

Earth Day 2011

Mark your Calendars!! Wednesday May 11th has been designated as this year's Earth Day!

The Earth Day volunteers will visit many of the same schools, non-profit agencies, community centers, parks and rivers as they have in the past. However, this year new projects are being introduced. The volunteers are partnering with the North End Community Improvement Collaborative (NECIC) to help them with their Community Garden Program. Community gardening is becoming a nationwide phenomenon. It essentially takes abandoned and neglected sites and turns them into real producing gardens. This allows residents in the neighborhoods to be able to grow their own food. Not only does this promote healthy eating, it also provides plenty of food very economically. Please take a look at the brochure from the NECIC to learn more about the Mansfield Community Garden program. The Earth Day volunteer's main goal on Earth Day will be to assist the NECIC with creating 3 new gardens. They have also asked for help in preparing their 5 existing gardens for this year's planting, which will primarily consist of tilling & weeding. They are also interested in getting some compost bins and rain barrels constructed so Kris Keplinger, project coordinator, is asking for assistance from all of you carpenters out there!

This year has some new and large ventures for the Earth Day volunteers and there are many projects to sign up for. The list to sign up goes out on May 4th. If you have any specific questions or concerns regarding Earth Day 2011, please contact Krista Keplinger at 520-6463

