

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**Partners In Pride
Celebrating 30 Years of
Teaming Up to Tidy Up Wyckoff!**

The all-volunteer civic organization Partners and Pride (PIP) is celebrating 30 years this year! This wonderful organization was created by long-time residents Tom and Mary Bugel in 1987. Mary Bugel was concerned with litter that she was seeing around town, especially in the shopping centers, so she decided to take action with seven other residents by cleaning up and planting flowers throughout the town. The PIPs organized the first town-wide clean-up day in the fall of 1987.

They have constructed many plantings throughout Wyckoff's beautiful downtown area over the years. The group began by planting flowers in whiskey barrels but later moved to concrete planters when the whiskey barrels started to deteriorate. They have managed to enhance the beauty of Wyckoff through all of their hard work and efforts. Their latest project is re-planting the Russell Avenue 208 traffic island with the assistance of local businesses. Throughout the years, many local businesses have assisted the PIPs.

Thanks to Tom and Mary Bugel for having the insight and resilience to create this organization that has added such great value to our town. Also, thank you to all the volunteer members who work selflessly and tirelessly and have contributed many hours to ensure our residents can be proud of their town. (For example, volunteers water, weed and care for flowers planted in the decorative tubs throughout Wyckoff, they water flowers planted on traffic islands and have donated the holiday ornaments that adorn the decorative street lamps during the holidays, Pips plant trees, and they also donated the "Welcome to Wyckoff" signs). The Township of Wyckoff has benefitted from the beautification projects Partners in Pride have performed.

You are invited to join the Environmental Commission and the PIPs at the Township's annual Team Up To Tidy Up Day (our community clean-up day) on Saturday, April 1 at 9:00 am (Rain date: April 8). Please call 201-891-7000 ext. 116 before the event to register for a specific location. Volunteers are asked to meet at 8:30 a.m. in the second floor court room at Town Hall, where clean-up assignments will be finalized and a group photo taken before the work begins. Clean up supplies will be provided so all you have to bring is your enthusiasm, community pride and a desire to fight litter!

The PIP's are always in need of volunteers. If you are interested in joining there will be a table with information available at Team Up To Tidy Day or you can call Susan Litt, President of Partners in Pride, at 201-805-3227 or email her at susanlitt2002@aol.com.