

GREENING EFFORTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

A group of environmentally conscious employees from Eaton Corporation (pictured), 210 Windy Point Drive; Glendale Heights, volunteered their lunch hour to clean-up litter and plant flowers at Heritage Park in their on-going commitment to go green.

Josh McKnight, OEM Sales Engineer and Chairman of Eaton's green team and Linda Newton-Toniolo introduced the Glendale Heights program, "Adopt-A-Park," to employees over two years ago. Newton-Toniolo recalled, "The response was very good. Most of our employees are pretty conscientious. In no time at all, a litter crew comprised of Eaton personnel began performing cleanup tasks every two weeks during the Friday lunch hour. It requires a handful of volunteers to cover the park area complete with a lake, playground equipment, a walking trail and a Victorian home that serves as the Village Historic Center."



The Village Parks Division recognize Eaton's efforts with a sign that displays at Heritage Park.

Vicki Turen, an employee who organizes the group efforts, stated, "We have a great time participating in this effort, as it helps to keep moral up. When we drive by the park, located in our work neighborhood, it is wonderful to see the plants that we planted, begin to grow, and know that this helped to make a prettier park."

The Village of Glendale Heights applauds Eaton Corporation for their volunteer efforts, support of our "Adopt-A-Park" program, and continued commitment to care for our environment at their business. The Village's Adopt-a-Park program is run by our Parks Division and is based on the premise that citizens can make a difference in ensuring that every neighborhood park, children's playground, or natural area is clean, safe and well-maintained. Our Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department will arrange for participants to select a park to adopt and will also supply the group with needed material. For information regarding the "Adopt-A-Park" program, contact Tim McKenzie, Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities, at 1.630.260.6060 or visit the Village website at www.glendaleheights.org.

PAINT REUSE & RECYCLING

Do you have paint left over from your last paint job? Residents are reminded that paint is not an acceptable item for regular curbside refuse and recycling collections and that latex paint is no longer accepted at the ILEPA funded HHW (Household Hazardous Waste) program. Below are some helpful reuse and recycling tips for your next paint job.

- When painting a room, buy what you need, not just what is on sale.
- Save left over paint in a glass jar that leaves almost no air space, so the paint will be good for touch ups; and label the jar for which room the paint was used or keep in the room itself.
- Do not store paint in the garage - once frozen it is not reusable.
- Left over **unusable** latex paint should be consolidated into one container, then add kitty litter or oil dry to soak up the paint.
- Empty and dry paint cans may go in the recycling bin. The lid must be removed (it is recyclable and can be put in the recycling bin as well as the paint can), that way the driver/hauler can see that the can is empty of paint.
- Some Ace Hardware stores are accepting paint for reuse---for a fee.

Oil based paint, paint thinners, stain and varnish finishes are toxic. Through a program funded by the IEPA (Illinois Environmental Protection Agency-www.epa.state.il.us/land/hazardous-waste/household-haz-waste/hhw-disposal.html#Paint), Illinois residents may drop-off unwanted oil based paint at the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility, located at 1979 Brookdale Rd. Naperville (Near I-88 Highway 59). This is a drive through, drop-off facility open Sat/Sun 9:00 am - 2:00 pm; except on Holidays. For more information, visit <http://www.naperville.il.us/hhw.aspx> or call 1.630.420.4190.

LOOKING FOR TALENT

Sunday, September 19, Camera Park

The Village of Glendale Heights is seeking performers to participate in International Day on Sunday, September 19th at Camera Park. Show your heritage by wearing your native costume and perform by dancing or singing!

Please contact the Mayor's Office for more information at 1.630.909.5302.

