Allow me to provide you a copy of WARD 8's program for helping to bring the Residents, Landlords and Students together to improve the community.
Why are we spending thousands of Tax payer Dollars and Years of debate when WARD 8 had introduced this and is seeing progress???

Why can't we take the approach were we use our existing resources and work together with the community?

I look forward to your reply.

Confused Citizen of City of Hamilton
Criminal Offences: (from the Criminal Code of Canada)

Mischief: Sec 430 (1) Every one commits mischief who willfully

a) destroys or damages property;
b) renders property dangerous, useless, inoperative or ineffective;
c) obstructs, interrupts or interferes with the lawful use, enjoyment or operation of property; or
d) obstructs, interrupts or interferes with any person in the lawful use, enjoyment or operation of property

Punishment: Every one who commits mischief in relation to property;

a) is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years; or
b) is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction.

Provincial Offences:

Liquor Licence Act:

Being intoxicated in public place $65.00 fine
Person under 19 years having OR consuming liquor $125.00 fine
Consuming OR having liquor in other than licenced premise / residence $125.00 fine

Trespass to property act:

Engage in prohibited activity on premises $65.00 fine
Fail to leave premises when directed $65.00 fine
Enter premise when entry prohibited $65.00 fine

City of Hamilton By-Laws:

By-law 01-219 (Public Parks)

Be in a park when prohibited (11pm-6am) $125.00 fine
Use profane or abusive language $125.00 fine
Accost, frighten or disturb other persons $125.00 fine
Create nuisance $125.00 fine
Ignite or set off fireworks $125.00 fine
Break, injure, deface or move City property $125.00 fine
Drive or walk in prohibited area $125.00 fine
Possess OR consume alcoholic beverage $125.00 fine


By-Law 101 in the City of Hamilton

not. It is against the law to put your garbage in front of another property or to dump it on City property including alleyways. Residents should report these incidents by calling 905.546.CITY (2489) so that Municipal Law Enforcement can follow up and take appropriate action. Illegal dumping is costly on City resources and can be avoided if people take the time to use green carts and blue box recycle containers properly.

All waste items (i.e. Blue Boxes) can be put at the curb in front of your property anytime the day before your scheduled collection.

False
Waste items are to be placed at the curb;
• after 7:30 p.m. the evening prior to your scheduled waste collection day,
• before 7:00 a.m. before your scheduled collection day.
All waste containers must be removed from the curb by 7:00 p.m. on the scheduled collection day.

There is a limit on the number of containers you can place at the curb each week for collection.

You are allowed one waste container.
Please note: There is no limit to the collection of recycled waste. If you need more information visit the waste management website at www.hamilton.ca/waste.

Waste Collection Containers (i.e. Blue Boxes) can be stored anywhere on the property.

False
All waste containers must be stored in the rear yard of the property or in the garage. Help improve the appearance of your neighbourhood by taking these small measures.

Bulk collection is provided on a seasonal, call in basis.

True
Call 905.546.CITY (2489) at least one week before your regular waste collection day to arrange for collection. There is a limit of 4 items per collection. Bulk items should be placed at the curb in the same manner as your regular waste collection.

Introduction:
The City of Hamilton has several By-laws to ensure property owners and occupant(s) maintain their properties to a minimum standard and help keep their neighbourhoods and community clean and safe. Understanding more about By-laws will help property owner(s) and occupant(s) understand their responsibilities and avoid consequences for violations of By-laws. Please review some common misunderstandings about By-laws in the following True or False questions.

The property owner is the only person responsible for making sure long grass and weeds do not exceed 8 inches high or 20 centimetres.

False
Both the property owner(s) and occupant(s) are responsible if grass and weeds are longer than 20cm. The Officer investigating will immediately post an Order to Comply which lists the violation(s) and provides a deadline date for the work to be completed. Then the Officer will re-inspect after deadline date if no action has been taken by the property owner.

- Issue a ticket to either the property owner(s) or occupant(s)
- Issue a Fee For Inspection which is the responsibility of the property owner
- Send in a contractor working on behalf of the City to bring the property into compliance. The costs will be added to the property taxes.

If an Order is posted the violation(s) need to be corrected immediately. Good communication is needed between the property owner(s), occupant(s) and the Officer named on the Order so costly consequences can be avoided.
Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: Inspection Fees for Non-Compliance of Municipal By-laws

The City of Hamilton, Municipal Law Enforcement Section advises that inspection fees may be charged for failing to comply with any municipal by-law.

