

THIS WEEK IN "LITTERLAND"

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"CHUNK IT!" North Texas says

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Ontario cities struggle with litter

Hamilton wants to get to the bottom of its cigarette butt litter problem. The city council has [asked for a fresh report](#) on what can be done. A downtown business group is urging the city to issue tickets to smokers who litter. Down the road in Toronto, resident Alexis Girard-King described the driving conditions during a vicious windstorm on Friday as travelling through "a litter sandstorm" of sometimes dangerous debris. Nearby in Brantford, letter-writer Lee Helmer [grumbled to the local paper](#) about the "disgusting" sight of profuse litter in the core. Volunteers for A Greener Future fanned out across Ontario and Canada on Saturday for the annual Butt Blitz, a one-day blitz that collects, counts and recycles cigarette butts.

DID YOU KNOW?

An important fund not to be pooh-pooed, the Irish government through its environment ministry awards substantial sums to local counties under its Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant scheme. Recently County Clare received €63,000 to dedicate to measures that curtail dog fouling and littering.

[30,000 to turn up for Meewasin Valley cleanup](#)

A region near Saskatoon, Saskatchewan has enthusiasm in abundance as it digs in to clean up its Canadian prairie beauty spot. What it doesn't have anymore is a garbage bag sponsor. Thirty thousand volunteers are out right now rehabilitating Meewasin Valley by removing evidence of littering abuses the river trails endured at the hands of an irresponsible minority. Meewasin Valley Authority's event lost its bag sponsor two years ago despite its keen and consistently high participation rate and buy-in from all sectors of the community. The city of Saskatoon and private hauler, Loraas, stepped in to offer disposal services, but when it comes to providing supplies MVA has been left holding the proverbial bag. An editorial comment here. When so much of litter is plastic does it not follow that plastic bag manufacturers should be bending over backwards to support large scale clean up efforts wherever they may be?

HEADLINE LITTER GRABBERS (APR 29 - MAY 6)

Some of what made our News Reel this week

Incredible Hulk stunt a one-man protest [\(5/3\)](#)

John Foley suited up as The Incredible Hulk and lodged an outdoor protest over private litter police operating in downtown Liverpool. Kingdom Security enforces littering regulations for the council. But Foley and [his Facebook group](#) followers take exception to the officers' tactics.

Private enforcement barred from store lot [\(5/3\)](#)

Aldi supermarket has banned Liverpool's contracted Kingdom litter officers from store parking lots. Customers complained they were being harassed by aggressive enforcement on the stores' private property.

They've been working on the railroad [\(5/3\)](#)

A corps of 5,000 volunteers of all ages will clean up Kalka-Shimla railway line, a UNESCO heritage site in India. "Walk The Track" on May 12 will start at 7 a.m. to cover 96 km of rail line into the evening hours.

Litter museum and auction [\(5/2\)](#)

Cheatham County raises money for Tennessee's *Stop Litter* program by selling wooden smallmouth bass cut-outs at auction events. Decorated by K-12 schools for possible prizes and to raise awareness, the fancy fish lured in bids totalling \$7,810.

Marine litter marshals inaugurated in Nigeria [\(4/30\)](#)

NIMASA, the Nigerian marine safety agency, swore in a contingent of marine litter marshals to help clean up the ocean. "The environment is not a gift from our parents, but a loan from our children", said outside expert Prof. Osinbajo Oladele in hailing the move.