that the numbers are about the same as last year, Mayor Rick Bonnette said, "It's really sad thing that there's that much litter being tossed and dumped ... but it's because of groups like H.A.R.P. and the schools, that makes Halton Hills a very excellent place to live."

The second part of the Town Earth Week celebrations goes 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow (Saturday) at the Public Works Yard on Trafalgar Rd.

Residents can drop off their e-waste (computers, televisions, radios, cell phones etc) as well as old tires. Both will be picked up Halton Region's recycler.

As well, the Town is offering trees for \$5 (cash only). The trees are available in limited quantities in 12 varieties (White spruce, butternut, Common choke cherry, Downy serviceberry, Red maple, White birch, Trembling aspen, Eastern White cedar, Alternate Leafed dogwood, Eastern White pine, White ash and Speckled alder).

The Town is also offering free com-

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Alexandra Jenkins, 5, of Glen Williams relaxes after helping family and neighbours clean up Glen Williams Park Saturday morning during the town's annual Clean Up day. Approximately nine tonnes of garbage, along with several truckloads of wood, tires and metal were collected from the clean up and Friday's 20-Minute Makeover.

Photo by Jon Borgstrom

post and wood chips (bring your own containers and shovels), but requests a non-perishable food donation for every gallon container of compost. The food will be split between Acton FoodShare and Georgetown Bread Basket.

There will also be environmental displays by local community groups, and the mayor and councillors will be cook-

ing up waffles and barbecuing hamburgers, hot dogs and sausages for \$1. Plus there will be activities for the kids, including birds of prey demonstrations and musical entertainment by the Gaudeamus Choirs of Halton Hills.

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