Miltonians asked to help clean up town next Friday

It's time once again to make the town shine with the third annual Milton Makeover Morning next Friday.

The Town is inviting everyone to come together and pick up litter on boulevards, surrounding

grounds, parking lots, parks, green spaces and woodlots that morning.

"Last year, over 4,300 people participated in the Milton Makeover," said Mayor Gord Krantz. "This year, as we celebrate 150 years of keeping Milton

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clean and green, I am certain even more people dedicated to our community will gather to take part in this important event."

To promote safety during the cleanup initiative, the Town is asking partic-

ipants to wear protective clothing such as boots and gloves. The municipality is also making free garbage bags and gloves available for pick-up starting today at the Milton Leisure Centre, Sports Centre, Town Hall Victoria Park, Town Hall Annex 555, Nipissing Road works yard and the Milton Chamber of Commerce office.

Those planning on taking part are encouraged to sign up at www.milton.ca so that their involvement can be noted on the Town website.

Groups and organizations anticipating five or more bags of garbage should register their participation on-line or by calling (905) 878-7252, ext. 2189 by no later than Wednesday to arrange for special garbage pick-up.

Information posters as well as posters for promoting school, group, organization or business participation in the makeover are available for downloading on the Town website, along with litter clean-up tips.

The Town enforces litter bylaws with set fines that address depositing litter on privately owned land or land owned by the municipality as well as larger issues such as dumping litter on highway or road allowances.

The Milton Makeover Morning is being organized by the Town, in partnership with the Milton Chamber of Commerce and Subway locations at 50 Market Dr., The Home Depot and 1290 Steeles Ave. E.

There are several other upcoming anti-litter and clean-up events, including the Nassagaweya Rural Road Clean-Up Day on April 28, Good Neighbours Community Day on May 5 and the Brookville Operations Yard Spring Clean-Up Week from May 22 to 26.

For more details on the Milton Makeover Morning and other clean-up activities visit the aforementioned website, email recreation@milton.ca or call the number noted above.

Meeting on strategic plan

Residents will have a chance to comment on the Region's proposed 2008 actions that'll form part of the new Strategic Plan at an open house Monday, Apr. 23.

The session will run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Halton Regional Centre cafeteria, 1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville.

Each new term, regional council develops a Strategic Plan that reflects its vision and priorities through themes and goals. Work on the 2007-10 Strategic Plan is currently in progress.

To support council's priorities in the plan, staff establishes a series of actions that'll be undertaken. The draft actions for next year will be made available at the open house and all feedback will be reported back to regional council for consideration while finalizing the plan.

For more information visit www.halton.ca/strategicplan or call (905) 825-6000, ext. 7366.



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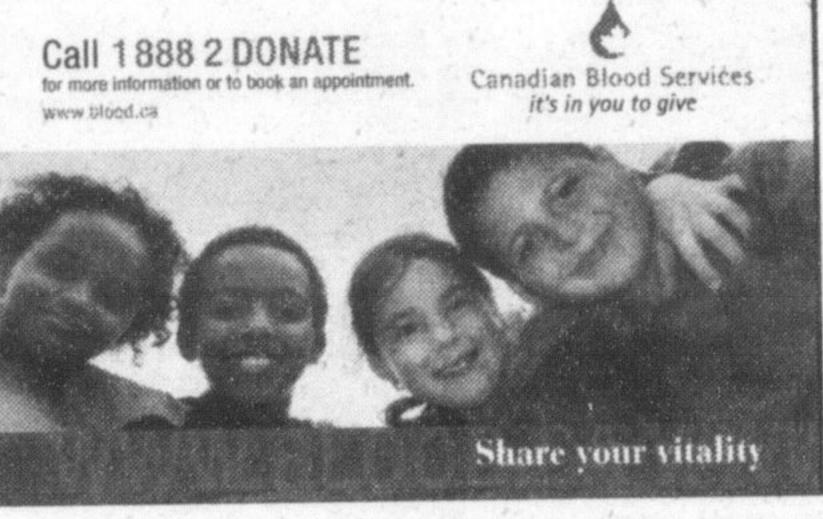
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