



Spring Cleaning Extends to Missouri Roads

April is a month for many to begin spring-cleaning their houses, however, Missourians also focused their attention on roadways, streams and yards during the month-long No MORE Trash! Bash. The Bash is a litter-prevention celebration when thousands of volunteers join together to clean up Missouri during April.

“The goal of this year’s Bash was to educate the public about the real cost of litter,” said Stacy Armstrong, MoDOT roadside management supervisor and No MORE Trash! Bash co-coordinator. “Many people think nothing of tossing a cigarette butt, empty fast food wrapper or bottle onto the ground, but cleaning up litter costs Missourians millions of dollars each year.”

The Bash, co-sponsored by the Missouri departments of Conservation and Transportation, encourages citizens to hold litter pickups and educational programs to raise awareness about Missouri’s litter problem. Thousands



of people statewide, including Adopt-A-Highway volunteers, MoDOT personnel, work release inmates and Missouri citizens picked up more than 79,000 bags of trash this year.

Many events took place throughout the month, including the Department of Natural Resource’s Earth Day celebration on April 21 in Jefferson City where MoDOT personnel distributed numerous No MORE Trash! and Adopt-A-Highway materials.

The city of Waynesville held a “pride and arbor day” where community members picked up trash and planted trees around the city. Many other cleanups and events were held throughout the state. More than 2,700 people attended educational events.

Last year’s month-long bash attracted 10,244 volunteers who picked up more than 60,000 bags of trash from Missouri’s road-



Youngsters sign the litter pledge at the Jefferson City Earth Day celebration in April.

ways and streams. In addition to the bags of trash, groups collected many other items too big to fit in the bags.

Participants received a No MORE Trash! lapel pin for their efforts. For more information about the Bash or litter prevention, visit www.nomoretrash.org. ■

ADOPTER SPOTLIGHT

Progressive Association Deserves Gold Star for Litter Collection Efforts

MoDOT’s Northwest District couldn’t ask for a better highway adopter group than the Progressive Association of South St. Joseph. The group joined the program in 1989, and is one of the district’s oldest and most diligent adopter groups. Not only do they complete the four required pickups each year, which has added up to almost 70 total litter collections, but they continually go above and beyond expectations.

During summer months, the group’s retirees like to get local kids involved in litter collections. For these pickups, they choose a random section of highway that needs cleaning. The Association schedules most of their pick-up activities around community events and festivals.

Dan Ramirez is the Public Works chairperson for the association, which works toward betterment of the community, and says many members joined because they

want to get involved in community service activities, such as Adopt-A-Highway.

“We just enjoy getting together and helping out the community by cleaning up the roadways,” Ramirez said.

The association’s 1.2-mile stretch of Highway 159 takes about two hours to clean. On average, Ramirez says they pick up about 15 bags of trash on each clean up, which they do at least four times a year.

Work Release Program Benefits MoDOT and Inmates

The Missouri Department of Corrections' work release program has more than 65 incarcerated crews that spend more than 133,000 hours a year removing litter. They also spend many more hours performing other maintenance tasks along Missouri roadsides.

The work done by incarcerated crews saves MoDOT time and resources, allowing transportation crews to perform other much-needed tasks. Replacing the labor done by inmates with full-time staff would cost MoDOT an additional \$16.7 million per year.

"This program helps stretch our resources," said Don Hillis, director of System Management. "By having inmates do these roadside tasks, it allows our employees to do more on our roads."

Each day, about 400 inmates from 14 correctional institutions across the state volunteer to participate in the program and are then screened by the DOC to determine eligibility. Inmates typically pick up litter, remove brush, mow, prune and install some erosion-control devices. DOC-trained MoDOT personnel closely supervise the crews.

"This program is really a winning situation for everyone involved," Hillis said. "Missourians get more work for their tax dollars, MoDOT accomplishes more and the inmates gain valuable work habits while cleaning roadsides."

Incarcerated crews also participated in collecting litter during April's No MORE Trash! Bash. The work release program has been operating successfully since 1987. ■

"Let the Fun Shine" at the Missouri State Fair

What do a fried twinkie, Trace Adkins and a No MORE Trash! Survivor game have in common? They can all be found at the 2006 Missouri State Fair in Sedalia, which runs from Aug. 10-20. This year's theme is "Let the Fun Shine," so head to the MoDOT Highway Gardens for some fun in the sun!

New this year in the Gardens is the Seat belt Convincer, a traffic-crash simulator designed to convince Missourians to buckle

up. Participants are seat-belted into a cart that is propelled down a ramp and then brought to an abrupt stop, allowing the passengers to experience the sensation of a traffic crash.

MoDOT will kick off the festivities with a No MORE Trash! Day on Friday, Aug 11. The grand prize winner of the No MORE Trash! trash can decorating contest will be on display and special guest Twila Tanner of *Survivor: Vanuatu* will host a No MORE Trash! Survivor game throughout the day.

The Transportation Exposition Center is open 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily and will feature several exhibits, including one celebrating the Interstate's 50th Anniversary, computer games, videos and demonstrations about a wide variety of topics ranging from work zones to safety belts. While in the Exposition Center, be sure to pick up some of the giveaways including magnets, Missouri state maps, stickers and more!

