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The Right Stuff: “Know Before You Throw”

While it is admirable that many Mahoning County residents are recycling, it is important that residents recycle the right stuff. Recently, local drop-off sites have been overrun with contaminants including furniture, swimming pools, circuit boards and yard waste. Anytime the wrong material is placed in a recycling bin, it hinders the recycling process and causes costs to rise. Therefore it is imperative to place the right materials in the bin and to prepare those materials correctly. Materials accepted at Mahoning County recycling centers include:

PAPER PRODUCTS: Office paper, newsprint, paperboard, corrugated card-

board, cartons, junk mail, magazines, and phone books.

- **PLASTICS:** Plastic jars, bottles and jugs may be recycled. Do not recycle plastic bags, toys or other miscellaneous items. Options for these products can be found on our website. Remember to remove & discard caps
- **GLASS:** Only bottles and jars may be recycled. Do not recycle drinking glasses, ceramic mugs, window panes, casserole dishes or light bulbs. Remove & discard lids.
- **FOOD CANS:** Clean food cans may be recycled. No need to re-

move labels. Labels will burn off during re-manufacturing.

- **BEVERAGE CANS:** Beverage cans may be recycled in Green Team bins, or donated to a worthy cause.

As a courtesy to recycling personnel, remember to empty and rinse containers before placing them in bins. Also remember to place items in loose. Plastic bags and material contained in plastic bags cannot be processed.

The Green Team appreciates the public’s support for our recycling programs. However, for continued success, it is important that residents remember to recycle the right stuff.

What on Earth Can You Do With...

- **An old flag?**
- retire it at the Veterans Service Commission or contact the Boy Scouts Of America.
- **Plastic shopping bags?**
- recycle them at a “bags only” bin located at local retail outlets.
- **Used monofilament fishing line?**
- recycle it in designated bins at Lake Milton or Berlin Lake.
- **Pringles Lids?**
- drop them off at the MC Green Team, 345 Oak Hill Ave. #330 Youngstown, OH 44502
- **Old latex paint?**
- harden it with sand or kitty litter and place with household waste.
- **Outdated electronics?**
- check the Green Team website for recycling opportunities.





Remember to visit our booth in the Government Building to play "Recycle & Win."



Play "Recycle and Win" at the Canfield Fair



For nearly the past twenty years, the Green Team has provided recycling at the Canfield Fair. During this time, we have experimented with a variety of collection methods and have used over half a dozen different styles of containers. However, in spite of our best efforts, managing recycling at an event of this magnitude has proven to be quite the challenge. In fact, due to high contamination rates, fair recycling has sometimes resulted in more material being

landfilled rather than recovered. So, this year we're advising recycling enthusiasts to adhere to a pack in-pack out policy. In other words, recyclables that you bring to the fair or obtain on site should be taken home with you and placed with your other recyclables. If you're not sure which material can or cannot be recycled, stop by our fair booth and play "Recycle and Win." This game is sure to enlighten you

about the particulars of recycling and will also allow you to enter a drawing to win a \$100.00 Visa gift card. Wow! A reward for learning to recycle correctly: Does it get any better than that? So please stop by our booth in the government building and play "Recycle and Win." Who knows? You just might get lucky!



Summer Reading Library Schedule

July

- 15 Brownlee 11 am
- 16 Poland 10 am
- 18 Struthers 11 am

Join the Green Team at the above locations for more summer reading fun.



Discover Your Library

Studies reveal that students lose months of reading and writing abilities over summer vacation. However, this needn't be the case. The Public Library of Youngstown & Mahoning County is offering the Summer Discovery Program to keep students intellectually engaged while school is out. The Summer Discovery

Program offers a variety of fun-filled activities. From live musical concerts to magic shows to petting zoos, children will be enthralled and entertained in an educational environment. And of course, there are books. Encouraging a child's love of reading will nurture literary skills that pave the path for a promising future.

Although the Summer Discovery Program officially began on May 1, it is never too late to enroll. The program continues through July 31, so there is still plenty of time to get involved. For additional information about Summer Discovery, visit the library website at www.libraryvisit.org.



Just When You Thought It Was Safe



For years I have been writing about the detrimental effects of releasing helium balloons into the environment. And just when I thought I was making progress, I learned about a newer product on the market: sky lanterns. A sky lantern consists of a wire frame, treated paper, and a small candle or fuel cell composed of a waxy combustible material. These fiery devices, which have become very popular during the past

nine years, have been released during weddings and other celebrations with some tragic results. In Wales, a young boy suffered serious burns on his face when a lighted lantern fell on him. In Smethwick, England, a plastics recycling facility burned to the ground when a fallen lantern landed in its midst. In other areas, wildlife and domestic animals have suffered after ingesting or becoming entangled in this fallen debris.

