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A new initiative from the Monroe County Department of Parks
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Join us and several local recreation and environmental groups in kicking off this new local stewardship event. In this first year, we will be targeting 4 parks: Ellison, Genesee Valley, Greece, and Ontario Beach Parks for clean up and other park improvements. Why just four? As you know there are 21 parks within the Monroe County Parks system. As it's a first year event, we wanted to identify popular parks that could also accommodate our widespread community. We welcome your ideas for future projects and will certainly add more parks to the event as community support grows.

Email or call today to register your family, group of friends, club, organization, scout troop, or class! Contact Ryan Loysen at rloysen@monroecounty.gov or 585-753-7281.

Be sure to tell us your group size, preferred park, e-mail address, and phone number, or just come on out to one of the project sites on April 10th and register on-site. Orientation begins at 10 a.m. at each project site with refreshments and additional information. Group projects and field work will begin at 10:30 a.m.

The Monroe County Parks belong to all of us, so let's join together to keep them clean and green. Check back for additional event details, meet-up locations and park information at www.monroecounty.gov/parks

EVENT DETAILS

WHO

Any individual, club, group, team, student, class, or family that wants our parks to stay clean and green.

WHAT

Pitch in and "Pick up the Parks." Help the Parks clean up from the Winter accumulation of trash and get the parks looking great for Spring and Summer.

WHY

We all love the parks... let's do our part to keep them clean and green!

WHEN

Saturday, April 10th, 2010, 10am-1pm (Rain/Snow day is April 17th, 10am-1pm)

- Arrive by 10 for refreshments, orientation, and safety instructions.

- Start work by 10:30am

* Early Bird Special- Do you want to start early? Then you're in luck! You can choose Ellison Park for your Pick Up the Parks day.

Meet event volunteers at 8:30 at the Creekside Shelter for your orientation.

WHERE

Four beautiful and very popular Monroe County Parks.

- *Ellison Park- meet at Creekside Lodge (This site will have event volunteers at Creekside Lodge as of 8:30am to provide your orientation.*

Cleanup groups for this site may have the option to go to Tryon Park, Irondequoit Bay Park West, Ellison Park Wetlands, or Abraham Lincoln Park.)

- *Genesee Valley Park- meet at Roundhouse Shelter*

- *Ontario Beach Park- meet at Portside Shelter*

- *Greece Canal Park- meet at Towpath Shelter*

SIGN-UP

- You can pre-register or just show up at one of the four project sites to join the fun. Be sure to include your group size, preferred park, e-mail address, and phone number.

- Pre-register by calling or e-mailing Ryan Loysen at 585-753-7281 or rloysen@monroecounty.gov

WHAT TO BRING

- Your favorite pair of work gloves
- Weather-appropriate clothing and footwear (boots, hat, dress in layers)
- A pick-up-stick, or garbage-grabber (these tools will not be provided by the Parks Department)
- All of your favorite fans of the Monroe County Parks!

WHAT'S PROVIDED

- Light refreshments, such as coffee, water, or donuts to get you going!
- Separate bags for garbage items and recycling items (sorting recyclables is encouraged, when reasonable and safe, but not required).
- Site captains will provide instructions and directions for a safe, successful day in the park.
- First aid kits will be available at each park and the Sherriff will be informed and aware of the event.
- Bathrooms and/or porta-potties will be available near the meet-up Shelter/Lodge.
- Gloves may be available at the event but it is strongly encouraged that you bring your own.

OTHER DETAILS

- The "Buddy System" is encouraged. If you come on your own, we'll pair you up with one or more other volunteers, or a work group.
- Each park will be divided into sectors and work groups will be assigned to a sector.
- Additional park beautification tasks may be available should we have a higher-than-expected turn-out, or minimal trash to pick up (brush, leaf, or debris clean-up). In this case, any required tools would be provided by the Park Staff.
- Dangerous material, heavy items, dead animals, etc. are to be left in place and flagged (flags or markers provided by Parks Department).
- Each park will have a drop-off spot where you can bring your full trash bags to be weighed.
- Poster boards will be at drop-off spots to document the most common trash items.
- A First Aid Kit will be available on-site, and the Sheriff's Office will be on-call for the event.
- By registering and checking in at the event, you are registering as a Monroe County Volunteer and will be covered by our General Liability Insurance.

We look forward to seeing you out at the Parks!

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