

Newsletter: 2011

CHML broadcasts live at our Tim Hortons Earth Day Eco-Festival

Helping us celebrate our 15th anniversary, the Bill Kelly Show spent a full morning talking with us.

We owe you!

Josh Gordon for creating our wonderful Earth Day poster. And our infinite thanks to **Joan of Striped Aardvark Designs** for creating our wonderful new website. Thanks also to **Sabrina Armani & Breanne Kaduk** for photographing our Festivals so beautifully.

Helping us make every day Earth Day!

Our sponsors

Big thanks to Tim Hortons, and our other sponsors. We couldn't do this good work without you—thanks! For a full list of sponsors see last page...

Our volunteers

'Volunteers don't necessarily have the time, they just have the heart' - (S. Andrew)
Thank you — from our hearts!

Although Mother Nature threw everything she had at us this spring, our events and programming have been a big success.

NEWS! See page 4 for our NEW September event!



Earth Day Hamilton-Burlington on the Weather Network!

Our Rain Barrel Sale at Lime Ridge Mall was held during the rainiest day of a rainy spring and the Weather Network was there to film us! Sales were brisk, as were those at the Royal Botanical Gardens sale. Funds raised from these ultra eco barrels went towards our Eco Festival.

Instant Forest

Held at the new Eramosa Karst Conservation area. 158 students had fun planting 600 trees, despite the rain, mud, and a few students getting planted too! They also enjoyed hikes with geologist Marcus Buck. Thanks to **Edson Packaging** for the purchase of 40 new shovels for our planting events.



Muddy but happy at Instant Forest



Volunteers Devon & Debra- Alberici Contracting

Hey !

Got pictures or stories of our events to share on our website?

**Send them to
admin@earthdayhamilton.ca**

Rain, what rain? The Tim Hortons Earth Day 5K Walk/Run



Runners/walkers had to trek through the wind and rain in order to reach the finish line at Churchill Park, but still wore big smiles when they arrived at the finish! Columbia College carried the Earth Day banner for the 4th straight year.

Helping at the Tree Planting Festival



Earth Day Tree Planting Festival

The weather went from rain to hot sun, and everyone had a blast despite the swampy conditions. All 1000 trees were planted and the community enjoyed exhibits, activities, food and entertainment.

Thanks to Suncor for their support



"Many students from downtown schools do not have the opportunity to attend events like this at such a beautiful place. Being able to be out in the wilderness and being able to feed the birds has made the children more aware of nature and that we need to help to take care of it" ~ Teacher

Tim Hortons Earth Day Eco-Festival—highlight of the season!

All year, we diligently prepare for our biggest event: the **annual Tim Hortons Earth Day Eco-Festival, now in its 15th year.** At the Royal Botanical Gardens, 3,000 students from schools across the Hamilton region came out to enjoy the educational workshops, interactive exhibits, live wildlife presentations, and guided nature hikes. By keeping this festival free and providing free busing, students from all economic backgrounds were able to attend.



Sure enough, the 1st day we had to bring all of the students indoors, and we were not only ready, but as it turned out, the rain backup activities were a big hit! Thanks to Rema, Anne, and Simon for their ingenuity. Thursday and Friday brought out the sunshine and the students and volunteers enjoyed time indoors and their activities outdoors in the beautiful, natural surroundings of the Royal Botanical Gardens.

In fine weather a third of the attendees are outdoors at all times, so this year we made sure to have a good rain backup plan.

A huge thank you to Tim Hortons for supporting this initiative and bringing nature to kids.



Experiencing nature at the Eco Fest

Rain Barrel Art Auction Fundraiser

Thank you E. Robert Ross!

Earth Day Hamilton-Burlington is grateful to the wonderful artists who donated their time to paint art barrels for our online auction. In particular we want to thank esteemed Hamilton artist E. Robert Ross for his wonderful rendering of Cootes Paradise. A very happy winning bidder now has the this work of art catching rain in their garden (or maybe showcased in their living room?)



E. Robert Ross "Cootes Paradise"

Rain Barrel Art Auction

Our 1st online art auction featured barrels painted by local artists and students. These pieces of art now grace gardens and conserve water for the lucky bidders.

Other Rain Barrel Art Auction Entries



Xtreme Park Makeover

The City partnered with TVO to film a makeover of innercity Birge Park. The makeover was a vision created by local kids and kids and families were out in full force to make it a reality. What fun we had helping out this great Community.



Thanks!

To Marcus Buck for his demonstration of dye tracing to show students the Karst's unique underground streams



Mark these dates for 2012!

Eco-Festival : May 15, 16, 17, 18
Tree Planting Fest: Apr. 21
Instant Forest: Apr. 19

Our 1st Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup



In September Earth Day Hamilton organized the cleanup of 3km of the Hamilton Waterfront Trail from Bay Front Park to Princess Point! We had 64 people attend, including 40 students from Columbia College. Well done everyone!

Hamilton Goes Green

2011 was a great year for helping the local community to go green thanks to generous funding from Ontario Trillium Foundation



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