



The Clean Communicator

The Newsletter of the Portsmouth Clean Community Commission

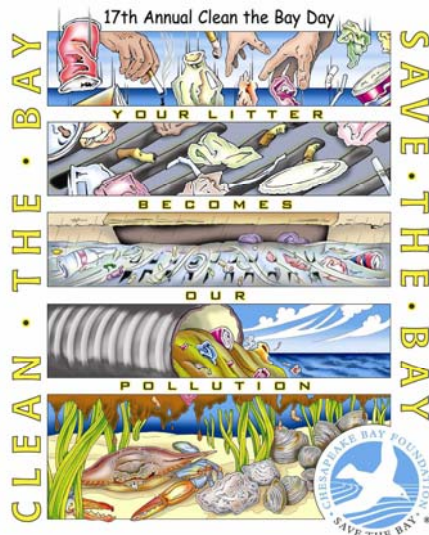
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Clean the Bay Day 16th Annual Event—8 years in Portsmouth



Need a Reason to Clean the Bay?

Portsmouth Pride. It's that simple. Have pride in yourself and your environment. Don't over think it. Just do it. Volunteer today for Clean the Bay Day. Each year hundreds of community folks, military helpers, and individuals like you decide to come out and enjoy the beautiful weather, the fellowship, and the sense of pride that volunteerism brings.

Everyone is a winner in this mammoth community service project. Volunteer as a zone captain, logistics coordinator, debris collector, or maybe as photographer. We provide all of the supplies, guidance, quick training and a thank you celebration at the end. By now you should be all out of excuses. ***We will see you there, right?***

Clean the Bay Day
June 11, 2005
9 am until noon

Mandatory Zone Captain's Training & Supply Distribution
June 2, 2005
6 p.m.
527 High St. #102
Refreshments will be served.

Making a Difference

Last year during the 16 annual Clean the Bay Day, More than 3,560 volunteers from Hampton Roads to Gloucester removed more than 79 tons of trash from Bay waters and shorelines and over 157, 350 pounds of debris from 180 miles of state waterways.

To volunteer, call 393-5628; 1-800-SAVEBAY, or log onto www.cbf.org/clean.



Above: Volunteers at Scotts Creek



above: Volunteers at Paradise Creek

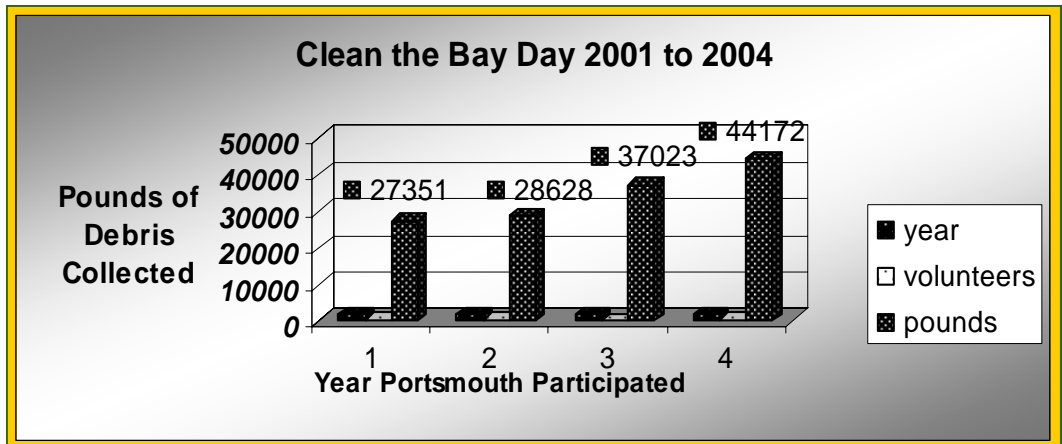
Clean the Bay Day 2004 in Portsmouth

Items Collected	Pieces Collected
Plastic	4936
Glass	2000
Styrofoam/polystyrene	2087
Aluminum/metal	1079
Cigarette butts	1792

- ◆ 364 Volunteers participated. (112 were military)
- ◆ 27,351 pounds collected.
- ◆ 11 miles cleaned.

