



Neighbourhood Update

News and notes of interest to McMaster's neighbours

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Students providing services to community

Nearly 200 McMaster students will lend a helping hand to non-profit organizations in the Hamilton community this weekend, working to make a difference in the lives of others. Organized by the Office of Community Serve-Learning and Civic Engagement (OCSLCE), the venture gives students the opportunity to learn more about social issues and the needs that exist in Hamilton while giving back to the city.

Students will spend the day at volunteer placements with organizations such as The Hamilton Dream Centre, Green Venture and Participation House, where organizers hope they will learn something new about themselves as well as the Hamilton community. They'll also be cleaning up Westdale and Ainslie Wood in the 2nd Annual Community Clean Up on Saturday morning. About two dozen students will join alumni, faculty and staff to help pick up litter in our neighbourhoods.

Tentative agreement with CAW Local 555, Unit 1

The University and CAW Local 555, Unit 1 have reached a tentative collective agreement. The union represents 2200 administrative and technical support workers. The union will hold a ratification vote on Tuesday, September 29.

CUPE Local 3906, Unit 1

The University and CUPE Local 3906, Unit 1, which represents teaching assistants and some research assistants, continue talks on a new collective agreement. Both sides jointly requested the services of a provincial conciliation officer. Dates have now been set for these meetings: September 30, October 14, 15 and 16.

McMaster special duty police officers

Once again this year, McMaster University is funding additional police officers to patrol the neighbourhoods around campus. The entire cost of these Hamilton Police officers is paid by the University. Two officers in separate vehicles will be on duty every Thursday and Saturday night.

Keeping connected

As activities on campus continue, we'd like to stay connected with residents living on Mayfair Circle, Mayfair Place, Forsyth Avenue North, Forsyth Avenue and Sterling. If you are interested in receiving regular updates via e-mail, please e-mail the following information to **Gord Arbeau, Associate Director Public Relations – arbeaug@mcmaster.ca**

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