

2008 Calendar of Events & Community Activities to Celebrate:

April ~ Earth Month

May ~ Watershed Month



April 6 ~ May 1

City of Erie Single Large Item Pick-up.

City of Erie residents may put out one large household item per week for pick-up on their regular refuse & recycling collection nights. For item details and/or more information, please call (814) 870-1450.

April 19 ~ May 3

2008 Great PA Cleanup!

Pre-Register to receive bags, gloves, and vests at www.greatpacleanup.org. Contact: Great PA Cleanup Hotline: 888-548-8372.

April 22 ~ Tuesday ~ Earth Day!

Mouth of Mill Creek 8th Annual Cleanup, 5PM

Meet where the mouth of Mill Creek enters Presque Isle Bay on Ore Dock Road east of the Blasco Library. Contact: Cathy Pedler (814) 824-2578, cpedler@mercyhurst.edu.

April 25 ~ Friday ~ Arbor Day!

Tree Care Day ~ City Boulevards, 8AM - 4PM

Walter's Tree & Stump Removal will be graciously donating a day of service pruning and caring for our urban forest in various boulevards in the City of Erie.

Tree Care Day ~ Columbus Park, 8AM - 4PM

Specialty Tree Care will be graciously donating a day of service pruning and caring for our urban forest in Columbus Park.

Tree Care Day ~ Glenwood Park & Woodlawn Park, 8AM - 4PM

Lewis Tree Service will be graciously donating a day of service pruning and caring for our urban forest in Glenwood & Woodlawn Parks.

Tree Care Day ~ Gridley Park, 8AM - 4PM

F. Taylor Tree Service, Inc. will be graciously donating a day of service pruning and caring for our urban forest in Gridley Park.

Tree Care Day ~ Wayne Street Park, 8AM - 4PM

TLC Tree & Arborist Services will be graciously donating a day of service pruning and caring for our urban forest in Wayne Street Square Park.

Tree Care Day ~ Washington Park, 8AM - 4PM

J. Thomas Tree Service will be graciously donating a day of service pruning and caring for our urban forest in Washington Park.

April 26 ~ Saturday

Pharmaceuticals (Medicine) Collection Day, 10AM – 2PM, Cruise Boat Terminal Building

(Located behind the Intermodal Transportation Center). Residents are provided the opportunity to properly dispose of unused medications. Past practices such as flushing medicine down the drain has led to pharmaceuticals being found in drinking water. Protect our Great Lakes now! Pre-registration is mandatory, please call (814) 425-7773. For more information contact: PA Sea Grant at (814) 217-9015 or (814) 217-9011.

May 2 ~ Friday

Celebrating Arbor Day At Frontier Park, 8:30AM – 2PM

Over 300 City of Erie School District students learn from experienced professionals, foresters, and arborists about trees, greenspace, and other environmental issues.

May 3 ~ Saturday

Tire Recycling Collection Day, 9AM – 4PM or until trailers are full.

City of Erie and Millcreek Township residents may bring up to six tires, no rims to the City of Erie Municipal Complex, 1926 Holland Street. Collected tires will be recycled. Photo ID required. For more information contact: (814) 870-1450 or (814) 833-1111.

May 4 ~ Sunday

Pennsylvania Lake Erie Watershed Association ~ 1:00-3:30PM

General Membership Meeting featuring the Sixmile Creek Watershed and a wildflower walk in Sixmile Creek Park. Meet at Johnston's Evergreen Nursery Property at 7944 Station Road. Brief presentations about the park and watershed followed by the walk. Public Welcome!! Refreshments provided, RSVP to: Sarah Galloway (814) 870-1255, sgalloway@erie.pa.us.

May 8 ~ Thursday

Pruning Seminar ~ LEAF (Lake Erie Arboretum at Frontier Park), 7PM

Come learn proper pruning techniques and get hands-on experience while helping to prune the young trees at the arboretum. Meet at the Patricia McCain Amphitheater at 7pm to join in this effort. Bring your pruners!

May 10 ~ Saturday

Tree Care Day ~ Glenwood Association, 10AM – 12PM

Neighborhood Residents are invited to learn about general tree care and identifying potential tree hazards in their neighborhood. Contact: Sarah Galloway (814) 870-1255, sgalloway@erie.us.

May 17 ~ Saturday

LEA-Earth Force ~ 6th Annual Bike Around the Bay, 8AM – 3:30PM.

Town Tour – 10 Mile Route, Bay Tour – 30 Mile Route, Endurance Tour – 50 Mile Route. Pre-registration preferred by May 10th. For more information, contact: (814) 835-8069, bab@lea.earthforce.org

For more information or to schedule a Tree Care Day in your neighborhood, please contact: Sarah Galloway (814) 870-1255, sgalloway@erie.pa.us.

Activities to do on your own:

Create an All Organic Garden, a Butterfly, Bird, or Wildlife Garden.

Create a Rain Garden

How beautiful is the rain!....

Across the windowpane It pours and pours; And swift and wide, With a muddy tide, Like a river down the gutter roars, The rain, the welcome rain! (from Rain in Summer, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)

When you make a "rain garden" you can improve local water quality while creating a beautiful natural area that will attract [birds](#) and [butterflies](#). Rain gardens allow rain and snowmelt to seep naturally into the ground. This helps recharge our groundwater supply, and prevents a water quality problem called polluted runoff. Rain gardens are an important way to make our cities more attractive places to live while building urban ecological health.

Plant your Landscape with Native Trees, Bushes, and Flowers.

Go with Family or Friends on a Watershed or Creek Walk.

Place and fill Bird Feeders around your Home.

Become a Member and Support a local, state, national, or international Environmental Group.

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