Obviously, something *needs* to be done and fortunately something *is* being done. Sky lanterns are being banned in many states including Ohio, which considers this activity a misdemeanor that is punishable by a \$1,000.00 fine. Please **think** before you release anything into the sky. The world is depending on you.

~ Kim Lewis




Lowe's & River's Bend Farm accept nursery pots for re-use.

Mahoning County Schools Earn High Marks for Recycling Cans

Congratulations are in order for several Mahoning County schools in recognition of their exemplary recycling efforts. In the county-wide “Cash for Cans” contest, numbers are quite impressive. Sixteen participating schools collected a total of 5,817 pounds of beverage cans earning \$2,616.90. The breakdown is as follows:

| Overall School Winners | Pounds Collected | Enrollment |
|--|------------------|------------|
| 1 st - Glenwood Junior High | 1,228 | 676 |
| 2 nd - Damascus Elementary | 1,130 | 395 |
| 3 rd - St. Christine | 833 | 330 |

Per Capita School Winners

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|---|-----|-----|
| 1 st - St. Charles | 446 | 290 |
| 2 nd - West Blvd. Elem. School | 513 | 378 |
| 3 rd - St. Joseph the Provider | 233 | 173 |

These schools will receive checks for the market value of the cans along with framed Award Certificates.

Additional contributors to the contest include:

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| Austintown Intermediate | Western Reserve Elementary School | Valley Christian |
| Jackson Milton Elementary | West Branch High School | St. Nicholas |
| Knox Elementary School | Stadium Drive Elementary School | Center at Javit Court |
| Struthers High School | | |

Again, thanks to everyone involved in this worthwhile project. Mahoning County can take great pride in knowing that its youth are helping to preserve our precious environment through their outstanding recycling efforts.



Extend the life of your tires by:

- checking tire pressure on a weekly basis.
- visually examining tires for cuts & holes.
- rotating tires every 6,000 miles driven.
- keeping tires properly aligned.



A Solution for Scrap Tires



Ohioans generate 12-14 million scrap tires per year and this waste, if not managed properly, poses significant problems for the environment. Littered tires collect water which provides breeding grounds for disease-carrying mosquitoes. Illegal tire dumps are unsightly and often lead to harmful fires. So...what's

the answer to this problem? The answer is simple. When you purchase new tires, make sure you allow the tire dealer to keep your used tires for recycling or proper disposal. The nominal fee charged for this service is a small price to pay for protecting our precious planet. However, if you have neglected to partici-

pate in a tire take-back program, there is another option. The Green Team is hosting a tire recycling drive at the Canfield Fairgrounds on July 13 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The event is open to Mahoning County residents only and restrictions and fees may apply. Please visit www.greenteam.cc for further information.

Placemat Winners Recognized by Mahoning County

Commissioners David Ditzler, Carol Rimedio-Righetti and Anthony Traficanti honored eight students who won first place out of 748 entries in the Green Team's 2019 Earth Day Placemat Contest. The winners and their schools are: Rory Rohaley, Damascus Elem; Gabriella Barbone, Western Reserve Elem; Cadence Berendt, Poland McKinley

Elem; Sophia Molinar, Holy Family; Tessa Venrose, Holy Family; Addyson Miller, Holy Family; Addie Kelley, St. Nicholas, and Lance Byo, St. Nicholas. Each student received a \$25 gift card provided by Dominion Energy Ohio & assorted Earth-friendly prizes provided by the Green Team. Look for winning placemats at the following locations:

- Alliance Perkins
- American Legion #737
- Royal Oaks
- Canfield Belleria
- Carchedi's
- Beloit FD
- Denny's
- Dino's
- Saxon Club
- Yankee Kitchen



Mahoning County Commissioners pose with placemat award winners and members of the Green Team.



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**Upcoming
Special Collections**

Appliance Drive

July 6-13 Berlin Twp.

E-drives

Sept. 21 Goshen Twp.

Sept. 28 Canfield Twp.

Tire Drives

July 13 Canfield Fairgrounds

Sept. 21 Goshen Twp.

Document Shredding

Sept. 14 - Shepherd of the Valley, Boardman

For additional information
call 330.740.2060



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