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# Citizens set to clean up Nassagaweya Saturday

*Plenty of litter on rural roads, says organizer*

By Robin Downton-Poirier  
SPECIAL TO THE CHAMPION

The small amount of snow this year did little to hide the litter along the country roads.

The garbage tossed out thoughtlessly from car windows hinders the natural beauty of the community and the Nassagaweya Community

Consultation Committee (NCCC) is determined to help restore it with the ninth annual Roadside Clean-up scheduled for this Saturday.

Jean Woods, a member of the NCCC and organizer of the event, is angry with the litterbugs in the community.

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**JEAN WOODS**

venient date. In addition to those picking up trash, pick-up truck drivers are needed to deliver the collected garbage to the dumpsters, said Woods.

"As always, we need those who are willing to pick up the garbage from the road near their homes and bag it. We also need people with pick-up trucks to take the bags to the dumpsters. Over the years, we have had a great response from the volunteers in the community and we hope to see everyone out again," she stated.

Woods added that the clean-up is a great opportunity for high school students to accumulate their required volunteer hours and she will sign their forms as needed.

Bags, gloves, and vests will be provided by both the Town of Milton and the Region of Halton and can be picked up Saturday by the tennis courts at the corner of Guelph Line and No. 5 Sideroad, or ahead of time by contacting Woods. The clean-up is scheduled to start about 8 a.m. and will likely go until noon, said Woods. If an earlier, more convenient date is chosen, Woods asks that the garbage bags be left by the roadside and they'll be picked up Saturday.

She also reminded residents that some items are recyclable and should be placed in the recycle bins with regular household recycling.

If you would like more information on the Nassagaweya Roadside Clean-Up or would like to pick up vests and gloves, contact Jean Woods at (905) 854 2107.

our roadsides. If someone buys a cup of coffee each morning on their way to work and throws it out the window, that's 250 coffee cups that will likely land in close proximity to each other and they add up to a big mess," said Woods.

"The dumpsters are another matter all together. They are deliberately trying to save themselves a little bit of money at the cost of the local taxpayer. It gets so frustrating!"

Although there are fines for littering and dumping, Woods said she feels that more publicity about the effects of dumping and littering will help deter people's actions.

"The fines and costs for dumping are prohibitive," said Woods. "Unfortunately, not enough publicity is given to the successful cases. More publicity might act as a deterrent and might also get the average person more interested in reporting these guys."

As with previous years, the members of the NCCC are asking for the residents' help to clean-up our roadsides by volunteering a few hours either Saturday or an earlier, more con-

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