

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL EDITION

Hooray, Hooray, it is EARTH DAY!

What does that mean, anyway? As with most celebrations, Earth Day has multiple meanings to multiple people. At the first Earth Day, it was celebrated as a day of service. No one was sure what to do, so we took it upon ourselves to clean up areas outside of the high school - a spring cleaning for the environment, if you will. We picked up litter, cleared out brush and leaves around shrubs, and painted murals.

Spring Native Flowers



Celandine Woodland Poppy



Virginia Bluebells



Golden Ragwort

Earth Day has changed so much over the years. Trash, air, water, land, climate change, depletion of all animal species and habitats, are all part of Earth Day. The list is endless. The good news is that even a small bit of work can yield big results.

Tomorrow I am walking along the King Street fence line and picking up trash. Here are some things you could try. Remember it is always more fun with a friend.

- Pick up litter around your court. The winds have blown cups and wrappers everywhere.
- Find a spot that needs a little TLC, such as a weedy area behind your fence.
- Plant a native plant. The Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia have a lot of suggestions.
- Do a bird count. How many kinds of birds can you find in the court? Pick one and learn something about it.
- Make a list of some of the items in your kitchen that can be traced back to the earth, such as things made of wood, sand, or metal.
- Brainstorm with your friends and family about how you can help the earth.

Let us know what you did.

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