



PARK CHRONICLES

Adopt-A-Park Program

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Cleaning Today for a Greener Tomorrow



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October is Brampton's Harvest Clean Up month! Brampton Clean City is encouraging all residents, organizations, schools, groups and interested individuals to get involved and do your part to help keep Brampton 'clean and green'.

Last Fall, more than 34 000 people volunteered to help cleanup and beautify our city. By getting involved and working together we can make a difference in making Brampton a better place to live, work and play.

It's easy to get started! Individuals are encouraged to complete the Registration Form and return it via email, fax (905-874-2390) or Canada Post indicating your Adopt-A-Park group's clean up date, location and the number of participants that will be taking part in the event. A registration form has been attached for your convenience, or you can find one on the Clean City website at www.brampton.ca/cleancity. Registrations can also be done at your local recreation centre or by phone!

All participating Adopt-A-Park groups will be supplied with garbage bags, sanitary gloves and a "Clean Up Safety" brochure.

The benefits of getting involved in a cleanup are many:

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

We look forward to seeing your Adopt-A-Park group participate in this year's Harvest 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.

Upcoming Harvest Clean Up Events:

Community Booths

October 9th, 2010

Loafer's Lake Recreation Centre – 10am-1pm
Cassie Campbell Community Centre – 10am-1pm

October 16th, 2010

Terry Miller Recreation Centre – 10am-1pm
Century Gardens Recreation Centre – 10am-1pm

October 20th, 2010

Brampton Civic Centre – 11am-3pm

October 23rd, 2010

Chinguacousy Wellness Centre – 10am-1pm
Flower City Seniors Centre – 10am-1pm

October 30th, 2010

Earncliffe Recreation Centre – 10am-1pm
South Fletcher's Sportsplex – 10am-1pm

Park Showcase

Robert Reid Park and Trail

The Cardiac Alumni have been involved in Brampton's Adopt-A-Park program since 1998. The current members have adopted Robert Reid Park and Trail for approximately 8 years now. There are usually 30-40 members involved in the park cleanup efforts.

"The Cardiac Alumni is a non-profit organization founded in 1998 to help provide graduates of a recognized cardiac rehab program with ongoing peer support, exercise and health updates" explains the Adopt-A-Park group's main contact, Judy Proctor. The group has over 250 members in total.

Several of the members who have passed away have had trees planted and plaques displayed in the park by family members. Some of these family members still come out to the park events to lend a hand and show support when possible.

During the 2010 Spring Clean Up, the group had approximately 30 members come out over a two day period to assist with the litter picking in their park. Over the two days, the group was able to collect 20 bags of waste – making their park that much cleaner and more enjoyable for all.

The Cardiac Alumni cleanup team was back out in the park over the October 1st weekend for this year's Harvest Cleanup session, with group member Luke Ypelaar coordinating the event.

Right: Several members of the Cardiac Alumni group take a break from cleaning the park to snap a picture during their 2010 Spring Cleanup.



Dorchester Park

Dorchester Park is adopted by the 'Friends and Stewards of Dorchester Park'. The idea of forming this Adopt-A-Park group originated with community members Gerry Schneider and Stacey Wilson. The group sees up to 30 neighbours come out at a time for various initiatives being held in the park. Holly Parkes Royal LePage Meadowtowne Realty Brokerage has also come on board as Dorchester Park's sponsor.

The 'Friends and Stewards of Dorchester Park' did not let the rainy weather stop them from completing some great work in the park this past weekend. On Saturday October 2nd just over 20 members of the community came out to join efforts in creating a beautiful garden around their newly installed park sign.

This Adopt-A-Park group has created a pollinator friendly garden at the main entrance of their park, filled with mainly native plants and flowers. The group also worked diligently to mulch around all of the trees and shrub beds in the park.

Earlier this year, the group has also completed park cleanups, a garlic mustard pull and shade grass sowing.

This group is truly an example of camaraderie, with residents of all ages coming together to make their park a cleaner, greener and more accessible place for everyone in the community. The group even had a hospitality table set up in a nearby garage for all of the volunteers to enjoy hot coffee, cider and water while they worked.

Right: Holly (Park Sponsor) and Joe work to spread mulch around the trees in Dorchester Park.



Left: Shirley and Betty serve refreshments to all of the volunteers on Oct. 2nd, 2010.



Below: The Friends & Stewards of Dorchester Park gather for a photo around their newly created garden bed.

