

News Release

City of Mansfield

Timothy L. Theaker, Mayor



For Immediate Release

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**Subject: Operation S.O.S. (Save Our Streams)
Touby Run Stream Clean up at North Main
Saturday, June 22nd at 9:00 a.m.**

Mansfield, Ohio – The City of Mansfield Engineering Department, as a part of our Litter Prevention Stream Outreach Program, is pleased to announce the **1st Operation S.O.S. for the year 2013.**

Litter, debris, and illegal dumping are ongoing problems. Litter and debris can stop water flow in our storm drains and cause flooding. This same litter and debris can enter into the storm drains thereby entering our streams and affecting our water quality. This same accumulation of litter and debris reflects to visitors just how much pride we have in our community.

The stream outreach program is in place to increase the community awareness of such problems and also to encourage the community to become involved in the solution. Studies have shown when a community bands together by conducting annual clean up events or removing litter and debris when it occurs, the incidence of littering and illegal dumping decreases; thereby creating a community that works toward the goal of being litter-free.

With the aforementioned in mind, we invite area residents, groups, and organizations to meet us at **Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, in the back section of the parking lot on, Saturday, June 22, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. to clean up Touby Run.**

Volunteers need to wear durable work gloves and waterproof boots. Our office will provide collection bags and disposal of the litter and debris collected. **All volunteers will be entered into a drawing for prizes as part of 17th Annual Earth Stewardship Celebration. Drawing for prizes will be held at the Earth Stewardship Awards Ceremony on June 28th at 7:45 p.m.**

Register today at 419.755.9702 or email at: khildreth@ci.mansfield.oh.us and “Plant Pride, Not Litter in Mansfield.”