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OWOSSO COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS BAND TOGETHER FOR GREENUP CLEAN UP DAY!

OWOSSO, MI - Owosso Main Street, The Friends of the Shiawassee River and the City of Owosso are joining forces for a day of good, green fun in Downtown Owosso on May 1, 2010! Spend a day doing your part to help clean up our river, tidy downtown and celebrate Arbor Day. There will be a variety of "GreenUp" projects to choose from, and we'll all meet up for a picnic in Main Street Plaza to wrap up the day. There's something for everyone, and a whole lot of good for our community!

“GreenUp CleanUp will be a really fun event that combines our traditional river cleanup with downtown and city-wide efforts to beautify Owosso,” said Friends of the Shiawassee River Director Heidi Frei. “From planting trees to downtown cleanup activities, there’s going to be something for every kind of volunteer.”

Get in on the fun! Any and all volunteers are encouraged to join GreenUp CleanUp on Saturday, May 1. The fun begins at 8:30am with sign-in and an Arbor Day tree dedication.

“We’re lucky enough to receive 48 trees when Owosso was recently awarded a Michigan DNR community forestry grant,” said Sarah Warren-Riley, the City of Owosso Housing & Neighborhood Development Coordinator. “We’ll really be able to green up the river with all those trees, but we’ll need a lot of help!”

To volunteer to help with river cleanup activities, contact: Heidi Frei, Friends of the Shiawassee River Director - 723-9062

To volunteer to help plant trees, contact: Sarah Warren-Riley, Owosso City Housing & Neighborhood Development Coordinator – 725-0537

To volunteer to help with downtown cleanup activities, contact: Natalie Burg, Owosso Main Street Manager – 720-0571

Volunteers may also sign-up to participate the day of the event, Saturday, May 1st at 8:30am.

GreenUp CleanUp Schedule:

8:30am - Meet at Jerome Street near the JC Penney/Capitol Bowl parking lot to sign in

9:00am - Celebrate Arbor Day with a tree dedication

9:30am - River Cleanup, Downtown Cleanup & Tree Planting begins

12:00pm - Picnic at Main Street Plaza

Invite a friend, roll up your sleeves and we'll see you there!



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