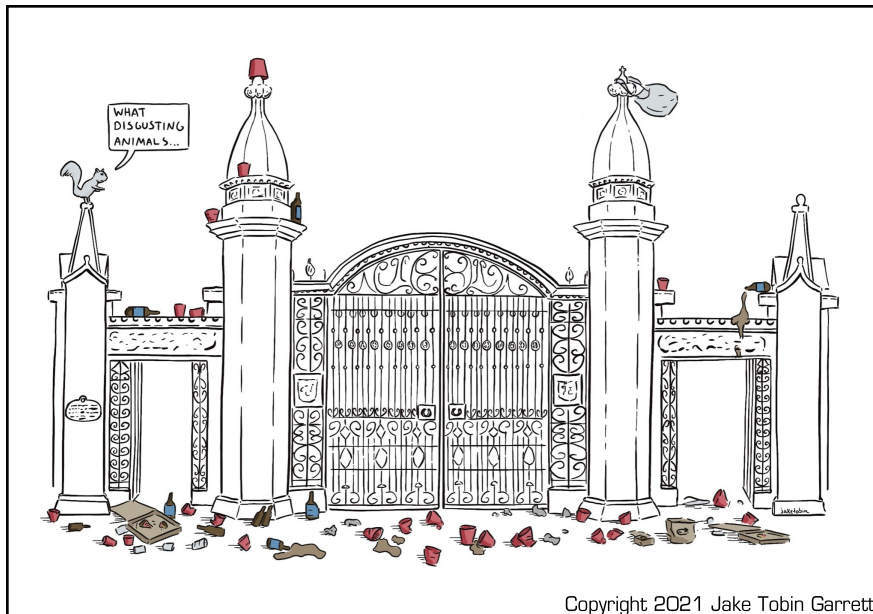


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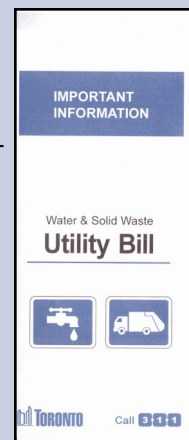


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"What disgusting animals." Toronto artist Jake Tobin Garrett posted this on Twitter (@jaketobin) after "once again people left piles of trash in Trinity Bellwoods Park. Respect the white squirrel & clean up after yourselves."

Utility bill boo-boo exposed

An estimated 60,000 Toronto households were mailed waste and water bills containing a leaflet that should have included a litter reminder but didn't, *Litterland* has discovered. Those utility customers received a winter version end-May that, among other details like fees, explains how to prevent frozen pipes and position waste bins on snow banks. The city blames the company it contracts to print tax, utility bills and the insert. The printer had to downscale operations due to COVID-19, ran behind schedule and then had to delay producing the spring/summer leaflet to get tax bills printed. A [correct brochure](#) started going out last week to the remaining 460,000 utility account holders, a city spokesperson said.



Excellent recycling calendar kyboshed

Toronto's beloved Waste Collection Calendar has been scrapped. Instead, a 2022 schedule will be inserted in the utility bill. Residents are asked to "watch out for it and hold onto it." A Waste Management Guide with information on how to properly sort and reduce waste will also be mailed to homes by the end of the year.

[Sculpture greets G7 brass](#)

[Mount Recyclemore](#), a giant sculpture of G7 leaders' busts made out of discarded electronics by artist Joe Rush, was installed to greet them in Sandy Acres near the site of their meeting in Carbis Bay, Cornwall to draw attention and action to a global e-waste problem. The six-week project involving 15 artists came together with support from [musicMagpie](#), a UK electronics recycler.

Must see: Winners of California Academy of Sciences' Big Picture [Natural World Photography Competition](#), especially No. 11, a sorry statement.

DID YOU KNOW?

Bill Godfrey, recently named a citizen of the year in Brampton, Ontario and founder of Facebook group, [People Against Littering](#), was highlighted recently in an article by Patricia Mohamed, whose [podcast](#) at the end features *Litterland's* Sheila White.

HEADLINE LITTER GRABBERS (JUN 6 - 13)

Some of what made our News Reel this week

Police target kids in Operation Freeze [\(6/9\)](#)

Ontario Provincial Police will be watching this summer for kids exhibiting good behaviours such as picking up litter. Officers will issue "positive tickets", redeemable for a free frosty treat from Circle K convenience stores.

Canada's 2020 "Dirty Dozen" identified [\(6/9\)](#)

Canada's top twelve littered items list from the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup notes a near doubling in single use food/drink items, and PPE for the first time.

Tennessee takes on the daunting challenge [\(6/10\)](#)

Tennessee Wildlife Federation and its litter-fighting [Tennessee CLEAN](#) arm are hailing the state's decision to do the major litter study they've been urging as the state confronts 100 million pieces of new litter on its highways in a year. "Our water, wildlife and wild places are drowning in litter," TWF's Michael Butler said.

Pennsylvania's plan goes beyond cleanups [\(6/11\)](#)

The state environment and roads departments and Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful are developing a litter prevention plan that goes beyond the 'band-aid' solution of cleanups. Four working groups are involved in the crafting -- education and outreach, infrastructure, regulation and enforcement, and partnerships.