



The Friends of Malcolmson EcoPark

"Giving Nature a Helping Hand"

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The Newsletter of the Friends of Malcolmson EcoPark

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Welcome to the newsletter of the Friends of Malcolmson EcoPark. The Friends are excited by the opportunity to continue our projects in 2007. The Friends are currently busy planning for upcoming events for the year. We are planning to have a fun Open House event on Thursday March 29th. In addition, Earth Day events and our Native Plant Sale have been scheduled for Saturday April 21st with an additional sale day on Saturday May 5th. More information regarding Earth Day and the Plant Sale will be provided in our next newsletter or you can periodically check our web page. We are also hoping to have the Waterfowl Pond berm repaired this winter or spring. Funds generated through our native plant sale as well as help from the Ministry of Natural Resources' Community Fisheries and Wildlife Involvement Program (CFWIP) have made this possible. This area has been degraded over the last five years and it will be great to restore this area again. We look forward to seeing you at the Malcolmson EcoPark events this year.

The Friends of Malcolmson EcoPark would like to invite you to:

Friends of Malcolmson EcoPark "Open House & Volunteer Appreciation"

**When: Thursday March 29th 2007
6:30pm until 8:00pm**

LOCATION: Port Weller Community Centre, 1 Bogart Drive

Join us for some refreshments and friendly conversation at this casual gathering. Come learn about the park and its upcoming events. We hope to see you there!

*If you have any further questions, feel free to contact Josh Diamond at 905-646-4810
or jkdiamond@sympatico.ca*

Also Coming Soon.....

Earth Day 2007 Native Plant Sale

**When: Saturday April 21st 2007
&
Saturday May 5th 2007 (Plant Sale Only)**

LOCATION: Malcolmsen Eco-Park, Lakeshore Rd. & Niagara St.
PARKING: TBA

The Friends will be conducting garbage cleanup, mulching trees, spreading stone dust on the trails and we need your help. Please bring shovels, trowels and gloves. Drinks and snacks will be provided. We hope to see you there!

Please join us in this annual event since 1993!

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More Information on Earth Day 2007 will be provided in our next newsletter





Follow the Yellow Fish Road!™

Have you seen yellow fish in your neighbourhood? Trout Unlimited Canada's Yellow Fish Road™ program is painting the town yellow! The Yellow Fish Road™ program is a nation-wide storm drain-marking program. The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority will be painting yellow fish in your community.

Urban stormwater pollution is the biggest source of pollutants in rivers, streams and lakes. Storm drains are the grates found next to the curb and collect runoff water from the street. In most municipalities, storm drains empty directly into local waterbodies, untreated. Especially during snowmelt and springtime rains, litter, sediments and chemicals can end up in the local waterbody through the storm drain system. Yellow Fish Road™ participants paint yellow fish next to storm drains and distribute fishshaped brochures to nearby households to let residents know why the yellow fish have appeared. "The yellow fish serve as a reminder for residents to properly dispose of any hazardous household chemicals, like used motor oil, and to use environmentally-friendly alternatives such as compost in your garden, which won't wash away easily with rain," explains Anna Lee-Carswell, Yellow Fish Road™ Program Director. "Even washing your car in the driveway with soap can impact the local waterbody."

To get involved with the Yellow Fish Road™ program, contact The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority at 905-788-3135 or Trout Unlimited Canada at (403) 221-8360 or visit: www.yellowfishroad.org.

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Malcolmson EcoPark Gone Wild!!!!

Below is a photograph taken by Bob Powell of a beaver that was making the waterfowl pond at Malcolmson EcoPark its home in the spring of 2006. Thank you for the great shot Bob.



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