

CITIZENS AGAINST LITTER

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10,000 VOLUNTEERS WILL PICK UP LITTER IN WEEKEND REDD UPS; “PITT MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY” STUDENTS TO AID 55 NEIGHBORHOODS

An estimated 10,000 volunteers will take to the streets of Pittsburgh neighborhoods and many Allegheny County communities next Friday, Saturday and Sunday (Oct. 21, 22, 23) for the annual Fall Redd Up.

Volunteers are split among three categories; school kids, college students and neighborhood residents, said Boris Weinstein of Citizens Against Litter.

Stash the Trash, a Pittsburgh tradition, will kick off the weekend when several thousand kids in 19 city public and parochial schools pick up litter on and around their campuses on Friday. Most of the city’s 90 neighborhoods answer the call on Saturday, Oct. 22. Most Clean Pittsburgh stewards say their clean ups start at 9 a.m. and continue into the afternoon.

Supporting neighborhoods for the fourth year will be “Pitt Make a Difference Day” student volunteers. Pitt’s outreach staff has assigned 3,000 students on 69 busses (and walking destinations) going to 55 neighborhoods. Pitt volunteers will arrive at 10.a.m. and work until 2:30 p.m.

Removing litter and trash, planting and working on community gardens are among the Redd Up projects on tap, stewards tell Citizens Against Litter.

PA. Resources Council, Allegheny CleanWays, Citizens Against Litter and Pittsburgh Public Works—all represented on the Clean Pittsburgh Commission—combine resources to support neighborhood Redd Ups.

Groups and individuals interested in participating as volunteers can still contact Citizens Against Litter who will put them in touch with neighborhood Clean Pittsburgh stewards.

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Allegheny CleanWays, the organization that assists neighborhoods with eliminating illegal dumpsites, will also participate in the Redd Up. Contact Myrna Newman for information at myrnan@alleghenycleanways.org or 412-381-1301. Allegheny CleanWays welcomes volunteers.

Participating in the Redd Up are: Pittsburgh--Allegheny West, Allentown, Banksville, Bedford Dwellings, Beechview, Beltzhoover, Bloomfield, Bluff, Brighton Heights, Brightwood, Brookline, California-Kirkbride, Carrick, Central Northside, Crafton Heights, Downtown, Duquesne Heights, East Allegheny, East Carnegie, East Hills, Elliott, Esplen, Fineview, Friendship, Garfield, Glen Hazel, Greenfield, Hays, Hazelwood, Highland Park, Homewood, Eliza Furnace Trail, Larimer, Lawrenceville, Lincoln-Lemington, Lincoln Place, Lower Hill, Manchester, Mexican War Streets, Middle Hill, Morningside, Mount Oliver, Mount Washington, New Homestead, Oak Hill, Oakland, Oakwood, Observatory Hill, Overbrook, Perry Hilltop, Polish Hill, Regent Square, Ridgemont, Schenley Heights, Sheraden, South Oakland, South Side Flats, South Point Breeze, South Side Slopes, Spring Garden-East Deutschtown, Spring Hill, Stanton Heights, Strip District, Squirrel Hill, Summer Hill, Swisshelm Park, Troy Hill, Uptown, Westwood, West End Village and Windgap.

Allegheny County—Aspinwall, Brentwood, Dormont, McKees Rocks, Mount Oliver, Penn Hills, Sharpsburg, South Park Township, Friends of South Park, Stowe, White Oak and Wilmerding.

Pitt students will work alongside neighborhood volunteers in Allentown, Banksville Road, Beechview, Brighton Heights, Brightwood, Bloomfield, Brookline, California-Kirkbride, Crafton Heights, Elliott, Esplen, Fineview, Eliza Furnace Trail (Friends of the Riverfront), Friendship, Garfield, Hays, Lincoln Place, New Homestead, Hazelwood, Homewood, Larimer, Lawrenceville, Manchester, Mexican War Streets, Central Northside, Middle Hill District, Morningside, Mount Oliver (city and county), Mount Washington, Oakland, Perry Hilltop, Polish Hill, Ridgemont, Schenley Heights, Shadyside, Sheraden, South Oakland, South Side Flats, South Side Slopes, Spring Garden-East Deutschtown, Stanton Heights, Strip District, Summer Hill, Troy Hill, West End, Westwood, Windgap, Aspinwall, Brentwood, Dormont, McKees Rocks, Sharpsburg, Penn Hills, Stowe and Wilkinsburg.

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