

CITIZENS AGAINST LITTER

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“WE’RE HALFWAY TO OUR 2012 EARTH DAY GOALS”; 250 COMMUNITIES, 250 TONS & 20,000 VOLUNTEERS

“We’re approaching 50% of our challenging triple goal for the Spring Earth Day Redd Up weekend, Apr. 20, 21, 22,” said Boris Weinstein of Citizens Against Litter, the coordinating group.

The goals announced earlier are participation by 250 Pittsburgh neighborhoods/ groups and communities in Allegheny, Washington, Beaver, Butler and Westmoreland counties, 250 tons of collected litter and trash and 20,000 volunteers.

“We expect sign ups to pick up now that the holidays are behind us.” said Weinstein. “It’s hard to focus on spring cleanups before the affects of winter and snow have hardly been felt. There’s still 3 ½ months to Earth Day (Apr. 22). That’s plenty of time to reach and exceed the goals.”

In Pittsburgh so far 78 of 90 neighborhoods say they will participate. In Allegheny County, the number is 24. Dozens of groups have signed on as well.

Communities/groups and individuals interested in participating as volunteers are asked to contact Citizens Against Litter who will put them in touch with neighborhood Clean Pittsburgh Stewards. Contact boris.weinstein@verizon.net or call 412-688-9120.

Pittsburgh public, private and parochial schools kick off the weekend on Friday, Apr. 20 with the Stash the Trash event. To register your school, contact Sarah Alessio Shea at PA

Beauregard Council, the coordinating organization, at saasha@pa-beauregard.com or call 412-488-7400.

Participating in Pittsburgh—Allegheny CleanWays, Allegheny West, Allentown, Banksville, Banksville Road, Bedford Dwellings, Beechview, Beltzhoover, Bloomfield, Brookline, Brighton Heights, Brightwood, California-Kirkbride, Carrick, Central Northside, Chartiers, Clean Green Hill, Crafton Heights, Downtown Partnership, Duquesne Heights, East Allegheny, East Carnegie, East Hills, East Liberty, Elliott, Fairywood, Fineview, Friendship, Friends of the Riverfront, Garfield, Glen Hazel, Greenfield, Hays, Hazelwood, Highland Park, Homewood, Larimer, Lawrenceville, Lincoln-Lemington, Lincoln Place, Lower Hill, Manchester, Mexican War Streets, Morningside, Mount Oliver, Mount Washington, Middle Hill, New Homestead, Paddling Without Pollution, PA Resources Council, Oakland, Observatory Hill, Overbrook, Perry Hilltop, Pittsburgh Cares, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, Pittsburgh Pirates, Pittsburgh Post Office, Pittsburgh Public Schools, Pittsburgh Job Corps, Polish Hill, Redd Up Zone groups: Allegheny County Adult Probation, Heinz History Center, PA Resources Council, Spring Hill Civic League, West End Children’s Center, Regent Square, Ridgemont, Schenley Heights, Shadyside, Sheraden, South Oakland, South Side, South Side Slopes, Spring Garden-Deutchtown, Spring Hill, Stanton Heights, Strip District, Squirrel Hill, Summer Hill, Swisshelm Park, The Academy School, Totally Against Graffiti, Uptown, Windgap, West End and Westwood.

Allegheny County—Brentwood, Crafton, Cranberry, Dormont, Etna, Findlay, Heidelberg, McKees Rocks, Moon, Monroeville, Mount Lebanon, Mount Oliver, Natrona, North Versailles, Penn Hills, Robinson, Shaler, Sharpsburg, South Park, Stowe, West View, Wilkins, Wilkesburg and Wilmerding.

Beaver County—Ambridge, Beaver, Harmony; Washington County—Coal Center.

Citizens Against Litter, PA Resources Council, Allegheny CleanWays, Renew Pittsburgh and Totally Against Graffiti are members of the Clean Pittsburgh Commission. Groups and communities lean heavily on Pittsburgh Public Works and other public works departments to haul away collected litter. Pittsburgh Public Works, PennDOT and Allegheny CleanWays provide bags and gloves and, in some cases, safety vests for volunteers.

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