

OPINION

Lots more to do

This spring countless Milton residents — armed mostly with garbage bags and gloves — have been working diligently across the town or will be in the coming weeks for some outdoor cleaning.

Through their volunteer efforts, town parks, school yards, creeks, forests and roadsides are being revitalized temporarily for another year.

But then what? Are annual spring clean-ups enough?

It's definitely a good start, but there's so much more we should be doing to raise society's awareness of how simple lifestyle choices can have a profound impact on our environment.

While Halton residents have embraced the recently

launched GreenCart program in record numbers, are we giving enough thought to where garbage goes after being picked up at the curb?

Only by truly understanding the volume of household waste we produce, where all the garbage, recycling and GreenCart byproducts go and the impact landfills and various waste/recyclable processing plants are having on our environment, can we begin to appreciate the quagmire our over-packaged, over-fed, disposable society finds itself in.

We think you'll agree that we need far more than annual park clean-ups. We've got to clean up our act as well.



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Let's recognize all of Milton's terrific volunteers this week

DEAR EDITOR:

Someone once observed, "Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer."

Those may only be words, but they certainly express my sentiments.

Every year, during National Volunteer Week, the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) makes a special point of celebrating volunteers for the tremendous difference they make to the organization and the communities they serve.

As chair of one of Canada's leading grant-making foundations, I feel strongly about the importance of volunteers. The OTF's board of directors and our 16 Grant Review Teams — more than 300 people in total

— show remarkable dedication to serving their communities across the province.

Volunteer time is unpaid, and that makes it especially valuable. I wish to thank OTF's Grant Review Team in Halton-Peel for its continued hard work and dedication under the skilled leadership of chair Lindsay Williams.

It's reassuring that there are so many others also giving their time and talents to the community.

Last year in the Halton-Peel area alone, more than 31,000 volunteers contributed approximately 565,000 hours of their time to support organizations that received funding from our foundation. If we translate

their efforts into a dollar value, it comes to more than \$9.6 million of giving.

All of us are touched and enriched by the work of volunteers, whether we volunteer ourselves or benefit in some way from the volunteer work of others.

So take a moment during National Volunteer Week, April 27 to May 3, to thank volunteers for generously donating their time, talents and passion to countless causes across the province. Thanks to their commitment, our communities are better places to live.

**HELEN BURSTYN, CHAIR
ONTARIO
TRILLIUM FOUNDATION**

Support of Army Cadets' fundraiser was great

DEAR EDITOR:

As a member of the parent support group — and a mother of a cadet — for the 2990 Lorne Scots Army Cadets here in Milton, I would like to commend the Town and local businesses for their support of the Army Cadet Tag Day.

Recently, the corps was outside of various businesses for a fundraising weekend. The Town granted permission for the cadets to be around town and many of the businesses were wonderful, co-operative and encouraging to the cadets, and the public was supportive and giving.

All the funds raised go directly toward cadet

activities. Without this support the cadet program wouldn't be able to participate in so many activities.

Despite being out in the heat for 15 hours over the course of the weekend, the cadets were well mannered and respectful.

We thank everyone for their support and assistance. Not only can Milton be proud of its Army Cadet Corps, but the cadet corps is proud to be a part of Milton.

KAREN SINDEN

2990 LORNE SCOTS ARMY CADET CORPS

Hornby clean-up gets another strong showing

DEAR EDITOR:

April 19 was a perfect sunny day for the Hornby Association of Ratepayers' annual clean-up day.

Nearly 100 volunteers turned out to clean the garbage from creeks and roadside ditches in the Hornby area.

Our volunteers, including extras provided by Bahr Saddlery and Recovery House, collected almost 300 bags of garbage as well as 22 tires, car parts of every description, 12 gallons of used oil, a freezer and many other items.

At the barbecue afterward, Halton Hills Councillor Bryan Lewis took his usual position as chef, cooking sausages, hamburgers and hotdogs for the volunteers.

We would like to thank Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette and Town staff for their assistance in planning this event and for permission to use Hornby Park as a staging area.

We would also like to publicly thank our sponsors — including Agram Meats, A&P Georgetown, Hornby Glen Golf Course, Maple Lodge Farms, Pepsi, Superior Glove and Tim Hortons — for their continued support, which helped to make the event a tremendous success.

**PETER VAUGHAN,
CO-ORDINATOR
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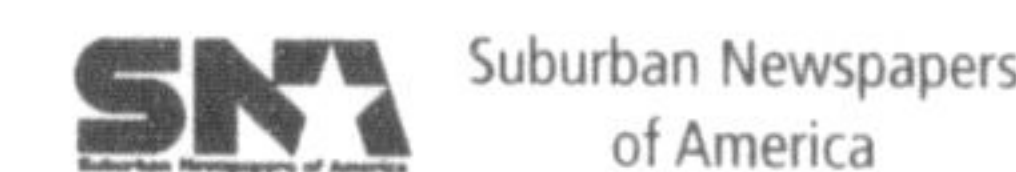
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