



CITY OF PEEKSKILL
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Peekskill Staging Community-Wide “City Sweep” On Sat., April 30 to Polish Parks.

Volunteers, Neighborhood Associations, Citizens Invited To Pick Up Litter in Their Favorite Recreational Areas.

Gloves, Garbage Bags, Light Refreshments Will Be Available at Dept. of Parks And Recreation Office Opposite Baseball Field. 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Saturday, April 30.

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PEEKSKILL, NY—In a sure sign of spring, Peekskill residents, volunteer city staffers, and neighborhood associations are banding together to pick up the debris left in the wake of Winter’s departure.

“Peekskill City Sweep” 2005 will see organizations, groups and individuals cleaning up the City’s many parks this coming weekend. “We are a lucky community in that we have so many beautiful parks,” says Mayor John Testa.

“This is a great opportunity for people to tap into a resource they might not know about and to experience how lovely our City parks are,” Testa says.

Participants will be able to pick up garbage bags, gloves and light refreshments at the Department of Parks and Recreation’s Depew Park Headquarters, which is located right opposite the facility’s ball field. The event is being held rain or shine. Bags will be available from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

There will be clear bags for recyclables and dark ones for regular trash. Those involved in the cleanup can leave full bags at the parks, where they will be picked up later in the day.

For a community that encompasses just two square miles, Peekskill has a fairly large number of parks. There are a total of ten, and they take up a sizeable 250 acres. The City’s parks range from the carefully manicured and landscaped Depew Park, which has a large track for joggers and runners, baseball fields, tennis courts, a playground, a swimming pool and the lovely Lake Mitchell, to the compact Pugsley Park, which provides a green break on busy Main Street as it slopes gently up to the north.

Riverfront Green provides a magnificent view of the Hudson, while Fort Hill Park is both an historic battle site and a nature reserve that hosts herds of deer, turtles and birds.

“Our City staffers do a great job at keeping our parks clean, but a little assist from Peekskill’s neighborhoods can help us jump start into another great year,” Testa says. In recent years, neighborhood associations have done everything from remove accumulated trash and scrap metal from parks to repairing worn out benches.

“When people care that much, you know you’ve got a city that’s on the upswing,” Testa says. For more information, contact the Department of Parks and Recreation at 734-PARK (7275).

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