

END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER



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Sidewalk Chalk Challenge

This challenge encourages Kindergarten & First Grade classrooms in Pickaway & Fayette County to get outside and create drawings about the challenge theme.

EVENT DATA

* Tires

1,962 tires collected

* Electronics

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* Household Hazardous Waste - Highlights

- 19,563 cans of paint
- 1,182 aerosol cans
- 3,858 pesticide bottles
- 397 lead acid batteries
- 547 antifreeze jugs

**Full list of items is too large to provide on newsletter.*



Ross County

New Recycling Center Coming Soon!

The Ross County Recycling Center is a monitored, gated facility that hosts ten recycling bins for public use. A membership is free and can be obtained by filling out an online form or requesting a paper copy. A 4-digit pin code and information packet will be sent to you through email or mail. Residents may access the facility daily 5 a.m. through 10 p.m.

The new facility is located at 990 Eastern Ave, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601 - directly in front of Rumpke Buyback Center. Once the center is completed, membership forms may be accessed through our website or by calling our office and requesting a paper copy. Please allow 7 business days to process requests. An official opening date will be announced soon.

Camp Creek Critters

We learned about fish, aquatic macroinvertebrates, pH testing, water pollution, and using all of these factors to help determine water and habitat quality. This camp is co-hosted with the Pickaway County Park District & Pickaway Soil & Water Conservation District.



Ross County Park District – Schools Outside Program Partnership

Vermicomposting in the Park!

Every Wednesday from May 22nd until July 31st from Noon-1:00 PM, the Ross County Park District hosts School's Outside Program at Coppel Athletic Complex. Each week is a different topic with guest speakers.

The District offered a vermicomposting activity which included building a worm farm and learning the process of worms eating our garbage!



Recycle more & recycle right!

—Rossco Raccoon

Recycling Drop-Off Site Updates



NEW Recycling Drop-Off Site:
First Presbyterian Church of Chillicothe.
• 13 Mead Drive, Chillicothe



NEW Recycling Drop-Off Site:
Ross County Baseball Park
• 3759 Egypt Pike, Chillicothe



NEW Recycling Drop-Off Site:
AW Marion State Park
• 7317 Warner-Huffer Rd, Circleville



PERMENTLY REMOVED:
Yoctangee Park
Park renovations underway



Club & Activity Corner

Experience Earth Camp

This camp is for Pickaway County Students entering 3rd & 4th grade. Campers participated in birdhouse building, forest hikes, bee keeping, archery, insects, geology, recycling, Ohio's State Symbols, wildlife, bats, and macroinvertebrates. This camp is co-hosted with the Pickaway County Park District & Pickaway Soil & Water Conservation District.



Jr. EE Camp

Jr. Experience Earth Camp for 1st & 2nd grade students was a big hit! Campers stayed busy learning about our environmental and natural resources through games, activities and crafts.



2024-2025 School Year

Recycling Scholarship

The 2024-25 scholarship was awarded to Andrew Roberts. Mr. Roberts is a 2025 senior at Westfall Highschool with plans to attend Hocking College and major in Wildlife Management. His interests include hiking, camping, fishing and enjoying nature.

Andrew's appreciation for nature inspired him to seek an education and future career that allows him to further explore, respect, and protect ecosystems. Congratulations Andrew! We Hope you enjoy the college experience and achieve all your goals!



Community Clean-Up Grant

The Community Clean Up Grant is an incentive grant program to encourage litter prevention, recycling, and community beautification.

Village of Leesburg

- Awarded \$4397.40
- Village dumpster day (two events) & community tire disposal event.

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- Awarded \$157.00
- Supplies for community litter clean up events in Ross County.

Ross County Health District

- Awarded \$5,000.00
- Tire collection event

City of Hillsboro

- Awarded \$2,916.00
- Annual City Clean Sweep event

Highland County Health District

- Awarded \$5,000.00
- Community dumpster days (6 events total)

Village of Greenfield

- Awarded \$4,500.00
- Two separate village tire collection events.



America Recycles Day Poster Contest

Casey Bumpus, a high school student at Adena, was chosen as our Poster Contest winner for this school year. This contest is hosted to celebrate America Recycles Day (November 15). Congratulations Casey!

