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ROADWORK: David Gowan (left) casts a shadow under the bright sunshine Saturday morning as he and Randy Whatman make their way north along the shoulder and ditch area of Hornby Road, picking up litter and discarded bottles as they go. The two were among the many participants of the seventh annual Clean-up Hornby Day.

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Annual Rural Roadside Cleanup set for Saturday

By Robin Downton-Poirier
SPECIAL TO THE CHAMPION

Now that the snow has melted away, previously hidden litter is clearly visible.

It takes away from the beauty of Halton's rural roads, said Jean Woods, long-time Nassagaweya Community Consultation Committee (NCCC) member and Campbellville resident.

With that in mind, the 10th Annual Rural Roadside Cleanup, organized by Woods and the NCCC, is scheduled for Saturday. As with previous years, volunteers to collect garbage and pick-up truck drivers to collect the filled bags and large items are needed to make the cleanup a success.

"This year, the roads look worse than normal and we will need lots of help to make a difference," said Woods. "The rural roads seem to be particularly bad for the dumpers who wish to avoid the charges at the landfill site."

To date, more than 200 tonnes of garbage has been collected including not only the small items like water bottles, coffee cups and paper but also the large stuff like couches, toilets and a huge quantity of tires.

The Town of Milton and Region of Halton have helped each year by providing dumpsters for the trash as well as gloves, vests and garbage bags.

"Each year, the Town of Milton supplies us with four dumpsters and our dedicated volunteers fill them to capacity," said Woods. "It is amazing the amount of trash we collect over the weekend. As well, if residents are not available on the 28th, they can clean up the roads around their homes through the week and leave the garbage by the road and our volunteers will collect the bags on the weekend. As well, anything that is recyclable can go in your Blue Boxes. Every little bit helps."

Woods added the roadside cleanup is a great opportunity for high school students to get their much-needed volunteer hours and she's willing to sign their forms if they come out and help.

The volunteers usually begin the cleanup on the various roads throughout Nassagaweya around 8 a.m. and work until noon. There will be a barbecue afterward, compliments of the Brookville Minor Ball Association. Woods will be at the tennis courts on the corner of Guelph Line and No. 5 Sideroad at 8 a.m. to keep things organized, hand out garbage bags and vests, and help is needed.

For more information on the Nassagaweya Rural Roadside Cleanup, contact Woods at (905) 854-2107.

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