

Coming Events

of the Rideau Environmental Action League - April 2004



“Sound of Spring” Concert of the Central Band of the Canadian Forces Wednesday April 14, 7:00 p.m. at SFDCI, Gould Street, Smiths Falls

This great musical evening is REAL's major annual fundraiser. Tickets are \$10 for individuals and \$25 for families, and are available at Glass & Class, Kelly's Flowers & Fine Things, Modern Times Natural Foods, Rowat's Floral & Gift Boutique, Rusty's Korner Store and Village Pump. Gift certificates, CDs, and door prizes will be available and orders taken for mushroom compost (see below). Take an extra step and be a sponsor or a patron to publicly add your support for REAL. Sponsors pay \$100, get 4 individual tickets and a \$60 tax receipt, and Patrons pay \$50, get 2 individual tickets and a \$30 tax receipt. Names of both sponsors and patrons will be featured on the program. For more information, please contact Susan Newport at 284-8229 or Peter Au at 284-8338.

Pitch-In Smiths Falls April 19 - 25, and Saturday, April 24, 9 - noon

Join our community litter pickup and help keep Smiths Falls beautiful! We are looking for community groups, individuals, neighbourhoods and businesses to join with the hundreds of others who annually participate in Pitch-In Smiths Falls. Most participants will be cleaning up on Saturday morning, April 24, from 9 - 12. Hot dogs will be served to participants in the hall at Trinity United Church on Market Street afterwards. You or your group may also choose to clean up anytime during the week of April 19 - 25.



How does this work? Register with REAL by contacting Elva at 283-0309 or Barb at 283-9966 or dhicks11@cogeco.ca. We will record where you have chosen to pitch in or assign you an area, and arrange to get you a supply of garbage bags. We will need to know the approximate number of people in your group. After the cleanup, please report back how many bags you collected.



Well Aware Community Forums throughout rural Lanark, Leeds & Grenville in April

This series of public forums is a chance for rural residents to learn how to keep their water, wells and septic systems safe. Guest speakers, who include well drillers and pump installers, a hydrogeologist, a Health Unit inspector and other partners, will be available after the forum to discuss the topics presented and answer questions. Well Aware Information kits will be distributed to those attending. (over)

Tues., Apr. 13— 7:00 p.m., Spring Valley Community Hall, N. of Brockville on Hwy. 29
Sun., Apr. 18 — 2:00 p.m., Eastern Ontario Biodiversity Museum, Kemptonville
Wed., Apr. 21 — 7:00 p.m., Merrickville Community Hall, Merrickville
Sat., Apr. 24 — 9:00 a.m., Spencerville Presbyterian Church, Spencerville
Wed., Apr. 28 — 7:00 p.m., Farrell Hall, Perth

Well Aware is a project of the Green Communities Association in partnership with the Ontario Ground Water Association, with funding support by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. These forums are offered by OGWA and LLGreen, a project of REAL, and a member of the GCA. LLGreen also offers free Well Aware visits to homeowners. Call 283-3482.

Phones for Phunds Campaign ends April 30

If you have old cell phones and accessories collecting dust, it's time to donate them to REAL. Phones are shipped to a company that refurbishes and sells them in developing countries. Unusable components are recycled or disposed of safely. REAL earns a small amount for each usable phone collected. Drop boxes are located in Canadian Tire stores in Perth, Carleton Place and Smiths Falls and these additional Smiths Falls locations: SFDCI, Lockwood's Sight and Sound, Dawn's Closet and the REAL Reuse Centre. If you miss the deadline, don't despair, we will be able to accept phones at the Reuse Centre after that. Call Elva 283-0309 or Barb 283-9966.



Earth Day Family Festival and Spring

Workshops

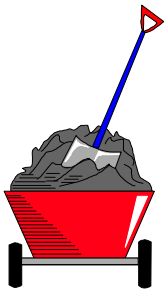
Saturday, May 15 at Kinsmen Park, Smiths Falls

Come celebrate with REAL at our third annual Earth Day and Family Festival. A key component is the plant exchange and sale. Bring in your excess perennials and seeds and take home plants of equal value, or donate them for sale. Used plant pots or other garden equipment are also welcome. Other events will include a bake sale, children's activities, and a BBQ. Mini-workshops will be offered on green gardening and reducing your water usage. Contact 283-4416 or 283-5932.



Mushroom Compost Sales, May 22 and 23

REAL is teaming up with the Smiths Falls Rotary Club to sell mushroom compost. Preorders are being taken now. A 30 L. bag sells for just \$5.00. Bags can be picked up on Saturday, May 22 or Sunday, May 23 (yes, that's the long weekend) from 8:30 until late afternoon on William Street across from Garden Market. Able-bodied volunteers are needed to help bag the compost from 7 a.m. both days. Orders can be placed at the Band Concert on April 14, Pitch-In Celebration on April 24, and at the Earth Day Family Festival on May 15. Help make this fundraiser a success by spreading the word of this sale to your friends, family and neighbours! To place orders or for more details contact Larry Allen at 283-9236, Peter Au at 284-8338 or any Board member.



Volunteers are needed for all of the above. Call if you can help!

