

Earth Stewardship 2010

Did you know?

Earth Day is Every Day, and we are kicking off the spring to renew our commitment to the environment. We hope you join us and RENEW your commitment with us. The following are opportunities to become stewards and opportunities for you to be a part of taking care of our environment.

Adopt-a-Street,
Adopt-a-Roadway
& Adopt-a-Highway



Your group, organization, church or school can make a difference by "Adopting" a street, roadway or park. These programs instill pride in all who participate, provide a way for groups to contribute to the community, enhance the environment, and most importantly—keep our community litter free.

For information on the Adopt-a-Street program contact Mansfield Litter Prevention & Recycling at 419.755.9699.

For Adopt-a-Roadway, contact the Richland County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority at 419.774.5861, or to "Adopt-a-Park", contact the city of Mansfield Parks Dept. at 419.755.9820.

For information on how to Adopt-a-Highway, contact the Ohio Dept. of Transportation at: 419.207.7181

Be a part of making a difference in our community by joining Mansfield Litter Prevention & Recycling in one of our special litter clean up events.

Operation Clean Sweep is

our downtown clean-up event, in partnership with Main Street Mansfield and the Mansfield Alliance.

Meet at 5:00 p.m. at the Gazebo

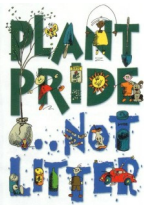
Date: Tuesday, May 18th (rain date of May 20th)
Tuesday, September 14th

Operation Save Our Streams (S.O.S.) is

our stream clean up program. Keeping our streams free of litter and debris is an important part of the city of Mansfield's water quality. Locations T.B.A.

Date: Saturday, June 19th
Thursday, September 2nd

For more information or to register, call Mansfield Litter Prevention & Recycling at 419.755.9699 or e-mail: manslprp@ci.mansfield.oh.us.



Let's Keep
Our Streets
and
Streams
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Friends of Mansfield Parks

The Friends of Mansfield Parks, (F.O.M.P.), is a project of Downtown Mansfield, Inc., whose goal is to pursue conservancy, beautification, education and advocacy for Mansfield City Parks.

F.O.M.P.'s objectives are:

- To work with the Mansfield Parks System to maintain and establish family friendly parks.
- To provide park oriented programs for all family members
- To provide and support stewards for each park
- To collaborate with other organizations and business
- To preserve and advocate for the 400 plus acres of public park space

Join the Fun— Join F.O.M.P.!

For more information call 419.522.0099, or email bryan@downtownmansfield.com.



Members of the Earth Stewardship Committee: CACY/POP, Friends of Mansfield Parks, Kingwood Center, Mansfield Litter Prevention & Recycling, Mansfield/Ontario/Richland County Health Department, North End Community Improvement Collaborative; OSU Extension, Richland Soil & Water Conservation District, and the Richland County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority



Special Events and Information to help you be good stewards.

Mercury Thermometer Swap Earth Day Celebration



WHEN: Saturday, April 17, 2010
WHERE: 1125 National Parkway
TIME: 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.



Anyone can bring in their home mercury fever thermometer in a **ZIPLOC BAG** for a **FREE** digital non-mercury thermometer. (One per family, while supplies last). Find out more about mercury—what your county is promoting to reduce/eliminate mercury hazards in the environment and your home. Learn about the year-round electronics Collection Facility and what the Richland County Solid Waste Management Authority accepts for recycling. The **Mansfield-Ontario-Richland County Health Department wants you to Keep Richland County Beautiful by doing your part to protect the environment.**

Sponsored by the Mansfield/Ontario/Richland County Health Department and the Richland County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority.

What do you do with Scrap Tires?

There is a solution! The Richland County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority collects tires for recycling:

WHEN: Tuesday through Saturday
WHERE: 1125 National Parkway (office of the Richland County Solid Waste/Electronics Collection Facility)
HOURS: 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.



Cost: (10 TIRE LIMIT)
\$ 3.00 per tire for tires up to 16"
\$ 5.00 for tires on the rim
\$ 8.00 for semi-tires off rim
\$.20¢ per pound for Oversize Tires

Be part of the difference!

We can reduce the number of scrap tires by increasing the life of your tires.

- Purchase longer-tread life tires
- Rotate tires every 4,000 miles
- Check for/inflate tires to recommended air pressure levels twice a month.
- Balance tires when rotating
- Be a careful driver, avoid hitting potholes and curbs.

Questions: Call the Richland County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority at 419.774.5861.

Clean Water is Everybody's Business... How YOU can help protect Mansfield's Water Quality

Unmanaged storm water can increase the variety of pollutants carried into streams, rivers and lakes. These pollutants include: sediment, oil, grease and toxic chemicals from motor vehicles. Pesticides, nutrients from lawns and gardens and much more.

WHAT CAN YOU DO to be a part of taking care of our water and decrease pollution runoff?:

- Follow label directions when using fertilizers.
- Sweep driveways and sidewalks instead of using a hose.
- Instead of disposing yard waste, start a compost pile.
- Remember: "Scoop the Poop" and pick up after your pet. Runoff of animal waste is a pollutant that when it reaches streams causes numerous problems, including algae and weeds.
- Check your cars for leaks and recycle your motor oil
- Learn to "clean green" by using alternative cleaning products.
- Keep your storm drains free of litter and debris (Join the "Adopt a Gutter" program).

For more information, tips, or how you can become involved, contact Mansfield Litter Prevention & Recycling at 419.755.9699.

NECIC Small Grants Support



North End Stewardship

The North End Community Improvement Collaborative is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Mansfield's North End*. We invite North End residents, churches, non-profits and community organizations to organize a group and **apply for a Small Grant of up to \$250**. These funds can be used to support and expand neighborhood clean-ups, community stewardship, health and safety, and other **projects or events that provide a public benefit** to the North End.

Small grant applications are due by March 26.

For more information or to receive a small grant application, **contact NECIC at (419) 525-3101** or 199 N. Main Street. *The North End includes the neighborhoods between Park Avenue West and Longview Avenue, Trimble Road and Main Street.