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# County getting clean, green

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It was 41 years ago today that the first Earth Day was held in the United States.

With that in mind, there are numerous efforts under way to help make communities a little cleaner.

Lake County commissioners approved a proclamation Thursday declaring April 15 through May 31 as "Clean and Green Lake County."

The idea is to encourage youth and adults within schools, businesses, agencies and civic organizations to identify and cleanup areas in their neighborhood that need of attention.

For the campaign, The Ohio State University Extension office in Painesville, Lake County Solid Waste District, Lubrizol Corp. and McDonald's Restaurants have pitched in to donate trash bags, gloves and coupons to the restaurant for any interested groups, said Chris Hodges, Lake County Solid Waste District coordinator in charge of recycling.

"I would like to say thank you to the groups that are supporting this," Commissioner Raymond E. Sines said. "We thank the community for their involvement. We encourage everyone to participate and help clean up."

Anyone who wishes to take part can contact the OSU Extension Office at 440-918-2582.

Commissioner Daniel P. Troy said the county has been a leader when it comes to environmental commitments. "We have had recycling programs starting with curbside recycling and now working with the communities," Troy said.

"We have a high rate of recycling and update our plan every five years."

Hodges said the Clean and Green campaign will also kick off the agency's first special collection for scrap tires on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Painesville Township.

Up to six tires without rims will be accepted at no charge during the event. Additional tires without rims, tires with rims and oversized tires will be accepted at an additional charge per tire.

The Solid Waste District will also hold a computer collection from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 7 at the Fairground's Commercial Building.

Accepted items are home computer equipment including central processing units, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers and modems.

Cell phones also will be accepted.

Televisions, microwave ovens, typewriters, DVD players, cameras and VCRs will not be accepted at this collection.

Other special collection events this year are household hazardous waste on June 4 and Oct. 1 at the Fairgrounds and phone book collections at Wickliffe City Hall, the Walmart in Mentor and Giant Eagle in Madison Township from June 24 to July 29, and Sept. 16 through Oct. 21.

For more information about special collections events, contact the LCSWD at 440-350-2645.

## Cleaning up



Chris Hodges talks about Clean and Green Lake County.

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## Water Use Advisory Cancellation

*Lake County Department of Utilities Cancels the Water Use Advisory for Selected Areas of Willoughby.*

**WILLOUGHBY, OH, April 18, 2011** – On April 17, 2011 the Lake County Department of Utilities replaced a main water line valve on Lost Nation Road. As a result of the valve replacement, some residents were without water service. Streets involved were Kennedy Parkway and Lost Nation road between Courtland Drive and Ninadell Avenue. Affected complexes included Two Town Creek, The Hamlets and Parkway Apartments.

As a precautionary measure, the Department issued a "Water Use Advisory".

Following Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines, Utilities Department lab technicians took bacteria samples throughout the affected area for testing.

The samples tested have confirmed the water remained safe to drink throughout the affected area. The Lake County Department of Utilities has cancelled the Water Use Advisory effective April 18, 2011 at 4:30 pm.

For more information call Lake County Department of Utilities (8:00 am to 4:30 pm) at 440-918-3416 or Aquarius Water Treatment Plant (24 hours) at 440-918-3420.