PICK UP THE PARKS

DAY OF DETAILS

WHO?

Any individual, club, group, team, class, or family that wants our parks to stay clean and green can participate. Please help spread the word via your organization's Facebook page, Twitter account, newsletter, or website.

WHAT?

Help clean up the parks from the winter accumulation of trash and debris, reduce litter entering our local waterways, and help get the parks looking great for spring and summer.

Specific jobs include:

- Picking up trash/litter and/or loading up trucks to take trash off-site
- Raking/picking up debris (leaves, sticks, and rocks)
- Additional duties such as sweeping shelter & lodge areas and hard surfaces, and mulching & weeding may be available at some locations
- We will also have some of our event partners setting up interactive, educational tables at the picnic, which is brought to us, courtesy of County Executive Maggie Brooks.

WHEN?

Saturday, April 13th, 2013

- **9am - 12pm, trash & debris cleanup**
- **12 - 2pm, thank-you picnic at Highland Bowl**

Events are rain or shine. Unless extreme weather occurs, we will not postpone the events.

WHY?

We all love the parks and local waterways…let's do our part to keep our parks and watersheds clean!

Each registered* volunteer will:

- Be entered in a raffle for a chance to win a refurbished laptop from Sunnking Electronics Recycling, a set of Rochester Red Wings tickets, or a set of Seneca Park Zoo tickets.
- Receive a coupon for a free Happy Ending Sundae from Friendly's Restaurants.
- Receive a ticket for the Thank You Picnic at Highland Park Bowl *(Limit one raffle entry, coupon, and ticket per volunteer)*

Each volunteer must submit a completed Volunteer Registration Form (VRF) or sign one on-site, in order to participate.

Wegmans

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Maggie Brooks, County Executive

Larry Staub, Director of Parks

Monroe County Sports Commission

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WHERE?

Join our Site-Hosts at one of the Meet-Up Sites below.

(Max # of volunteers noted, pre-register early!)

- Abraham Lincoln Park- in parking lot on Empire Boulevard, south of Rossman Drive (max 30)
- Black Creek Park- at Pathfinder Shelter, in park, off Union Street (max 50) **
- Churchville Park- at Church Lodge, on Main Street, near Park Road (max 40) **
- Durand Eastman Park- at Sunset Shelter, on King's Highway near Lakeshore Boulevard (max 50) **
- Ellison Park- at Creekside Lodge, in park, off Blossom Road (max 75) **
- Genesee Valley Park- at Riverbend Shelter, in park, off Elmwood Avenue (max 75) **
- Greece Canal Park- at Towpath Shelter, in park, off Elmgrove Road (max 40) **
- Highland Park- at Highland Park Bowl on South Avenue, near Robinson Drive (max 40)
- Irondequoit Bay Marine Park- at bathroom facility in park, at north/east end of Culver Road (max 30)
- Irondequoit Bay Park West- in parking lot next to Irondequoit Fish & Game Club on Bayfront South (max 30)
- Lehigh Valley Trail/Mendon Station Park- at flagpole near trailhead on Route 251 (max 20) **
- Lehigh Valley Trail/Rochester Junction- at trailhead/boxcar near intersection of Junction and Plains Roads, off Route 251/Rush Mendon Road (max 20) **
- Lucien Morin Park- in parking lot on Empire Boulevard, next to MacGregor's Restaurant (max 30)
- Northampton Park- at Springdale Farm's Visitor Education Center, at 700 Colby Street, off Route 31 (max 30)
- Ontario Beach Park- at Portside Shelter, in park, off Lake and Beach Avenues (max 40) **
- Powder Mills Park- at Rand Lodge, on Park Road, off Route 96 (max 50) **
- Seneca Park- at Wegman Lodge in lower Seneca Park, at the north end of Trout Pond (max 75) **
- Tryon Park- in parking lot at end of Tryon Park (max 30)
- Webster Park- at Parkview Lodge, on Holt Road, near Lake Road (max 50) **

*** Indicates a Meet-Up Site where additional duties, such as sweeping shelter & lodge areas and hard surfaces, and mulching & weeding may be available*

DO I NEED TO BRING ANYTHING?

What To Bring?

- Your signed Volunteer Registration Form (blank copies can be found at www.monroecounty.gov/parks or signed at each park. Minors must have the form signed by a parent or guardian).
- Weather-appropriate clothing and footwear (boots, hat, dress in layers).
- Your favorite pair of work gloves.
- A pick-up-stick, garbage-grabber, or even a pair of old tongs if you choose (these tools will not be provided by the Parks Department)
- Water bottle and/or coffee mug to keep yourself hydrated. Water jugs will be available to refill your bottles.

What's Provided?

- Coffee, water, fruit, and granola bars to get you going!
- Garbage bags *(recyclable items will be sorted out at the Monroe County transfer station)*.
- Instructions and directions for a safe, successful day in the park.
- First-aid kits will be available at each park.
- Bathrooms and/or porta-potties.

Other Details

- All trash can be placed in the same bag; Cascades Recovery will perform a waste audit and all recyclable items will be sorted out at a later time.
- Buddy system is encouraged.
- Each park will be divided into sectors and work groups will be assigned to a sector by the Site-Host.
- Additional park beautification tasks may be available should we have a higher-than-expected turn-out, or lower than expected trash to pick up (e.g. brush, leaf, or debris clean-up). In this case, any required tools would be provided by the Park Staff.
- Dangerous or sharp materials, or heavy items can be left in place and flagged. Park Staff will return to pick up those items. (Flags or markers provided by Parks Department).
- Items such as dead animals should always be left in place.
- All trash/bags should be brought to the edge of the closest road or dropped off at the original meet-up spot. Poster boards will be at meet-up spots to document the most common trash items.
- By registering and checking in at the event, you are registering as a Monroe County Volunteer and agree to abide by the guidelines of the Volunteer Registration Form.
- Please leave your pets at home.

Thanks to our Site-Host Organizations

- *Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE)*
- *Geocachers of the Rochester Area (Geo-Roc)*
- *Sierra Club Rochester Regional Group*
- *Genesee Valley Chapter Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK)*
- *The Penfield Green Initiative*
- *YMCA Camp Arrowhead*
- *Highland Park Conservancy*
- *Landmark Society/Olmsted Preservation Society*
- *Riga Recreation Department*
- *Genesee Regional Off-road Cyclists*
- *Girl Scout Troops of Pittsford*
- *Boy Scout Troop 356*
- *Rochester Civic Garden Center*
- *Irondequoit Fish & Game Club*
- *Rochester Pagan Pride Project*
- *Bay Creek Paddling*
- *Irondequoit Conservation Board*
- *Eastern Mountain Sports*
- *Mendon Foundation*
- *Springdale Farm*

Thanks to our Event & Publicity Partners

- *SUNY Brockport*
- *Kickball League of Rochester*
- *Full Moon Vista*
- *Rochester Young Professionals*
- *Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District*
- *Alliance for the Great Lakes*
- *Monroe County Health Department*
- *Monroe County Department of Environmental Services*
- *Greater Rochester Disc Golf Club*
- *Churchville Lions Club*
- *Seneca Park Zoo Society*
- *Center for Environmental Initiatives*
- *Genesee Valley Audubon Society*
- *Mark Thompson & I.A. Datthyn Family Farm*
- *Highland Park Neighbors*