

OPINION

Keep it clean

This Friday, local groups and individuals will join forces to spruce up our local parks, streets and roadways via the annual Milton Makeover Morning.

Without question a worthwhile event — and one that you can still get involved in by calling (905) 878-7252, ext. 2189 or visiting www.milton.ca — it's the first of a number of area spring-cleaning initiatives planned over the next month.

Attendance and sponsorship for these clean-ups has been quite strong over the past several years, and we have no doubt that'll continue this spring.

But while this support is certainly encouraging, the annual need for so many clean-ups is somewhat dis-

couraging.

Not a spring goes by without a number of complaints about local littering — primarily in rural areas, but occasionally on main urban roadways as well.

A letter in today's Champion is evidence of this.

Discarded coffee cups and empty fast food bags would be bad enough, but it seems some people are making far bigger public trash deposits.

Using our parks and roadways as a garbage can is simply not acceptable. As today's letter writer stresses, it's an embarrassment to our community.

So let's try to keep Milton clean — not just for a few days each spring, but all year round.



ReadersWrite

E-mail your letters to miltone@haltonsearch.com.

Renaming rural road a bad idea

(The following letter was addressed to the Town of Milton, and a copy was filed with the Champion.)

DEAR TOWN OF MILTON:

This correspondence is in regard to your plan to re-name No. 3 Sideroad.

I'm against this proposal for the inconvenience factor alone. No. 3 Sideroad has existed for many years — at least two decades — and I feel that to change the name would cause more confusion than it would solve. I know for a fact that the police, fire department and ambulance service all know where it is, and can arrive on site in a good time frame.

However, if the decision is made to change both the name and residence numbering on No. 3 Sideroad, my concern is the cost factor. Who will bear the cost of this decision?

I'm looking at contacting sev-

eral ministries to update my address, contacting my bank, insurance companies, lawyer and accountant, etc., not to mention the labour of phoning or sending change of address cards to all my friends and family, of which several are out of town, out of province and out of country.

Who will pay for these numerous change of address cards, postage, faxes, mailing supplies, long distance calls, and, most importantly, my time away from work to accomplish these deeds. Certainly not myself!

Several residents of No. 3 Sideroad are elderly, retired people, some of whom English is not their native tongue. Who will assist them to contact the necessary ministries to change their pension information, as well as any other documents and, if needed, take them to the required ministries to perform the changes? If I am not mistaken,

with all the health card fraud that is around, the Ministry of Health requires you to make any changes and renewals in person.

These pensioners can not, given their income, bear the additional costs required for such an endeavour.

I have read in several newspapers and seen on TV news reports that Milton has the highest rate of population increase in Canada. I feel that it would be in the best interest of the residents of Milton if town council were to direct their resources to improving other aspects of the town, as opposed to re-naming an already established and existing road.

I feel that town council should concern itself with naming the new streets, as well as planning them, that will be created during the town's expansion with the new houses being built.

**DAVID DARESI
NO. 3 SIDEROAD**

Incorrect information provided in pesticides letter

DEAR EDITOR:

This is in response to Philip Walker's recent letter against a proposed pesticide bylaw.

It is very obvious Walker is pro business and low green. Companies, like the rest of us, had better get into the green line or suffer in the future by inaction. Therefore, it is not business as usual.

No doubt Walker is either a business man or sympathetic to business, with their general lack of knowledge of science, in his case concerning atmospheric loading of CO₂.

From the scientists at U.S Geological Survey at the Hawaii Volcano Observatory, stated in 2003, volcanoes both on land and underwater emit about 200 million tonnes annually, while world-wide humans contribute about 26.8 billion tonnes.

As a percentage, volcanoes contribute only 0.75 per cent of the total CO₂ when compared to human activity and therefore are not the major generator, as stated by Walker.

**MICHAEL PAUL
ROCKWOOD**

Littering must be addressed

DEAR EDITOR:

I just wanted to express a concern as a resident of Milton. I am speaking on behalf of my community, located on Louis St. Laurent Avenue, from Thompson Road to Freeman Trail.

There needs to be signs posted about dumping garbage down the side of Louis St. Laurent. This is totally disgusting and quite the embarrassment to our community. There are garbage bags, pop cans, coffee cups and even furniture along the side of the road.

Also, the cars speed up and down the roadway at over 100 kilometres an hour. Someone is going to get hurt or killed.

I have called the police numerous times, with no help or concern whatsoever.

Something needs to be done to help this community. Clean up the garbage and post no dumping signs, as well as speed limit signs and a sign that says to watch for pedestrians.

I am just so disgusted at the way things are handled here. What's wrong with the people of Milton, do they not care about their community?

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