

PA CleanWays

Lawrence County Chapter Newsletter



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Spring 2000

Upcoming Events

April 8 - West Pittsburg #2
April 29 - Wilmington
May 6 - Jockey Moore Road
June 3 - Tire Collection Day
Sept. - Annual Picnic & Meeting
Sept. - Fugitive Tire Program



PACW Meeting Info

The chapter meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the Lawrence County Government Center in the Commissioners Meeting room.

2000 Schedule

April 20
 May 18
 June 15
 July—No meeting
 August—to be announced
 September—Annual Mtg.
 October 19
 November 16
 December—No meeting

Important Cleanup Info

Be sure to wear:

- Gloves
- Jeans
- Long-sleeved shirts
- Thick-soled shoes w/traction for climbing.
- Because of safety concerns we do not allow anyone under 12 years old at dump cleanups.

We work rain, snow (no blizzards!), or shine!!!

Jockey Moore Road – May 6

A general maintenance sweep of the road will be done on May 6. This activity is in conjunction with Wayne Township's "adopt your road" day. Volunteers are to meet at the Wayne Township Municipal Building on Route 288 between 7:30 and 8 a.m. The cleanup will run from 8 a.m. to noon.

Tire Collection Day – June 3

Residents can drop off whole, clean, dry car and light truck tires at the following locations. There is a \$1 per tire donation, with a limit of 8 tires per person.

Wal-Mart (back toward the service station): 10 am to 2 pm

Wayne Twp VFD: 9 am to 1 pm

Wilmington Twp. Municipal Building: 9 am to 1 pm.



West Pittsburg Hillside Cleanup Day 2 – April 8

When: Saturday, April 8, 2000

Time: 7:30 - Noon

Directions: Between 7:30 and 8 a.m., volunteers are to park at the ballfield at the intersection of Route 168 and Union Valley Road, just north of West Pittsburg and walk to the gray house (the only house) across the street from the ball field. **From New Castle**, take Route 168 south to West Pittsburg. At the intersection with the red blinking light, turn left and park at the ballfield. **From the south**, take Route 18 north to Route 168. Turn right onto 168 and follow it through West Pittsburg. Just outside of West Pittsburg, turn right at the red blinker light intersection and park at the ballfield.

Sponsors to Date: Taylor Township, BFI of Ohio, Lawrence County Environmental Services Department (LCES) and

Special Notes: Last May, more than 77 people helped at the first hillside cleanup removing 2.42 tons of trash, 4.1 tons of metals, and 95 tires.



Wilmington Township Railroad Bed Cleanup – April 29

When: Saturday, April 29, 2000

Time: 7:30 - Noon

Directions: Volunteers are to meet at the Wilmington Township Municipal Building.

From New Castle: Take Route 18 north. Coming to a "Y" in the road, veer right onto Route 158. Take the first right off Route 158 onto Wilson Mills Road. The municipal building is on the left just before the next left in the road.

From the east: Take Route 956 toward New Wilmington. At the Mercer Road intersection, there is a stop sign. Continue straight, staying on 956. Just around the bend 956 will make a sharp right (the next right). Continue straight onto Wilson Mills Road. The municipal building is on the right in the middle of the next "Y" in the road, just up the slight hill.

Sponsors to Date: Wilmington Township, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, LCES,

Special Notes: This site is located alongside the old railroad bed between Allen Road and Fayette-Neshannock Falls Road. It is an older site that has been inactive for some time. Last year, however, the Lawrence County Recycling/Solid Waste Department observed new dumpings that have occurred. The newer material consisted mostly of construction material and yard waste.



Some of the trash at the Wilmington site

Donations Received for the 2000 Fugitive Tire Program

Thanks to the generosity of the Fort Pitt Chapter of the Bell Pioneers of America and the New Castle Junior Woman's Club, we are pleased to announce that our second fugitive tire program (FTP) is slated for September.

The Pioneers have provided the chapter with a check for \$1,480. Of that money, \$200 will cover the chapter's advertising share for our June tire collection day and the remainder is restricted to the FTP. These monies, along with those from the New Castle Junior Woman's Club will pay the tire bounty and disposal costs.

Lawrence County's

first FTP was held last April. The goal of the FTP is to give our youth a hands-on environmental education experience. Participants get a first-hand look at the problems associated with illegal dumping. The program is open to structured youth groups only. The groups are rewarded with a 50-cent per tire bounty to use for their organizations. Three groups participated last year, turning in 1,600 tires.

The chapter will solicit participants for this year's program in late August or early September. Due to volunteer limitations and disposal options, only the first six to eight

groups that sign up can be accepted into the program.

