

# News Release

City of Mansfield, Ohio

Tim Theaker, Mayor



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## For Immediate Release

**Date:** March 24, 2016

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**Subject:** 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Stewardship Kick-off

Mansfield, Ohio- The Earth Stewardship Steering Committee is pleased to announce the kick -off of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Earth Stewardship Celebration, joining citizens across the State of Ohio and the United States in celebrating the Great American Cleanup.

Mayor Tim Theaker, the Richland County Commissioners and students and staff from Richland Academy and Pioneer will join members of the Earth Stewardship Steering Committee to officially proclaim April and May as Earth Stewardship Months in Mansfield/Richland County.

**When: Thursday, March 31, 2016**

**Time: 11:00 a.m.**

**Location: Gazebo at Central Park in Downtown Mansfield**

*(In case of inclement weather – kick-off will be held  
in the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Mayor’s Conference Room at 30 North Diamond Street.)*

A litter cleanup of the surrounding area and park by members of the steering committee and the students will follow the ceremony.

The annual event invites area groups to conduct a project during the months of April and May to commemorate Earth Day, Arbor Day, and Soil Stewardship Week. Last year over 1,200 residents volunteered their time and energy to a project during the months of April and May.

Citizens are encouraged to join this celebration by participating in a litter clean up, tree planting, and/or beautification project, recycling drive or community garden project. It is not too late to organize your friends, neighbors, and co-workers and register your participation by calling the Earth Stewardship Steering committee at 419.755.9702.

Members of the Earth Stewardship Steering Committee: City of Mansfield, Downtown Mansfield, Inc. Friends of Mansfield Parks, Little Buckeye Children’s Museum, North End Community Improvement Collaborative, OSU Extension, Richland Area Chamber of Commerce, Richland County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority, Richland Public Health, and the Richland Soil & Water Conservation District.