

## TEAM UP TO TIDY UP FOSTERS “KEEP IT CLEAN AND KEEP IT GREEN”

Sunny skies prevailed and the weather was well-timed for a great day for all who participated in the Township's Annual Clean Up Day – *Wyckoff's Team Up To Tidy Up Day* this past Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. The event, first held in 1989 and conducted every year since, was a great success with over 200 volunteers participating.

Environmental Commission members, Denise Capparelli, Christine Key, Randy Hoogerhyde and Township Committeeman Tom Madigan, Environmental Commission liaison, along with Jr. Environmental Commissioners, Dan O'Connell, Jasmine Ho, Nick Rea, Allison Sassano and Alex Sullivan were accompanied by the Mayor and Township Committee members.

Volunteers of all ages were present including the Boy Scout Troop 89, Cub Scout Packs 110 and 309, Lincoln School Girl Scout Troop and the Eisenhower Middle School React Club. Members of the Green Team Task Force with help from the Wyckoff Rotary and Partners in Pride, a civic group dedicated to the beautification of Wyckoff were all available to lend a hand. We are very happy that many families and local organizations chose to make this a family event. The volunteers worked diligently to collect litter from more than 27 quasi-public sites throughout Wyckoff where litter seems to collect more. Volunteers ultimately collected a total of 62 bags of trash and 43 bags of single stream recyclable materials. Please check your Friday E-News for information on next year's event.

We would like to remind everyone that keeping our community clean and free of litter should not be limited to one day a year but a strategy for every day. Some anti-litter strategies to remember are:

- Bring reusable bags to the grocery store or supermarket rather than taking plastic or paper bags.
- If you forget to take your reusable bags to the grocery store and you use plastic grocery bags, please return your plastic grocery bags to your grocery store upon your next visit.
- Don't throw litter on the ground. If you see litter pick it up.
- Cigarette butts are litter. Dispose of them properly.
- Use trash and recycling receptacles where available. If no receptacles are available put discards in a bag to bring home to dispose of them.
- Adopt an area and keep it litter-free all year long.
- Use reusable drink containers instead of disposables.
- Remember only rain should be kept in a storm drain on a street
- **Wyckoff Recycles Weekly!**

The Township's Nifty-Fifty Program helps to promote recycling and to increase our residential recycling rate to 50%. The Township of Wyckoff is encouraging residents to reduce the amount of trash that needs to be transported to landfills by increasing the recyclables and decreasing the trash each family places at the curb. These strategies will not only help the Nifty-Fifty program to meet its 50% goal, but will also help to reduce refuse collection costs. Each month the Recyclometer as seen on [www.wyckoff-nj.com](http://www.wyckoff-nj.com), is updated with the current month's recycling rate. The March 2018 resident's recycling rate is 34.44%.

The Township Committee and the Environmental Commission appreciate all the volunteers for their time and effort in making Team Up to Tidy Up Day a great success! Remember that keeping the Township litter-free also keeps our waterways and water supply cleaner as well as providing a cleaner habitat for all. So please remember.....

**ONLY RAIN IN THE DRAIN**  
**Keep Litter Out of Storm Drains!**



**DON'T TREAT YOUR**  
**RECYCLABLES LIKE TRASH**  
**RECYCLE WEEKLY**

