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**Apollo-Ridge Education Foundation and Apollo Area Lions Club Launch 2020
PICK UP PENNSYLVANIA Community Improvement Event**
Supporting the Great American Cleanup

*Volunteers Take Action to Clean, Restore and Renew Apollo Borough/Kiski Township in
an effort to keep Pennsylvania beautiful*



Spring Church, PA, March 3, 2020

The Apollo-Ridge Education Foundation and the Apollo Area Lions Club will be organizing a 2020 PICK UP PENNSYLVANIA Event.

Since 2014 the Apollo-Ridge Education Foundation has organized the annual BIG Spring Clean Up. This year the Foundation is pleased to support the Apollo Area Lions Club with their efforts to clean up the Historic Apollo Cemetery where there are over 1200 gravesites, including Civil War Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic. Both groups are hoping to have enough volunteers on-hand to include clean ups of Drakes Log Cabin, the Apollo Plaza, and Owens Grove Park.

Over the years, truckloads of organic debris and garbage have been removed from the streets of Apollo while sprucing up the town's parks and planting beds.

Both the Foundation and the Lions Club are seeking volunteers to participate on Saturday, April 25, from 10 AM until 2 PM. Community and civic associations, schools and youth groups, families and friends, business employees, hunting and fishing clubs, conservation organizations, sports teams, and others are encouraged to organize their members and participate in the BIG Spring Clean Up.

Volunteers are asked to sign up for the BIG Spring Cleanup – Apollo at AllForGood.Org where the Education Foundation is eligible to receive Disney Parkhopper passes based upon the number of volunteers who register. As an incentive to participate in the BIG Spring Cleanup, adults who volunteer with their children will be eligible to win four Disney Parkhopper passes if they are registered through AllForGood.Org.

This is a rain or shine event so dress appropriately for the weather. Gloves, safety vests, and garbage bags will be provided through the Great American Cleanup. In order to have enough tools available, volunteers should plan to bring rakes, shovels, and brooms clearly marked with their names. Students who volunteer will receive community service credit toward their graduation requirement.

Those wishing to support the volunteers are welcome to donate food, snacks, and water. If you have questions or would like to learn more about the BIG Spring Cleanup – Apollo, please contact Cris Kostiuk at 724-478-6010 or Bill Kerr at XXXXXXXXX

Pick Up Pennsylvania is a program of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and is held in conjunction with Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup; the country's largest community improvement program that engages more than 4 million volunteers and participants from more than 20,000 communities across the country to take local action to create positive change and lasting impact.

Current 2020 Pick Up Pennsylvania supporters include: PA Department of Environmental Protection, PennDOT, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania funded by the NiSource Charitable Foundation, Coca-Cola, Giant, Mahantango Inc., Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association, Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association, Sheetz, Wawa and Wegmans.

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About the Apollo-Ridge Education Foundation

Since 1996, the AREF has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Apollo-Ridge School District to fund extraordinary learning experiences in STEM +A-Rts for Apollo-Ridge students. Major funding is provided by businesses who are approved by the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program, the annual Gala/Silent Auction for STEAM, individual donors, and membership dues. Apollo-RidgeEducationFoundation.Org

About the Apollo Area Lions Club

The first Lions Club in Apollo was organized in the late 1930's and was active until World War II. The present Lions Club was formed on October 24, 1949 and was issued a new charter on January 4, 1950 and renamed the Apollo Area Lions Club. Meetings are held at the Apollo Hose Company #3 on the second and fourth Mondays each month at 6PM. e-clubhouse.org/sites/apolloarea

About Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's mission is empowering Pennsylvanians to make our communities clean and beautiful. Since 1990, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and its volunteers have removed over 141 million pounds of litter from Pennsylvania's roadways, greenways, parks, forests, and waterways. To learn more about Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, visit www.keeppabeautiful.org.