

Streetsville Village Times Article- March 2011

Earth Week 2011 Events

Earth Week is the most celebrated environmental event all over the world. Over 6 million Canadians will join 1 billion people in 170 countries to participate in Earth Week activities. Earth Week is a wonderful opportunity for you to get your family, friends, colleagues, and neighbours together to do something good for the environment and to help keep Mississauga clean and green. Earth Week 2011 is almost upon us, and there are many great Earth Week events that will be organized throughout the city. This year, Earth Week runs from April 17 – April 23, 2011. If you and your family are looking for fun Earth Week events to participate in, be sure to check out the following local events:

20-Minute Makeover- Friday, April 15th at 2pm

Take 20 minutes out of your day to pick up litter around your workplace, school, or community. To participate in the 20-Minute Makeover, choose a location in your community and form a clean-up group with family, friends, or colleagues; you can also participate individually if you wish. Garbage bags will be available at your local community centre, while supplies last. Be sure to register your clean-up group by April 11th. For more information about this event and to register your cleanup group, please visit www.mississauga.ca/earthdays or call 905-615-4311.

The Streetsville B.I.A. will also be organizing a 20-Minute Makeover cleanup event in downtown Streetsville for Earth Week 2011. If you would like more information about the Streetsville B.I.A.'s cleanup or would like to participate, please call 905-858-5974 or visit www.villageofstreetsville.com.

Community Clean-Up Day- Saturday, April 16th

Organize a clean-up group with your family, friends and neighbours and tackle the litter on your local streets, boulevards, parks or woodlots. Garbage bags will be available at your local community centre, while supplies last. Don't forget to register your clean-up group by April 11th. For more information about Community Clean-Up Day and to register your clean-up group, please visit www.mississauga.ca/earthdays or call 905-615-4311.

Streetsville Secondary School Zonta Club and Streetsville B.I.A. LitterNOT Clean-Up- Tuesday, April 19th and Tuesday, May 31st at 2:30pm

Join Streetsville Secondary School's Zonta Club and Charge Club, as well as the Streetsville B.I.A. for their LitterNOT Clean-Up event. This year, these groups will be cleaning up Streetsville Secondary School's interior courtyard. They will be planting a butterfly garden, grooming existing shrubs/flower patches, and freshening up the front flower beds with new colors for spring! For more information or to make a donation to this event, please call 905-819-1195, ext.148.

Scouts Canada "Scoutrees" Annual Tree Planting Day- Saturday, April 30th at 9am

Mississauga Scouters will be holding their annual tree planting event, "Scoutrees," at Erindale Park on Saturday, April 30th (rain or shine!), from 9am-12pm. Last year, more than 400 Scouts, volunteers, City of Mississauga staff volunteers, and Credit Valley Conservation volunteers helped to plant approximately 2000 trees in Hewick Meadows Park. "Scoutrees" is a Canada-wide environmental program, run by Scouts Canada, which is designed to give Scouts the opportunity to demonstrate, through tree planting, their concern for the environment and to help build a cleaner, greener community that is less susceptible to flooding. Any funds raised from "Scoutrees" events are

used to support Scouting in the local community and develop campsites. 15% of funds raised are donated to the Canadian Scout Brotherhood Fund, which assists Scouting members in developing countries with running self-help and community betterment programs that are adapted to local needs and conditions. For more information about this "Scoutrees" event, please contact Jeremy Johnston, Group Commissioner, 4th Meadowvale West Scouts, at 289-997-1934 or scoutrees@m.scouter.ca, or please visit www.m.scouter.ca.

Sierra Club Peel 2011 Tree Planting- Saturday, May 7th at 10am

On Saturday, May 7th, rain or shine, from 10am-12noon, join Sierra Club Peel, the City of Mississauga, and Credit Valley Conservation at Richard Jones Park (181 Whitchurch Mews, at Dundas Street and Cooksville Creek) for the Sierra Club Peel's 2011 tree planting. Don't forget to bring a shovel, gloves, and insect repellent, as well as clothing and footwear that are suitable for tree planting. For more information about this tree planting event, please visit www.sierraclubpeel.ca or call Peter Orphanos, at 905-567-7425.

Valuing Urban Wilderness: The Importance of Our City's Natural Capital- Saturday, May 28th at 9:30am

On Saturday, May 28th, from 9:30am-11:30am, join Credit Valley Conservation, The Riverwood Conservancy, and Sierra Club Peel for a morning at Riverwood Park (4300 Riverwood Park Lane at Burnhamthorpe Road West and The Credit Woodlands) devoted to exploring the value of goods and services provided by our urban natural areas. The morning begins with a presentation on Natural Capital in the McEwan Barn, followed by nature walks conducted by leaders from The Riverwood Conservancy and Credit Valley Conservation. To participate in this event, please register by contacting 905-279-5878, info@theriverwoodconservancy.org, or please visit The Riverwood Conservancy's website, at www.theriverwoodconservancy.org.

Earth Week is a great opportunity for you to get together with your family and friends and do something good for the environment and our city. There are plenty of great events that will be held throughout the city, and I hope you enjoy participating in one or more of them.

As always, if you need any assistance on this or any other municipal matter, please don't hesitate to call my office at 905-896-5011, or send me an e-mail at george.carlson@mississauga.ca.