An Inspection fee of ($250.00 or $128.00) may be charged when a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer determines that there is a violation of a municipal by-law and the property owner and/occupant, does not resolve the violation (compliance is not obtained).

Please note that any future violation of the same by-law may result in fees being added as soon as the violation is determined.

Inspection fees charged are added to the tax roll for the property and collected with the municipal taxes. In addition, the City of Hamilton may proceed with other enforcement measures up to and including legal action for a municipal by-law violation.

If you require more information regarding the above, please contact the Municipal Law Enforcement Section at 905-546-2782.

Revised: January 1, 2012
Operate loud speaker or amplifying equipment $125.00 fine
Enter public pool / use skateboard when prohibited $125.00 fine

**By – law 03-020: (Noise Regulation)**

Emit (or cause or permit the emission of) sound likely
to disturb another between 9pm and 7am. $125.00 fine

**By-law 09-110: (Public Order)**

Urinate in public place $260.00 fine
Defecate in a public place $385.00 fine
Cause to knock over mailbox $260.00 fine

If the Police have to attend your residence more than once your landlord will be fine $245.00 "Fee for Service" fine by the City of Hamilton. This will undoubtedly result in your eviction and / or be added to your rent.

A/Sgt Joanne CAIN #779
Crime Manager – Sector Two
905-546-2447
jcain@hamiltonpolice.on.ca
Student Neighbourhood
Guide to Local By-Laws and Laws

Hamilton Police Service
And
City of Hamilton Municipal By-Law Enforcement
Students:

The Hamilton Police Service, in conjunction with the Hamilton Municipal Law Enforcement, would like to send out our well wishes for your upcoming exams and eventual summer break.

In years past, some college students have diminished neighbourhood quality of life. Over the last couple of years the Hamilton Police and Municipal Law Enforcement have experienced record low calls for service in your community. We would like to continue in that manner.

To do so please understand that citizens have the right to the lawful enjoyment of their property. Any infringement of these rights will be dealt with by the Hamilton Police Service, Hamilton By-law officers, property standards and the administration of Mohawk College.

If you choose to commit Criminal, Provincial or By-law offences you may find yourself in court, fined and evicted from your rental property and / or expelled from Mohawk College.

The Police Service and Municipal Law Enforcement are sending out this message and information booklet as a means to educate you before any issues arise.

Please note that the Police Service and By-law officers will take a zero tolerance approach to any infractions.

We sincerely hope that we can work together to make your move out an enjoyable one with limited Police / By-Law involvement.

If you have any questions or concerns you can contact the Municipal Law Enforcement Section at 905-546-2782 OR A/Sgt Joanne CAIN - Crime Manager - Sector Two at 905-546-2447 Hamilton Police

Thank - You
Only the occupant(s) are responsible if there is a violation of the Noise By-law (03-020).

False

Both the property owner(s) and occupant(s) are responsible. The following may result if violations are determined;
- Tickets issued to occupant(s) and/or property owner(s), or both
- "Fee For Inspection" costs are applied for second and any additional inspections where violations are found. These costs are the responsibility of the property owner
- Summons issued to appear in court
- Violations are determined by the Hamilton by-law department.
- Loud music and voices disturb people in your neighborhood especially at night. It is important to know that the Noise By-Law is in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

There are alternatives to having grass.

True

Grass is high maintenance compared to some other landscaped options. The following are some suggestions for you to consider and investigate:
- Low growing ground covers can be suitable replacements for turf and some require little water and stay green all through the seasons. Switching to ground covers will cut down on mowing, fertilizing, watering, pesticides, and erosion. Ground covers are also a great idea for those areas where grass is more difficult to grow such as in dry shade.
- Rock gardens and stone landscaping are becoming very popular because they are generally easy to create and provide the 'natural' look that a lot of people enjoy. If you are not a plant lover and want a low maintenance landscape design, rocks and stones may be what you are looking for.
- Any tree planted on the front of a property can be trimmed or cut by the property owner or occupant.

False

Many trees on front lawns are actually on City Property and it is a violation of the Street Tree By-law 06-181 to; trim, cut, remove, nail, rope, wire, or fasten anything to it. To determine if a tree is on your property or on City property, you need to call 905 546-2489 to have staff from Forestry determine who owns the tree before doing any work.

Illegal Dumping is caused due to the one waste collection container limit.

False

Illegal dumping is an issue that most municipalities deal with, whether they have garbage limits or not.