

Highland Heights Green Task Force



Spring 2022 Newsletter

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NEW THIS YEAR: THE FIRST COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY!

The City of Highland Heights and the Highland Heights Green Task Force partnered to sponsor the first city-wide clean-up in April. We had a great turnout of volunteers...from all age groups...under 10, teenagers, senior adults, and every age group in-between. Over 40 volunteers in all!

A total of 40 bags of trash were collected from the landscape, approximately 300 lbs. We actually do have a clean city, but there were definitely areas that were used to deposit trash on the landscape. And unfortunately, some trash does fly off the trash trucks also. So please everyone, let's all do our part to maintain a litter-free community landscape. Thank you to all who participated!

HHGTF MEMBERSHIP

Our membership has remained strong despite the challenging times. I would like to thank everyone who has stayed with us and continued down our common path to try and live and promote more environmentally-friendly lifestyles. I also want to thank our members for all the volunteer hours that they have given over eleven years, working the FREECYCLES and outreach tables, etc. The HHGTF certainly could not have made such a positive difference without your help. We would like to invite others to join us!

CLIMATE CHANGE

Most of the scientific community believes that there is simply no time to waste. We need urgent and ambitious actions. Here are a few tips from Earthday.org that we all can do:

- ***Unplug.***
Can you use energy more efficiently at home? Unplug items when they aren't in use, buy goods with high energy-efficient standards, and consider making the switch to renewable energy.
- ***Travel Smarter.***
Transportation is now the largest source of carbon emissions in the United States. No matter where you live, travel by car or airplane contributes heavily to our shared carbon

footprint. Take public transit, biking, or walking when possible – it's good for your health, your wallet, and the planet.

- ***Take Climate Action, One Bite at a Time:***

Enjoy more plant-based meals, reduce your food waste altogether, and compost your food scraps.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 7 – Speaker Series: Highland Heights City Park Barn - “Climate Change and What We Can Do”. Guest Speaker Aaron Wilson - Atmospheric Scientist with The Ohio State University 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Oct 5 – Movie and Discussion Night

7-9 PM City of Highland Heights Park Barn,

Movie: “Being the Change, A New Kind of Climate Documentary”

Nov. 2 – Year-End Business Meeting & Elections

7-9 PM Highland Hts Community Center

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