

Workshop hosted by Bay Area Restoration

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People who love being on, in or near Burlington Bay/Hamilton Harbour may be interested in attending a symposium that will discuss the health of some of its beach land and how it can be improved.

The Bay Area Restoration Council's (BARC) annual spring community workshop is slated for tomorrow (Saturday) from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This year's topic focuses on cleaner beaches.

BARC officials say that Bayfront Park Beach on the Hamilton side of the bay was closed an average of 86 per cent of the swimming season between 2002-2006.

A four-person guest panel will share their experiences on beach contamination and beach management at the workshop. Each expert will give a presentation followed by a question-and-answer session.

The public will be told what they can do to help keep the beaches open as often as possible.

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Members of the panel include Ted Bowering, manager, policy and program development water infrastructure management for Toronto Water, Tom Edge, National Water Research Institute, water science and technology directorate, Environment Canada, Jane Lee, public health inspector, City of Hamilton, and Ellen Sargent, deputy director, Department of Natural Resources, Chicago Park District.

There is no cost to attend the workshop but space is limited. RSVP to 905-527-7111 or e-mail csmith@hamiltonharbour.ca.

The event will be held at Parks Canada Discovery Centre at 57 Discovery Dr. in Hamilton. For directions, visit www.pc.gc.ca/canada/decouvertes-discovery/itm1-/index_e.asp.

Formed in 1991, BARC is a not-for-profit group working to restore and protect the bay and its watershed to create a multi-use harbour that balances diverse ecosystems with opportunities for public recreation.