

Sherman Roadside and Community Cleanup Day April 26, 2008

Sponsored by the Sherman Merchants & Tradesmen

Rain or Shine, April 26 is Roadside and Community Cleanup Day and Sherman needs you! Sick and tired of all the cans, bottles, and garbage that gets dumped on the sides of our roads? Let's do something about it - together!

This year the Sherman Merchants and Tradesmen are expanding their efforts. Our goal is to have representation from every home association and neighborhood, town and community organizations, places of worship, school and sports teams to adopt a stretch of road to beautify. If you don't have a specific road in mind, we can suggest one of greatest need.

Roadside Cleanup - Garbage bags, blue bags for recyclables, and disposable gloves will be available at the Sherman Green Marketplace ("the Green") for your use on the day of the cleanup. Volunteers may bring the roadside garbage to the Green (look for the Public Works Dump Truck). Trash from state highways ((Route 39, Route 37, Route 55) may be left on the side of the highway for the DOT to pick up on Monday April 28. Wherever possible, please keep the recyclables separate from the roadside garbage.

We are excited to be offering these additional services for Sherman residents:



Scrap Metal Dumpster - Accepting car batteries, lawn mowers, aluminum siding, gutters, engine blocks, radiators, cast iron pipes, guard rails, car frames, file cabinets, hot water tanks, truck rims, copper wire, etc.). This will be on a first come first serve basis. Dumpster donated by Terra Services.



Office Paper/Junk Mail Dumpster - Accepting all paper including junk mail, newspapers, books, magazines, telephone books, etc. Staples are okay, but no paper or binder clips. No plastic, no metal, no confidential documents please. Dumpster donated by Advanced Recycling Corp.



Bottle Can Redemption - Sherman Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will gladly take those cans and bottles off your hands. Just bring your rinsed bottles and cans to the Scouts on duty on the Green from 9 am to 1 pm. The deposit monies will go towards non-profit community organizations including Habitat for Humanity and Operation Fuel (provides fuel assistance for low income Sherman residents).



#5 Plastic Yogurt Cups - The Town of Sherman is participating in a pilot program sponsored by TerraCycle and Stoneyfield Farm Yogurt in accepting #5 plastic (polypropylene) used yogurt cups for recycling into planting pots. Please save your **clean** 6 or 32 ounce wide mouth yogurt cups (Stoneyfield Farms, Dannon, YoCrunch, generic brands, etc), and bring them to the Green on April 26. Unfortunately yogurt cups in other sizes and shapes are not acceptable (La Yogurt, Yoplait, Breyers, Activa) through this pilot program. TerraCycle provides prepaid shipping boxes for the yogurt cups, and will donate 2 cents per cup to The Sherman School.



Used Sneaker Drive - In partnership with The Sherman School, we will continue to collect old used sneakers that are too worn out to be donated to charity. These sneakers go back to Nike where they will be recycled into playground surfaces. Old, smelly and worn out is fine as long as they are dry. Laces may stay on. No cleats or street shoes. Collection bin is inside Mallory Town Hall next to the toner cartridge and cell phone recycle bin.



Free Table - If you have something that is nearly new or gently used that you no longer have use for, please consider donating it to the free table rather than throwing it out. And please stop by to see what is available before running out to purchase something new. You never know what treasure you might find!

Safety - There are a limited number of bright reflective vests available for loan provided by the Sherman Merchants and Tradesmen for those who adopt a busy or main road to clean up. Please call to reserve yours. The DOT will provide additional road signs to caution drivers to slow down. We encourage families with younger children to select lesser traveled roads. Parents, coaches, pack leaders, and Commission chairs are responsible for the safety of their crew.

Refreshments and Prizes - Did someone say REFRESHMENTS????!!! As always, the Sherman Merchants and Tradesmen will be on hand at the Sherman Green Marketplace with a hot cup of coffee, a donut, or a hotdog for our wonderful volunteers! As an added show of appreciation, the Town will scatter a number of keepsake Sherman Bicentennial coins along our roadsides for our volunteers to find and keep as a memento. A few of these coins will have a prize sticker on them, entitling the finder to special gifts or certificates from the Sherman Merchants and Tradesmen. Please bring your prize sticker coins to the Green to find out what you've won!

Please call Ruth Byrnes (Mallory Town Hall) at 860-355-1139 or Laura Lurcott (Hudson Valley Preservation) at 860-355-0906 with any questions, to reserve a vest, or to sign up for a road or area of town to clean up.