Some returning favorites in the Gardens include Otto the talking car from the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the MoDOT scavenger hunt, in which the winner receives a free bike!

For more information about the state fair, visit www.mostatefair.com. ■

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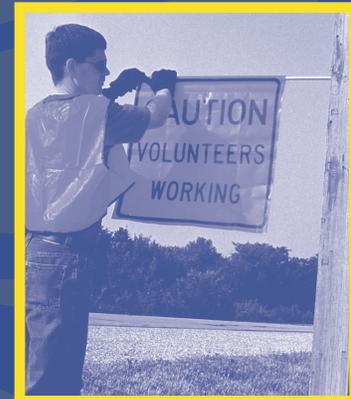
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2 The clean-up crew generally consists of about eight volunteers who clean up on at least four days throughout the year.

"This group is really an outstanding example of how members of the community can help keep our roadsides clean and litter free," said Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator Stacy Armstrong. "Their contributions save MoDOT valuable time, resources and money to work on other much-needed improvements."



Students Show How They CAN Make Missouri Litter free

Savannah middle-school students were awarded the grand prize on April 13 for their submission in the first-ever “Yes, you ‘CAN’ make Missouri litterfree” Trash Can Decorating contest. The contest challenged kindergarten through eighth-grade students to communicate a litter-prevention message by decorating a 33-gallon or larger trash can.

“This contest was developed to raise awareness about Missouri’s litter problem and discourage littering among elementary and middle school students in a fun and creative way,” said Arleasha Mays, Missouri Department of Conservation’s No MOre Trash! co-coordinator. “All the entries were so unique and original, it was hard to pick the winners.”

Entries were judged based on creativity, adherence to contest rules and appropriate theme and logo use.

The 2006 winning submission combined creativity and functionality by turning a trash can into a four-wheeled trash collection vehicle with the slogan, “No MOre Trash!”,



Grand prize winner from Savannah Middle school

So We Won’t Crash!” The ordinary can was transformed into a trash truck with the help of a local lumberyard and the students, who painted and assembled the cut-up can.

“In designing the trash can, the kids wanted to turn it into a truck that that would actually hold trash,” said Savannah teacher Traci Lewis who submitted the grand-prize entry.

The school received \$500 and a trophy for their efforts and the trash truck will be displayed at the 2006 Missouri State Fair. Three first place winners were also selected, one from each age group, and awarded \$100 each.

First place winners included Northeast Nodaway Elementary students in Parnell with their Oscar the Grouch “Feed Me Trash” design, a colorful “trashed” trash can developed by students from Yeatman-Liddell middle school in St. Louis and a can decorated with a collage of Missouri wildlife and landscape clippings created by William Yates Elementary students in Blue Springs.

The trash can decorating contest was launched in 2005 through Missouri’s No MOre Trash! program, a statewide litter-prevention program sponsored by the departments of Conservation and Transportation.

For more information about No MOre Trash! or the contest, visit www.nomoretrash.org. ■



1st place winner from William Yates Elementary school



1st place winner from Yeatman-Liddell Middle school



1st place winner from Northeast Nodaway Elementary school

MoDOT ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY
Litter Cleanup



5,259 MILES
3,747 ADOPTERS

SAFETY TIP

When doing an Adopt-A-Highway activity on the roadside, be sure to properly use the provided safety equipment including the ‘Caution Volunteers Working’ flags. The flags should be inserted into your group’s signpost just prior to beginning your activity. And don’t forget to remove them when you’re finished. Get in touch with your Adopt-A-Highway contact if you need flags, safety vests or any other Adopt-A-Highway material. Also, let them know if your signposts need holes drilled or another device to hold your flags.



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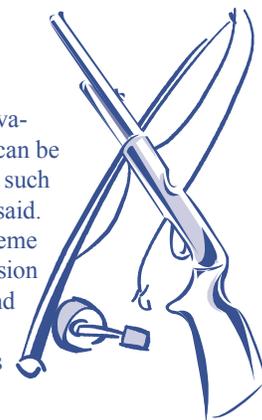
Litterbugs risk hunting, fishing license suspension

If you plan on going hunting or fishing this season, make sure that you properly dispose of your trash. In addition to the costly effects on the environment, littering can lead to loss of hunting and fishing privileges, according to a recent policy established by the Missouri Conservation Commission.

"The policy was set up to get the message across to people that extreme littering is harmful to the environment," said Larry Yamnitz, unit chief of the Missouri Department of Conservation's Protection division.

The policy divides littering violations into two categories: minor and extreme violations. An example of a minor offense is throwing a soda can out the window and can result in a ticket. Extreme littering is a larger offense like improperly dumping household trash or tires, and can result in a ticket as well as possible loss of hunting and fishing privileges.

"Hunting is a privilege granted by the Conservation Commission and can be revoked for due cause, such as littering," Yamnitz said. "In the event of an extreme violation, the Commission will review the case and then decide if hunting or fishing revocation is the right action."



Stepping across the border to hunt might not be an option either. Missouri is part of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact, stating suspension in Missouri means loss of privileges in 21 other states, including Kansas and Iowa.

For more information on the policy, visit <http://www.mdc.mo.gov/>. For more information on littering, visit www.nomoretrash.org. ■