

Litterature



Nova Scotia's Adopt-A-Highway Program

Fall 2010



SPRING LITTER SWEEP CONTEST WINNERS!

This past Spring, the Adopt-A-Highway program brought back its popular *Litter Sweep Contest*. All participating groups were invited to submit photos of the most unusual litter found. Several groups sent in pictures of strange and unusual items. The winning entries are as follows:

FIRST PLACE (\$200): SUNRISE 4H CLUB

The Sunrise 4H Club completed their Spring cleanup on May 15th on Route 6 near Amherst. The members found several strange items during their cleanup, including a pregnancy test, and a large outdoor Christmas candle. The group collected 25 bags of garbage and 6 of recyclables, and was rewarded with pizza and garlic fingers at the end of the day.



SECOND PLACE (\$100): GREENWOOD RADIO CLUB

The Greenwood Radio Club completed their cleanup of Exit 17W (Hwy 101) near Kingston on May 8th. They had a very successful cleanup, where they found a witch doll and a garden gnome. The club was able to successfully collect a total of nine bags of garbage from their interchange area.

THIRD PLACE (\$50): MILFORD AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB



The Milford and District Lions Club held their annual Spring cleanup on May 1st on Route 2 in Milford. They collected a total of 62 bags of

garbage, and 7 of recyclables. Included in their garbage, they found an old rubber boot, cut into two pieces.

Thanks to everyone for participating!

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SESSION 2010

The Sixth annual **Adopt-A-Highway Volunteer Information Session** will be held on October 2nd, 2010 at the Debert Hospitality Centre in Debert, NS. Registration forms will be sent to groups in the near future, and are to be returned to the AAH office by the date specified in order to confirm your spot!

In 2010, we will focus on various aspects of waste reduction, and prevention in our province. These will include (but will not be limited to):

- Illegal dump sites
- Electronic waste disposal and recycling
- Volunteers doing their part

We will also be having the popular Volunteer Round Table session, where each participant will have the opportunity to share their success story.

There is no registration fee for this event, so **DON'T MISS OUT!!**



ILLEGAL DUMPING IS BECOMING A MAJOR PROBLEM IN NOVA SCOTIA!

WHAT IS ILLEGAL DUMPING?

It is a major problem impacting our province. It can be defined as the disposal or abandonment of materials in unauthorized areas. They vary in size and the materials they contain. Materials typically found in these areas include construction and demolition debris, furniture, appliances, and often vehicles/vehicle parts.

WHY DO PEOPLE DO IT?

- Avoid tipping fees at municipal landfills
- Travel distance to landfill site
- Lack of community pride
- Abandoned or undeveloped land
- Lack of time and effort to properly sort materials for disposal
- Adding to an existing site

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- **Health risks** – protruding nails, broken glass, sharp edges, harmful fluids, etc. They may also attract rodents.
- **Fire Hazard** – they may catch fire, either spontaneously or by human involvement causing property damage, injury or even a major forest fire.
- **Water quality** – dumpsites can potentially impact water run-off, as it may contain chemicals and other materials which may contaminate surface and groundwater.
- **Wildlife** – dumpsites negatively impact habitats of many native plants and wildlife in the area.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND AN ILLEGAL DUMP SITE!



- If you find an illegal dump site along your adopted section of highway, it is best to first contact NS Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal with this information.
- If you find an illegal dump site along a private road or property, you should contact Nova Scotia Environment.
- If you find illegal dumping on Crown Land, contact the NS Department of Natural Resources.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

A provincial Illegal Dumping Cleanup Guide has been developed by representatives from Nova Scotia municipalities, the province as well as RRFB Nova Scotia, Clean Nova Scotia, and ACAP Cape Breton as a resource guide for municipalities. **Check it out!** The provincial **Illegal Dumping Cleanup Guide** can be downloaded at: http://www.rrfb.com/pdfs/NSIDG_WEB.pdf

VOLUNTEERS HARD AT WORK!

PENNY LANE ENTERPRISES, AND QUEENS CO. SPECIAL OLYMPICS



The Queens Country Special Olympics and Penny Lane Enterprises teamed up to complete their annual cleanup in Milton on June 5, 2010.

Knelling Front : Left to Right Jamie Belong, Candace Neals, Rebecca Maule, and Bryan Campbell

Middle Row : Left to Right Betty Ann Daury, Randy Conrad (DOT) Warren Guest, Michael Moreau, Freeman Wamboldt, Adam Dexter, Nicholas Smith, Vickie Whynot, Verna Wagner

Back Row : Left to Right Matthew Walsh, Sally Tanner, Nicholas Whynot, Alexander Shankel, Jeffrey Hatt, Charlie Backman, Glen Dexter

Missing From Photo : Murray Spindler, Steven Wagner, Whitney Payton and Sandra Miller.

GREENWOOD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



On May 8th, the Greenwood Amateur Radio Club met for their annual Spring cleanup in Kingston. They collected nine bags of garbage from their interchange area. Great job, guys!