Most Unusual Items Found: Full set of golf clubs at City Park by Jim Martin and Boy Scout Troop 259, a set of dentures, and a dog's skull

- Zones (neighborhoods) Cleaned in 2004:
- Port Norfolk
 - Scott's Creek
 - Cradock-Paradise Creek
 - Shea Terrace
 - Hoffer Creek
 - Waterview
 - Swimming Point
 - Naval Medical Center



Right: Ed Giles of Friends of Scotts Creek



Below: Lloyd Clemons from Wilson JrROTC



Clean the Bay Day 2005 Sponsors



Adopt-A-Spot

Adopting a spot to maintain is catching on. It's trendy, contagious, and a simplistic act that allows you to gain notoriety and distinction in your crowd. All of the "who's who's" are doing it: The Republican Party, JrROTC, Masonic Lodges, Middle Schools, Sororities, and Churches are rally-

ing together individuals who consolidate and make a difference. Are you missing out? Why not Adopt-a-Spot?



Above: Mayors Youth Advisory Commission clean their Adopt-A-Spot.

Operation Clean-up Portsmouth

Neighborhoods Signed Up this Year—It's Still Not too Late!



Upper left: Weed and Seed volunteers

Lower left: Wilson JrRotc volunteers

Communities	Clean Up Date(s)
West Park View	Mar 18/Apr 22/Oct 7
Park View	March 25/Nov. 7
Churchland West	April 1
Westwood Neighborhood Watch	April 8
Cradock	April 15 and 30
Wilson Ward	May 6
West Norfolk	May 21
Park Manor	June 4
Oregon Acres	October 29
Park Manor	June 1



* Top 4 winners with most tonnage are acknowledged as the "Cleanest Portsmouth Community" at our Annual Recognition Banquet.

Last Year 10 local neighborhoods helped rid the city of 177,350 pounds of debris and waste.

This could be your community in 2005!

right:: 2004 Recognition Winners →



Spring "To-Do" Gardening Tips by: Meg Pittenger, Manager Division of Parks



Pruning

For blooming shrubs such as forsythia and viburnum, prune them as soon as blooms have passed. Early spring is also an ideal time to prune your roses.



Deadheading

Remove spent flowers from bulbs, but leave the rest of the plant as is for the time being.



Weeding

Pull weeds from your beds and borders before they have a chance to take hold and spread.



Composting

Tend to your compost if it has been neglected over the winter. If you do not have a compost bin, spring is a great time to start one.



Tools

Prepare your tools for the oncoming gardening season and make any necessary repairs or new purchases. You will be happy you have done so when summer sets in.



Planting

Spring is a great time to add new plants to your garden. Plant such things as trees, shrubs, hardy annuals and summer blooming bulbs.

Claudia's Corner



Portsmouth's Clean Community Commission joins with President Bush's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

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Established in 2003, the Award was created by President George W. Bush to Give Presidential recognition to individuals, families and groups who meet requirements for volunteer service, measured by the number of service hours performed over 12 –months.



America's volunteers work to make our communities stronger and safer. As a Certifying Organization for the Award program, the Clean Community Commission is proud to be aligned with this prestigious volunteer award, and we are especially proud of our volunteers who have made volunteer service a central part of their lives.

Portsmouth's Presidential Volunteers

Joseph Presziotti, Jr.	Olde Towne	Retired City Planner
Traci Gilland	Kingman Heights	Extension Agent (Horticulture)
Saundra Shuler	Truxtun	Community Activist
Kimberly Little	Park Manor	Paralegal
Brenda Turner	West Park View	Community Activist
Mary Phillips	Cradock	Community Activist
Sheriden Clem	Churchland	Librarian

We Salute You!

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