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2010 Keep America Beautiful

The Newport Township Community Organization has taken the lead with cleanup, fix-up, and beautification projects within the Township over the past six (6) years. Through the many programs provided by Keep America Beautiful that runs from March 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>, The Community Organization was able to secure funding and in-kind donations through the partners, sponsors, and organizations of the Great American Cleanup of PA including free landfill space from April 17<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Summary of events that took place are listed below:

**St. Patrick's Day Parade held in Wilkes Barre  
March 14<sup>th</sup>**

On Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 12 adults and 5 children took part in the Wilkes Barre, St. Patrick's Day Parade. J.P. Mascaro & Sons donated a float for the volunteers to ride in.

**Big Junk Dropoff  
April 12 - 16, 2010**

Between April 12<sup>th</sup> thru the 16<sup>th</sup>, the Newport Township Community Organization sponsored the Big Junk Drop Off Event. 28 volunteers worked 212 hours separating recyclables and assisting residents with junk removed in and around the neighborhood. Our local haulers, J.P. Mascaro & Sons and Waste Management, donated dumpsters and transported the 14 tons of garbage to the Keystone Landfill. The event resulted in recycling 8,982 pounds of tin, steel, cast iron, and aluminum and 28,000 pounds of garbage. Through this event 18.49 tons was removed properly.

**Newport Township Community Pride Event  
April 17, 2010**

For the sixth year, the Newport Township Community Organization sponsored a Community Pride Event. Fourteen teams spread throughout five towns in Newport Township, picking up litter along 21 miles of roads. 93 volunteers worked 371 hours, picked up 185 bags of garbage, 61 tires, and 7,244 pounds of bulk items totaling (6.2 tons) of garbage which was removed by PennDOT workers. After the event, volunteers returned to the town hall to enjoy refreshments.

**Battle Against Illegal Dumping  
April 19 - 23, 2010**

From April 19<sup>th</sup> to April 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Newport Township Community Organization partnered with Earth Conservancy to eradicate 10 Illegal dumpsites and one beautification project within the Township of Newport covering several acres of land. With the help of PennDOT, the Luzerne County Work Release Program, and 28 volunteers working together removed 23,260 pounds of garbage 381 tires, recycled 10,181 pounds of tin, steel, cast iron, aluminum and 5,000 pounds of trees and brush for a total cleanup amount of 23.79 ton.

Tom Kashatus, Recycling Coordinator and President of the Newport Township Community Organization, volunteers daily, his time and vehicle to run the recycling program throughout the year. The funds received from this program are put back into the Community to support many organizations within the Township. Do your part, GET INVOLVED, VOLUNTEER, RECYCLE, DON'T LITTER, and KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL.

Thank You to the following Volunteers and organizations who gave up their time to make Newport Township a cleaner place to live:

Palmira Gregory Miller, Tom Kashatus, Carolyn Phillips, Stephen Phillips, Sia Sager, Russ Sager, Linda Conner, Bob Conner, Steven Masakowski, Gene Skordinski, Frank Mayeski, John Jarecki, Carol Marcincavage, Mary Jo Evans, Stephanie Evans, Kassandra Evans, Leigh Bonczewski, Chris Todd, Bob Morgan, Marcy Morgan, Monica Morgan, Rob Morgan, Joe Maloney, Faye Maloney, Jeremy Yakovonis, Eddie Burd, Craig Williams, Debra Prokov, Stephen Prokov, Ray Brabant, Wiston Godoy, Wiston Godoy Jr., Owen Godoy, Arieli Brabant, Johnathan Keefe, Destiny Allabaugh, Fred, Joe Miller, Shelly Miller, Stephen Valenti, Shawn Hadley, TJ Higgs, Ed Skladzien, Peter Wanchisen, Joe Burke, Eliza Burke, Ernesto Lopez, Peter Dennis, Joe Dennis, Jeremy Blank, Brooklyn Blank, Austin Blank, Wrende Antonio, Carol Kuhn, Andrea Schoeneberger, Chantel Kania,, Christopher Kania, Kenny Arnold, Rob Maon, Mandi Jo Tencza, Alex Sullivan, Tssiah Stebbins, Shyla SeeSoltz, Devan Sura, Diane Sullivan, Kimberly Rodriguez, Thomas Brown, Daniel Brown, Darrien Lamas, Dave Buchinski, Dean Myers, Jason Rinker, Van Token, Tony Siewell, Eric Spencer, Dave Josefowicz, Frank Wolfe, Mrs. Frank Wolfe, Mark O'Connor, Richille Myers, Linda Colicare, Jen Spencer, Mike Yalch, Jamie Miller, Taylor Clements, Debra Kevenbergos, Gabriel Miller, Jordyn Miller, Dean Miller, Anthony Youells, AJ Youells, Daniel Mieczkowski, Sara Zupancic, Rebecca Mieczkowski, David Mieczkowski, Susan Mieczkowski, Linda Makavensky, Dylan Makavensky, Judy Gumina, Kenny Hunter, the Piestrak Family, the Boys & Girls Club of America, Cub Scout Pack 376, Newport Township Little League, the Ridgeview Group, and especially the Newport Township Community Organization.

Thank you to the following participants, partners and sponsors for there support and in-kind donations:

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