



## LIVE WIRE

### Parks and Recreation Ontario Education Forum and Trade Show

Was held March 29- April 1st in Niagara Falls. The City of Peterborough had 2 staff members that were Presenters at the Forum, Mr. Ken Doherty from Community Services whose workshop was on how creativity and culture can build local economies. Ellen Stewart, from the Recreation Division was also in attendance as a HIGH FIVE Accredited site Champion and offered tips and strategies to other municipalities wanting to maximize the benefits of HIGH FIVE.

Having staff represent our community at a provincial event showcases The City of Peterborough as leading edge.

### Mayor's Youth Award

The Mayor's Youth Award and Certificate will recognize three individual recipients three times per calendar year during City Council meetings. Award recipients will have demonstrated an outstanding achievement that has brought positive recognition to the City of Peterborough

### April 22 is Earth Day

This month, why not celebrate the one thing we all have in common? The Earth! April 22 marks Earth Day, a festivity of the environmental health of our planet. So, party by lending a hand!

### Poverty

Poverty is a social measure that cannot be captured by income figures alone. It is a know fact that poverty affects health. Poverty is the reason some people are going hungry in our community. Canadian studies have found that income is the most important determinant of food insecurity. In terms of nutritious food choices, the most important barrier to healthy eating is inadequate income.

### Graffiti Clean Up Project is coming this SPRING!!!

In 2008 there were 48 incidents of graffiti reported, and of the 48 incidents, 5 were cleared by charge/diversion. The stats don't lie showing us that this is a largely under reported offence.

The Youth Council, Youth Commission, and the Peterborough/Lakefield Police Department are doing something about it! They're organizing clean up crews to get rid of all that graffiti and clean up our community. For more information or to find out how you can get involved please visit our website at [www.ptboyouth.com](http://www.ptboyouth.com)

### April Fools' Day or All Fools' Day

Although not a holiday in its own right, is a notable day celebrated in many countries on April 1. The day is marked by the commission of hoaxes and other practical jokes of varying sophistication on friends, family members, enemies, and neighbors, or sending them on fool's errand, the aim of which is to embarrass the gullible.

Traditionally, in some countries, the jokes only last until noon: someone who plays a trick after noon is called an "April Fool". Elsewhere, such as in Ireland, France, and the USA, the jokes last all day.

### Taking action to change our climate for the better

The average Canadian household emits 13 tones of greenhouse gas annually. Some ways to reduce this are by: lowering your thermostat when you are not home, using low-flow showerheads, washing clothes in cold water, and maintaining your vehicle regularly.

The good news is, you will be saving money as well as reducing greenhouse gases.

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