



PARK CHRONICLES

Adopt-A-Park Program



Brampton
Clean
City
Committee
Let's Keep Brampton Clean & Green



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Get Active, Enjoy the Outdoors

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Community Awareness Booths



Brampton Clean City will be setting up information booths at the following locations. Come out and join us!

Saturday, March 31st, 2012 (10:00am – 1:00pm)

- Loafer's Lake Recreation Centre
- Brampton Soccer Centre

Saturday, April 14th, 2012 (10:00am – 1:00pm)

- Earnscliffe Recreation Centre
- Century Gardens Recreation Centre

Saturday, April 21st, 2012 (10:00am – 1:00pm)

- South Fletcher's Sportsplex
- Chris Gibson recreation Centre

Saturday, April 28th, 2012 (10:00am – 1:00pm)

- Cassie Campbell Community Centre
- TD BANK – 9435 Mississauga Rd., Unit D

2012 SPRING CLEANUP IS ON ITS WAY...

It's almost that time of year again, as Brampton Clean City is pleased to announce April is Spring Cleanup month! All Adopt-A-Park groups are encouraged to take part in helping the environment by registering for a park cleanup in their area.

The benefits to getting involved in a cleanup are many:

- Helps to foster environmental awareness and responsibility;
- Builds school and community pride, and a sense of ownership;
- Helps to create opportunities for schools and neighbourhoods to preserve the local environment;
- Promotes and coordinates opportunities to educate youth about their natural environment.

It's easy to get started! Simply complete the enclosed registration form and return it via mail, email or fax indicating your group's clean up *date*, *location* and the *number of individuals* that will be taking part in the event. For email; fax; office address and phone number, please refer to the registration form.

All participating groups will be supplied with garbage bags, sanitary gloves and a "Clean Up Safety" pamphlet.

We look forward to seeing you participate in this year's Spring Clean Up. If you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Brampton Clean City office at 905-874-2828.



Corporate Cleanup

YOUTH STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

All stewardships take place from 10:00am-12:00pm

This is an opportunity for high school students to earn some of their community service hours while making a positive impact on the environment.

Saturday, March 31st, 2012 – Youth Park Stewardship

- Balmoral Recreation Centre

Sunday, April 1st, 2012 – Youth Trail Stewardship

- Brampton Soccer Centre to Hilldale Park North

Saturday, April 7th, 2012 – Youth Park Stewardship

- Loafer's Lake Recreation Centre

Saturday, April 14th, 2012 – Youth Park Stewardship

- Earnscliffe Recreation Centre

Sunday, April 15th, 2012 – Youth Trail Stewardship

- Loafer's Lake Rec. Centre to Jim Archdekin Rec. Centre

Saturday, April 21st, 2012 – Youth Park Stewardship

- South Fletcher's Sportsplex

Sunday, April 22nd, 2012 – Youth Trail Stewardship

- Professor's Lake to Chinguacousy Wellness Centre

Saturday, April 28th, 2012 – Youth Park Stewardship

- Cassie Campbell Community Centre



Throughout the entire month of April, the Brampton Clean City Committee is encouraging Brampton corporations and businesses to do their parts for the environment by registering for the 2012 Corporate Clean Up. Team up with local business and corporate community partners, and rise to the challenge of making the City of Brampton 'Clean and Green'. The 2012 Corporate Clean Up will be taking place at **Norton Park on Friday April 27th, 2012 between the hours of 12:00pm-2:00pm.**

For more information regarding this event and how to get your business involved, please contact andrew.stangherlin@brampton.ca or call 905-874-5110.

Many Adopt-A-Park partnership agreements are coming to the end of their two-year term in 2012. It is imperative that all outstanding paperwork be submitted to the Clean City office for review in order for your group to qualify to continue in the Adopt-A-Park program.

Please be reminded to submit Activity Reports for each initiative your Adopt-A-Park group participates in. A copy of the report template can be found on the Brampton Clean City website at www.brampton.ca/cleancity, or you can contact our office to have a copy emailed or mailed to you.

The Activity Reports assist Brampton Clean City staff with tracking what is taking place in the parks from year to year. It is also a way to use to gather information that can then be shared with others in the program. We welcome you to share all of your stories, pictures, ideas and updates.

FOR TEACHERS:

There is still time to book one of Brampton Clean City's many Environmental Education programs.

This could be a great way to initiate park involvement with the students.

Spaces are still available for February! Contact 905-874-2828.

REMINDERS

Park Showcase



The Cowton Family Meadow was officially dedicated by City of Brampton Council on September 24, 2008. It reflects the contributions of the Cowton family to the Township of Chinguacousy beginning in the early 1850's and continuing into present day through farming, business and family involvement.

The Cowton Family Meadow is 6.97 acres of land which is traversed by the Fletcher's Creek. The meadow is located at the corner of Brookview and McLaughlin Road North. It is a natural meadow with several old growth oak trees as its focal point, as well as a prominent stand of maples and trembling aspens. It also contains a thriving wet lands habitat that is home to hawks, mallards, geese and many more wild life species.

The Cowton family participates in the Spring and Harvest Cleanups each year with help from family members, the Glendale Public School Eco-Team and the Leveque family who live in the neighbourhood.

Initiatives in this meadow have included debris removal from the park and creek banks, and removing the tree supports from the maturing trees where they are no longer needed. The Cowton family hopes to revitalize the stand of trembling aspens and make improvements to help sustain their growth.

"It is our pleasure to be the stewards of this little piece of history of our great city that honours the past, present and future of our family roots in Brampton, with the support of the Mayor, the Councilors and the fantastic staff of the Parks Department." – Steve Cowton



Cowton Family Meadow