



Earth Day News

Celebrating our successes and thanking those who made them possible!



Tim Hortons **ECO-FEST!!**



Experiencing Nature, Learning, & Having Fun!

"Thank you for this wonderful opportunity. The Eco-Festival was an absolute pleasure for all (students and teachers) A real treat as most of our students are low income, inner city so they had never even seen a chipmunk" before"

For inner city to the suburbs, there is a distinct absence of nature in children's lives. Education alone can only go so far, so unless youth actually experience nature 1st hand,, how can they be inspired to protect it? At the Tim Hortons Earth Day Hamilton Eco-Festival every year 2500 students experience forests, meadows, streams

and the wild critters that live in the them., in addition to the Festival's educational workshops. All for free, so that no child is left behind. Teachers and students rave about their day at our Eco-Festival (held Royal Botanical Gardens,) and we know that we've had an impact on helping inspire tomorrow's environmental stewards.

Thanks go to Tim Hortons and our other sponsors, (listed on the back page), and our 100's of volunteers



Mark your calendar!
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Tim Hortons 5K Walk & Fun Run



In spite of blizzard-like conditions, 150 people participated in April's Tim Hortons Earth Day 5K Walk & Fun Run, including teams from Sanimax, Tervita, Taylor Liebow, Lakeshore Sand, and Tim Hortons own Dave Sauve. At the finish line hot coffee and donuts, provided by Tim Hortons, warmed the participants. Many stayed to plant 400 trees, visit exhibits and listen to a fantastic lineup of local musicians headed by the talented Kim Koren.



Our sincere thanks to Tim Hortons, our media partners, City of Hamilton (free shuttles), our volunteers, and partners Royal Botanical Gardens and BARC!

Tree Planting Festival!

Trees and Community



In spite of high winds, biting cold, and snow, 301 people from the community came to plant trees and have fun. Many businesses took part as teams: Sanimax, Tervita, Taylor-Liebow,, Lankeshore Sand., and Tim Hortons owner Dave Sauve. Columbia College, the 19th Hamilton Brownies and the Junior Naturalists Club were also on hand to plant and enjoy the day.

Thankfully indoor space and complimentary coffee and donuts were available to help warm up the planting volunteers. Indoors they enjoyed the

great lineup of Hamilton's finest musicians: Kim Koren, Dawn & Marra, Melissa Bel, Andy Griffiths, and Fred Magie plus 5 presentations by local environmental experts, and the ever popular Mountsberg Birds of Prey show. A giant earth ball, Bird Tours to see the nesting baby Bald Eagles, Tree Tours of the Arboretum, Kids Korner, bbq, and exhibits by 15 local organizations rounded out this special day.

Free Trolley shuttles were provided by City of Hamilton.

Thanks to TD Friends of the Environment Foundation, Trees For Hamilton, & Rotary Club of Burlington Lakeshore



Planting Our Roots with Mohawk College



In May, we teamed up with Mohawk College Alumni Association and Mohawk's Sustainability Office to plant 300 native species trees along the Lake Ontario Shoreline in Hamilton. Sixty alumni, staff, and families planted trees to help anchor the shoreline and inhibit growth of invasive species.



President Rob MacIsaac, VP Cheryl Jensen, and Mohawk College Foundation President Wayne Joudrie attended.

Thanks to our partners Hamilton Conservation Authority, Mohawk College Sustainability Office and Mohawk Alumni Associa-

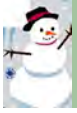
Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup



In the teeming rain, 64 citizens picked up litter dumped along 3km of Waterfront Trail last September. Over 200 lbs of garbage (some of it recycled) were picked up—most of it small items like cigarette butts and bottle caps. Thanks to WWF and Vancouver Aquarium for organizing this national effort.

Kudos to the citizens who came out, including McMaster's Swim Team & Asian Federation of Charitable University Students, and local Scout troops.





Waste Watchers



Reducing, Reducing, Reducing

Everyone knows the 3 R's, but how do we make people want to do it and do it right? Seeing so much waste produced and then tossed in all the wrong places, even at our own events, we knew we had to educate, inspire, and act, and our Waste Watchers Program was the result. Workshops at schools, Waste Watching at events, and hosting community cleanups has helped us divert a ton of waste from landfill and the natural environment. This year we visited 24 schools, waste watched at 9 events, and performed 6 community cleanups. To become a waste watcher contact wastewatchers@gmail.com.

Thanking our wonderful partners City of Hamilton and Keep Hamilton Clean and Green Committee. Thanks also go to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for its generous financial support. And finally, thanks go out to the hundreds of amazing community volunteers, We couldn't have done any of this without you. Look for us at your local events and schools!



TD Tree Days

For the second year, we hosted a TD Tree Days planting event for TD employees and their families and friends. Again we had a wonderful 1/2 day at the shores of Lake Ontario, just missing out on a big rainstorm that swept in as we were packing up. 575 trees were planted to provide habitat for migrating birds, and helping to anchor the shoreline. Fun was had by all as they helped to protect nature.

Thanks to our partners TD Friends of the Environment, TD Bank, Rymal Rd. E., and Hamilton Conservation Authority



Instant Forest



Instant Forest is unique, not only for its name, but also for its planters: students from grades 4 through 12. It is hard work, we've dealt with the most extreme conditions, often having to dig one another out of being planted ourselves! But kids love mud, even if we don't, and we ignore the

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