



Friday, May 17, 2013

## River Valley Clean Up Fills 7 Trucks

To kick off this year's 26<sup>th</sup> annual River Valley Clean Up, 267 dedicated volunteers swept down to Louise McKinney Riverfront Park and removed more than 200 bags of garbage under sunny spring skies.

Another 350 people from the communities of Allendale, Argyll, Avonmore, Hazeldean, Ritchie, Strathcona and Strathearn picked up litter along the Mill Creek Ravine.

Since the end of April, 74 groups have registered to clean up Edmonton's parks and river valley. Already they've picked up more than 155 cubic metres of litter, or almost seven of the City's largest residential garbage trucks.

To sign up your group anytime during the summer, visit the [River Valley Clean Up](#) web page or call 780-496-4948.

## 15 to Clean Challenge...Accepted!

Edmonton residents picked up more than 10,000 kits from Edmonton Public Libraries to take part in this year's [15 to Clean Challenge](#) by taking 15 minutes to pick up litter or report graffiti.

The mascot and street team for program sponsor GLAD Canada handed out almost 1,500 more kits.



This year's winners of tablet computers, courtesy of CTV Edmonton and the Edmonton Sun, are **Lorne Rebalkin** and **Nicole Belu**. Their names were drawn from more than 300 individuals who filled out the online survey on behalf of themselves or their groups.

## Vanquish that Vandalism!

Now that the weather is warmer, it's easier to deal with any graffiti vandalism on your property. The [Graffiti Management Program](#) offers a number of ways to help, including:

## Big Bins Open for Business

Sometimes the only thing standing in the way of a good spring cleaning or a fresh new look is that one bulky item that's too big to put out with the trash.

Good thing you don't have to pay to take those old couches, picnic tables, bald tires and mattresses to one of the City's many [Big Bin Events](#) held throughout the summer. Just make sure you [secure your load!](#)

## School Kids Eager to Clean



Students from St. Pius X join Councillor Ben Henderson for the 15 to Clean Challenge.

- Free [graffiti cleanup kits](#)
- Tips to [prevent graffiti vandalism](#)
- [Mural programs](#) that discourage vandalism
- Up to \$500 for [professional graffiti cleaning](#)

## We Want Giant Artists!

We're looking for artists to paint our next [Giants of Edmonton](#) mural this summer. You'll create on a massive work space to celebrate the centennial of one of the city's oldest communities. Deadline for applications is June 21.

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