

Norfolk's Clean and Green Campaign

Sponsored by the Norfolk Grange #135



Celebrating Earth Day ! The 6th Annual Town-wide Clean Up ! *** Saturday, April 25, 2015 ***

Celebrate Earth Day by participating in **Norfolk's 6th Annual Clean & Green Campaign** sponsored by the Norfolk Grange #135. This town-wide clean up will take place on **Saturday, April 25**, collecting litter and recyclables from Norfolk's roadsides and public places. This year, the drop off location for collected litter and recycling will be at the **Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**.

The Norfolk Grange welcomes all and especially youth organizations in the Town of Norfolk to participate in this annual event. The focus of this year's project is once again to "clean" the unsightly rubbish and litter carelessly discarded by others on the sides of the road and in public places in our community. At Stony Brook, we will celebrate the collection with community photos, cute "green" giveaways and lots of Earth Day information. The Norfolk Grange will provide *Volunteer Recognition Certificates* to participants documenting their community service involvement.

In celebration of Earth Day, 2015, the Norfolk Grange has proudly partnered with Stony Brook and is joining in their celebration of Earth Day/Arbor Day. Drop off your litter early so you can enjoy various programs the day has to offer, such as, demonstrations and information sharing, children's nature games and crafts, music, and more, programs in tree planting and pruning techniques a presentation on bats as an endangered species, and Norfolk County 4-H rabbits to pet and cuddle! Come visit on this very special day – free to all!

Follow the steps below to begin your *Clean and Green* journey!

1. **Saturday morning / early afternoon – Collect litter** and recycling (in separate bags) on the sides of the road in your neighborhood or other public places. Be sure to follow the ***Safety Tips and Guidelines*** on the next page. Note: any group of 20 or more persons doing cleanup at one area needs to notify the Norfolk Grange; contact Robin Biscaia at 508-740-2777.
2. **Saturday, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM – Drop off** collected litter and recyclables at the Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary, 108 North Street. Plan to celebrate with cute "green" giveaways and lots of green/Earth Day information. At this time, the Norfolk Grange will provide *Volunteer Recognition Certificates*.
3. **Need suggestions where to clean?** You may choose to start close to home – your neighborhood, for example, or nearby well-traveled roads. Branch out as long as far as your energy and enthusiasm allow. We also suggest targeting the following streets in Norfolk: Pond, Union, North, Needham, Miller, River Rd., Leland and Boardman. Don't forget downtown areas, ball fields, & parks. For conservation and open space land suggestions, please see pp. 57 – 65 of Norfolk's Master Plan at the following link: http://www.virtualnorfolk.org/public_documents/norfolkma_planning/masterplan11-15-07.pdf . Please use caution when collecting on high traffic roads; choose safer locations when young children are participating.

Safety Tips and Guidelines

What to bring:

- Trash Bags/Recycling Bags (Double bag sharp/glass items)
- Heavy work gloves (to be worn at all times)
- First aid kit
- Emergency contact information and allergy information (including epi-pens for all applicable participants)
- Bright colored clothing/coats



Clean Up Guidelines:

- In case of an emergency, contact 911 immediately!
- If groups change cleanup locations, you are **REQUIRED** to contact one of the Grange liaisons identified below immediately!
- All children should have adult supervision. Be alert for traffic and discourage cell phone or ipod usage, which can cause a dangerous distraction.
- In large groups with children (i.e., scout troops), a minimum of two adults with working cell phones, should be watching for traffic -- one on each end of group, wearing either high visibility safety vests or similar bright clothing.
- Avoid contact with poison ivy ("Leaves of three, leave them be").
- Be alert for bees and/or nests.
- Do NOT attempt to pick up any medical substances (needles, medical gloves, etc.) or large items! If you find something of this nature, note the location of the item in question and inform one of the Grange liaisons listed below.
- To prevent injury, do NOT attempt to compact the trash into bags.
- Recycling: Use separate bags to collect trash v. recyclables. Glass items will be recycled again this year -- be sure to use caution when handling glass!

If you have any questions during your cleanup, please call

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