ELMSDALE AND ENFIELD DISTRICT LIONS CLUB



Lions Don C., Ern J. and Dan D., along with Earthkeepers Taran Bailey, Shane Gillis, Ben Nelson, Noah Wallace, Josh Penney, and David Cejpa took part in their Spring cleanup on May 22nd, 2010. They send a big thank you to Mrs. D'Etremont and the Earthkeepers for all their help, and also to the Enfield Home Hardware, which supplied gloves and garbage bags, Superstore for water and soft drinks and also Enfield Pizzeria for large pepperoni and cheese pizzas. The group was able to collect approximately 50 KG of litter in their area, which they reported as substantially less than other years. The message seems to be getting across!

MILFORD & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB



On May 1st, the Milford and District Lions performed their annual Spring cleanup of Route 2 in Milford. They collected 62 bags of garbage and 7 of recyclables!



WOW! Among them, were two of Adopt-A-Highway's youngest participants; Julie (age 4) and Marc (age 2). Way to go!!



ZONTA CLUB OF AMHERST AREA

The Zonta Club of Amherst Area performed their Spring cleanup on June 26th, cleaning Lower LaPlanche St. in Amherst. They collected 14 bags of garbage! Great job!



Pictured: *Back Row:* Irene Coombes, Joyce Creighton, Gwen Kerr, Shirley Hallee (Zonta President), Catehrine Hirbour, Margie Harrison, Janet Morris
Front Row: Annika Kerr, Vicki Randall, Doug MaManaman, and Emily Boyd.

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH

On May 29th, the St. John's United Church performed their annual Spring Cleanup of Highway 332 in Hebbville. They collected 9 bags of garbage from the roadsides. Great job!!



SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS!!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE...

If you would like to help out to help reduce paper waste, sign up to receive our newsletter electronically, via email.

How? Simply send an email stating your request, and the email address you wish to have the newsletter sent to, to talbotlb@gov.ns.ca

SPRING 2010 CLEANUP REPORT



The Spring 2010 cleanup was another tremendous success, with a total of 70 groups taking part. A total of 2170 bags of garbage and 135 of recyclables were removed from 367 kilometers of highway and 6 highway interchanges by 978 volunteers who generously donated 3022 hours of their time.

Thank you to all the groups and individuals who volunteered their time to participate in the Spring 2010 cleanup. Those groups are as follows:

- 2nd Wellington Scouting, Wellington
- Annapolis Royal Lions Club, Annapolis Royal
- Annapolis Valley Cruisers Car Club, Kingston
- Arisaig Parish, Arisaig
- Armdale Fairview Rockingham Lions Club, Halifax
- Baha'is of West Hants, Windsor Forks
- Berwick District Lions Club, Berwick
- Bridgetown Lions Club, Bridgetown
- The Celtic Knots, Spa Springs
- Clarence 4H Club, Clarence
- Coastal Cruisers, Bridgewater
- Coldbrook Lions Club, Coldbrook
- Earth Day Friends, Tatamagouche
- Elmsdale and Enfield Lions Club, Enfield
- Englishtown Hall Association, Englishtown
- Fellowship Lodge #112 (AF & AM), Bible Hill
- Friends of Crescent Beach, Crescent Beach
- Friends of Route 245, Antigonish
- Great Village Community School Association, Great Village
- Greenwood Amateur Radio Club, Kingston
- Highland Asphalt, Halifax
- Hill n' Dale 4H Club, Wileville
- Hub Campers, Lanesville
- Kingston Lions Club, Kingston
- Lake Echo Lions Club, Lake Echo
- Lawrencetown Lions Club, Lawrencetown
- LeMoine Development Association, Grand Etang
- LRHS Key Club, Lawrencetown
- Michelin Group, Waterville
- Milford and District Lions Club, Milford
- Musquidoboit Harbour Lions Club, Musquidoboit Harbour
- New Germany Lions Club, New Germany
- New Minas Lions Club, New Minas
- Nova Scotia Jeep Club, Upper Sackville
- Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps, Truro
- Order of the Eastern Star #31, Middleton
- Plant Health and Safety Committee (Michelin), Granton
- Port Joli Community Association, Port Joli
- Queens Co. Special Olympics / Penny Lane Enterprises, Milton
- River Philip Community Hall Association, River Philip
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch 26, Truro
- Saint Mary's Lions Club, Sherbrooke
- Salt Springs 4H Club, Salt Springs
- Seabreeze Campers, Pinehurst
- Second Paradise Retreat, Lunenburg Co.
- South Berwick Women's Institute, South Berwick
- South Queens Junior high, Liverpool
- Spa Springs Women's Institute, Spa Springs
- St. John's United Church, Middle LaHave
- St. Pauls Church / 3rd Spryfield Boy Scout Troop #496, Spryfield
- Sunrise 4H Club, Truemanville
- Sutherlands River 4H, Sutherlands River
- The Alexander Family, Stanley Section
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Liverpool
- The LaHave River Watershed Enhancement Foundation, Meisner's Section
- Tidy Highway 245, Antigonish
- TIR Cumberland Healthy Workplace, Amherst
- Tourism Industry Association NS, Peggy's Cove
- Truro Lions Club, Truro
- Walmart #5781, Amherst
- White Point Beach Resort, Liverpool
- Windsor and District Lions Club, Windsor
- Wolfville Lions Club, Grand Pré
- Woodville Community Centre, Woodville
- Y.A.C.R.O, Yarmouth
- Zonta Club of Amherst Area, Amherst

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