

## Extreme Park Makeover at Birge Park a Huge Success

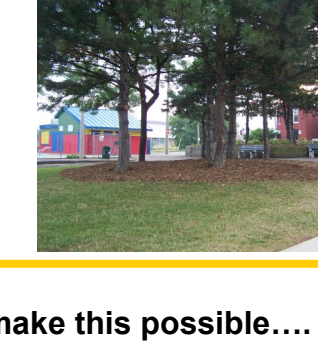
The Extreme Park Makeover is just one of the great volunteer programs that help transform our city parks to make them even better. Partnerships yield great rewards. The Extreme Park Makeover is a unique partnership, involving Public Works Staff, sponsors, volunteers and partners from the Adopt-a-Park program. The Extreme Park Makeover is an initiative of Hamilton's Operations & Waste Management Division of the Public Works Department that partners community groups with City staff to rejuvenate neighbourhood parks.

The Extreme Park Makeover at Birge Park was very unique as we had the opportunity to partner with Sinking Ship Entertainment. Birge Park was selected by Sinking Ship Entertainment's Giver Project to receive a new play structure and a playground makeover and be part of their TVO series. The episodes of the Giver were filmed over 3 days and will be broadcast on TVO in 2012. As part of the project 6 young people from this community helped envision, design and build the playground.

The Birge Park Extreme Park Makeover involved the installation of a new play structure including softile surface, removal of graffiti, new trees and plant material, a freshly painted pool area with new muskoka chairs and umbrellas, wall art boards created by local youth involved in the Rotary Summer Literacy Program and a great open space court for hockey & basketball.

**Thank you to all of the volunteers and sponsors who helped with the Birge Park Extreme Park Makeover!**

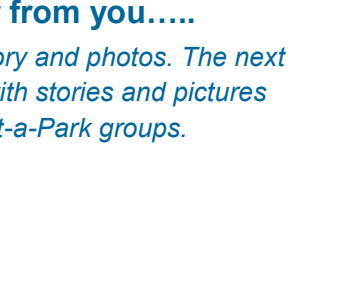
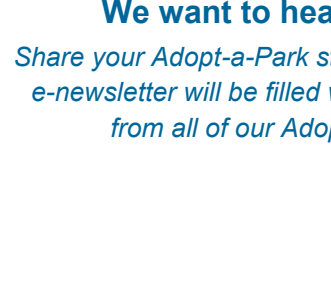
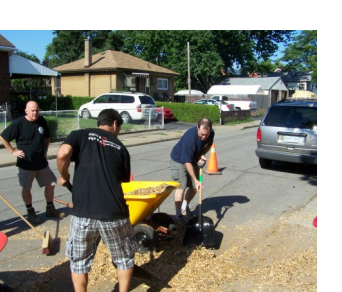
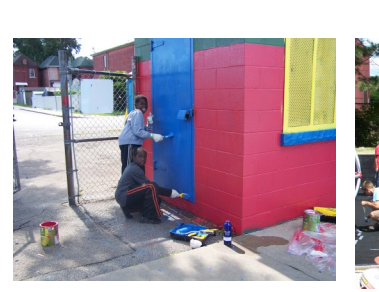
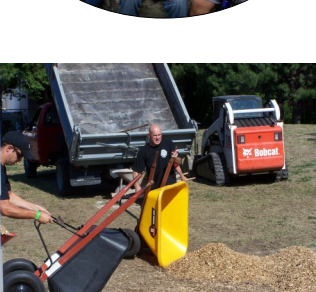
### Before photos of Birge Park.....



### After the Extreme Park Makeover....



### Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make this possible....



### We want to hear from you.....

Share your Adopt-a-Park story and photos. The next e-newsletter will be filled with stories and pictures from all of our Adopt-a-Park groups.

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