Volunteers from the Telephone Pioneers have participated in past PA CleanWays spon-



sored events. The Telephone Pioneers local membership numbers about 6,000 active and retired Bell Atlantic employees. Many of their activities involve

children and the elderly. Some of their involvements include: reading "I Like Me" books to kindergartners, Christmas in April, Habitat for Humanity, community cleanups, Special Olympics, and making Hugg-A-Bears for police and fire departments to give to traumatized children. They work with many concerned organizations to combine energies and talents to maximize the full power of volunteerism.

Watch for more FTP information in our future newsletters.



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Or

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C/o Lawrence County Environmental Services Dept.
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CleanWays – What We’re All About

PA CleanWays is a nonprofit organization that fights illegal dumping and littering. We coordinate and facilitate the adoption of non-state-maintained roads and other areas. We work hard to draw together all parts of the community to make these cleanups happen since we don't have a large source of funding.

Where possible, we address problem disposal items, such as tires and appliances. We also work to educate the public on the proper disposal of all items and the environmental and personal consequences of improper disposal.

If litter and trash thrown along the roads personally offend you, join us in the fight. Your contribution can be your dues, or you can join us in our other activities. We need all levels of support.



Lawrence County Chapter of PA CleanWays Membership/Newsletter Form

Individual \$5.00 Date _____
 Family \$15.00
 Student \$2.00
 Business/Organization \$25.00
 Special Donation to help with events

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

This information is used to communicate with you. It is not shared with anyone else. Contributions are tax exempt as allowed by law.

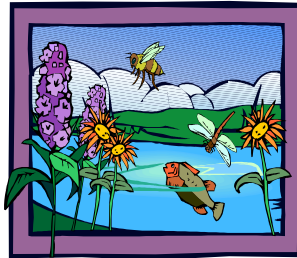
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Chapter Applies for Growing Greener Grant

In early February, we submitted a Growing Greener grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The total amount for the project, with match, was just over \$53,000.

The application proposes an assessment of the major watersheds in Lawrence County for illegal dump sites adjacent to the waters, the cleanup of 10 sites, and an accompanying education program. The grant will be used to pay for waste disposal and transportation, education, and the hiring of two staff to conduct the study.

In submitting the grant, we partnered with the Lawrence County Department of Environmental Services as grant administrators and we have received letters of support from Trout Unlimited-Neshannock Chapter, League of Women Voters of Lawrence County, City of New Castle, Penn-Ohio Watershed Association, Second Wind Running Club, Neshannock Creek Trail Committee, Wilmington Township, Bell Atlantic Pioneers-Fort Pitt Chapter, Wayne Township, PA CleanWays-State Organization, and the Lawrence County Commissioners.



Forest Beautification Update

The state organization of PACW started the Pennsylvania Forest Beautification program early this year. Last year the state organization was awarded almost \$1,000,000 to establish guidelines and clean illegal dump sites located on our state parks.

Eight sites, situated in six of the 20 forest districts in the state, are targeted for pilot cleanup. There is an estimated 150 tons of trash, including 75 appliances present in the eight sites. The sites will be cleaned with the help of volunteers and contractors. The cleanup sites are located in the following state forest: Delaware, Tiadaghton, Buchanan, Rothrock, Sproul, Bald Eagle, and Tuscarora (two sites).

The project will also research the relationships between enforcement, disposal, education, prevention, and remediation.

Anyone who wants more information can contact the local chapter or the beautification hotline at 1-877-7PA-Forest (1-877-772-3673).



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle...Stopping Trash at the Source How to Reduce Your Junk Mail

The mounds of unrequested mail in your mailbox is commonly called junk mail. Each person will receive almost 560 pieces of unsolicited mail each year. **HALF** of this is thrown away, unopened. This amounts to roughly 100 million trees. Here are some tips to manage your mail and save time and national resources while reducing waste and pollution!

For general unsolicited mail in general:

Direct Marketing Association, P.O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY 11735, 212-768-7277

For unsolicited credit card and insurance offers, call (toll-free) one of the following places. They all share the same information.

Consumer Opt-Out Service, TRW Inc., P.O. Box 919, Allen, TX 75002, 800-353-0809

Equifax, P.O. Box 740123, Atlanta, GA 30374-0123, 888-567-8688

Experian, Target Marketing Services Division, 12606 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75243, 800-353-0809

TransUnion, 555 West Adams Street, Chicago, IL 60661, 800-680-7293



Include your full name and address. This will slowly stop the flow of unrequested mail in about 90 days, **IF** you **DO NOT** continue to shop by mail. If many different versions of your name are on your mail, you may need to register each one.

There is a lot of useful information on the Internet about junk mail. For additional information, call the Lawrence County Department of Environmental Services at 658-6925.