

# Breeze again sponsors townwide cleanups

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Can you spare a few hours next Saturday to pick up litter from your neighborhood streets?

*The Valley Breeze*, working with the towns of Cumberland and Lincoln and the national Keep America Beautiful campaign, is organizing the 3rd annual townwide cleanup on April 1.

As in past years, volunteer residents in Cumberland will be dispatched to collect roadside debris in bright yellow bags, then leave the bag at the side of road for collection by town workers.

Included for the first time will be help for homefront cleanups, too - drop-off sites to recycle home computer components.

Breeze Publisher Tom Ward says he targets this weekend each year because it's - usually - after the last snowfall but before Little League practice steals parents and youths on Saturday mornings. It's also before roadside grass begins to grow and cover up the litter.

The nation's annual Earth Day celebration, this year on April 22, falls too late in the spring season, he suggests.

Ward says more than 100 residents have participated in each of the past two years and he's already heard from many who say they'll hit the streets again on April 1. Scouting and other service groups are urged to participate as well as families and individuals.

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Cumberland volunteers may get their clean-up materials, including bags, during the week at *The Valley Breeze* office, 2190 Mendon Road, 8:30 a.m. to 5

**Join us on April 1  
to clean up  
our neighborhoods!**

Individuals and groups can pick up Cumberland work assignments at *The Valley Breeze* office, 2190 Mendon Road, weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., or call Tom Ward at 334-9555, ext. 123, or e-mail [tward@valleybreeze.com](mailto:tward@valleybreeze.com).

To help out in Lincoln, Call Dave Sale at 333-8424, or Kristin Zawistowski at 724-2200.

Assisting, too, is Kristin

then just hit the streets early that morning," said Ward. "E-mail me at [tward@valleybreeze.com](mailto:tward@valleybreeze.com) and we'll get you an assignment," asks Ward of volunteers.

In Lincoln, get bags at Town

Zawistowski of the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council who is an AmeriCorps volunteer assigned to the Keep America Beautiful effort locally.

Zawistowski will be coordinating recycling drives in schools as well as other cleanup efforts throughout the spring. The tourism council is working toward becoming an official certified Keep America Beautiful affiliate agency, a designation that would allow the council to tap into the network of anti-litter initiatives.

About the computer recycling, Cumberland Mayor David Iwuc says Green-Tech Assets of Cumberland will be stationed at three Cumberland sites, the high school, Diamond Hill Park and Town Hall, to collect computers, monitors and printers from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 1.

Iwuc says the town is participating in this effort because "Cumberland residents have always had a profound pride in

the appearance of the community. This spring cleanup is a reminder for people who may have become complacent about keeping this a nice place to live."

Later in April, Zawistowski plans to announce a used tire collection site.

Participating in the April 1 cleanup is easy.

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Lincoln volunteers should contact Dave Sale at 333-8424 or call Zawistowski at 724-2200.

The Valley Breeze has a list of some of the worst streets in Cumberland and will match volunteers with those areas.

Across the river, 30 members of the National Junior Honor Society at Lincoln Middle School have committed to cleaning two particularly bad areas - Old Louisquisset Pike between Lincoln Park and the North

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Providence border, and Cobble Hill Road.

On the morning of the