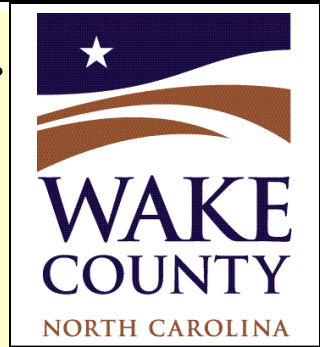




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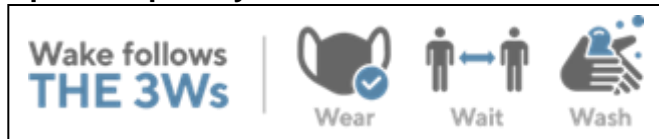
2021 **Fall** Schedule
Preliminary (August)

~ **List of Watershed Cleanups** ~

Dear Big Sweep Volunteers,

HURRAY! After three seasons were cancelled by COVID-19, our in-person cleanups are back in the sweep of things! Those “things” being unhealthy and unsightly litter in our local streams, lakes, wetlands, parks, and neighborhoods! Hope you’ll join us this fall for a cleanup or two!! Select a litter cleanup from this list of 13 preliminary sites across Wake County! Eight sites welcome volunteers, while five sites are private cleanups for school students or other groups. Read the site descriptions carefully for requirements regarding minimum age of volunteers and whether adults must accompany children.

Contact Big Sweep Zone Captain or park office directly to pre-register and to make sure the site is appropriate for your group. All volunteers must sign 1-2 liability waivers to participate — one for Wake County, and one for a partnering town or park. Dress for the weather and put safety first! Big Sweep cleanups may be cancelled and/or re-scheduled due to severe weather.



THANK YOU for your volunteer spirit and willingness to keep our environment litter-free!

SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

RALEIGH

Lake Johnson at Lake Johnson Park ~~

***SPECIAL* Craft Happiness Cleanup Project!**

Volunteers **MUST** pre-register online. Space is limited so pre-register today!

https://www.cervistech.com/acts/console.php?console_id=0105&console_type=event_list&ht=1&event_id=1516

8:30-9:30am = Park vehicles, check-in and sign waivers at Thomas G. Crowder Woodland Center;

Walk ¼ mile to Lake Johnson’s waterfront Program Center deck for 2nd check-in;

10:00am-12:00noon = Litter Cleanup on lake and along shore and foot trails;

After cleanup, Volunteer Appreciation Lunch provided by Foothills Brewing!

Walk ¼ mile back to Thomas G. Crowder Woodland Center.

Clean up Lake Johnson as part of **2021 Craft Happiness Cleanup Project and Wake County Big Sweep** with the City of Raleigh, Foothills Brewing of Winston-Salem, and Wake Soil & Water Conservation District. Volunteers will remove litter from the water, shore and trails. Volunteers can bring their own non-motorized boat with life vests/PFDs or borrow a boat from Lake Johnson on a first come, first serve basis. **Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older in each boat.**

Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Adults must register and accompany children under age 16. All volunteers must sign a release form (a parent or guardian must sign for each child.) Bring a water bottle and wear clothing that can get dirty/wet. Trash bags, gloves, grabbers, and data cards will be provided. Volunteer Appreciation Lunch includes food and beverages sponsored by Foothills Brewing of Winston-Salem, NC. Thank you Foothills Brewing!

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SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

National Public Lands Day!

GARNER

Lake Benson and White Deer Parks and Garner Streets ~~

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 9:00am-10:30am

Volunteers are needed to help clean up the streets of Garner as well as White Deer and Lake Benson Parks. All volunteers must pre-register by emailing White Deer Park Nature Center at whitedeerpark@garnernc.gov.

Volunteers should wear closed-toed shoes and bring drinking water and sun protection. All clean-up equipment will be provided.

Directions: Meet at the Holly Shelter at White Deer Park, located at 2400 Aversboro Road, Garner, NC 27529.

RALEIGH

Upper Crabtree Creek in western Raleigh ~~

For Crabtree Creek Canoe and Kayak Club members ONLY! Led by new Zone Captain Richard Arnold with Big Sweep Partner James Hilton of Hanson Aggregates Crabtree Quarry. (Severe weather date will be a Sat. in Oct.) Many thanks to Hanson Aggregates Crabtree Quarry for generously sponsoring and assisting our most complex urban creek Big Sweep site!

Walnut Creek Wetland in southeast Raleigh ~~

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 9:00 am to 12 Noon

Raleigh Parks & Recreation, Partners for Environmental Justice, and Wake County Big Sweep invite you to help in maintaining this unique urban wetland. Meet at the Walnut Creek Wetland Center located at 950 Peterson Street, Raleigh, NC 27610.

Please wear work clothes, pants and boots (no open-toed shoes) and bring a water bottle.

Volunteers must pre-register! Contact Zone Captain Frances Carmichael at 919-996-2760 or WC.WetlandCenter@raleighnc.gov

Directions: From Martin Luther King Blvd., take South State Street to Peterson Street. Turn right onto Peterson. Walnut Creek Wetland Center is on the corner of Peterson and State Streets.

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SATURDAY - OCTOBER 2, 2021

RALEIGH

Durant Nature Preserve in North Raleigh ~ ~

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 9:00am-12:00pm

Help keep Durant Nature Preserve clean by coming out to our Big Sweep! This litter cleanup is open to all ages as long as an adult is present and helping out as well. All volunteers must sign a waiver and minors must have a waiver signed by an accompanying adult. Trash bags and gloves will be provided. Check in will be at 9am in our north parking lot located at 8305 Camp Durant Road. Please wear close-toed shoes and appropriate clothing.

Pre-registration is recommended. Volunteers can register online by visiting:
<https://raleighnc.gov/parks-volunteer> (just click on the Durant Big Sweep Link.)

Questions? Contact Assistant Park Manager and Big Sweep Zone Captain Jason Kiser at 919- 878-9116.

Directions: Durant Nature Preserve is located in North Raleigh. From downtown Raleigh, take Capital Blvd/US 1 North. Just past the 540-interchange, turn left at the light onto Durant Road. After 0.5 miles, turn left onto Camp Durant Road. Follow Camp Durant Road until it dead ends into the preserve.

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 7, 2021

WAKE COUNTY – SOUTH

Harris Lake County Park in New Hill ~ ~

For Xylem employees ONLY! Led by Zone Captain Joanne St. Clair.

SATURDAY – OCTOBER 9, 2021

CARY

Town of Cary (multiple locations across town) ~ ~

(Neuse: Walnut, Crabtree, Swift and Middle Creeks; Cape Fear: Lower & Upper New Hope Creeks)

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! Multiple shifts available!

Sign up to serve for our Town of Cary Fall Litter Sweep. Gather a group of friends and select a neighborhood area of your choice or sign up for one of our six (6) staffed sites around Town. Either way, we provide all the tools and supplies needed.

For a complete list of sites and registration info visit:
<https://www.townofcary.org/connect-engage/volunteer/environmental-volunteering/spruce>

RALEIGH

Shelley Lake ~ ~

For Oberlin Magnet Middle School students, teachers, and families ONLY!

Led by Zone Captain and science teacher Richard Kowaleski.

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SATURDAY – OCTOBER 9, 2021 continued...

RALEIGH

Falls Lake at Blue Jay Point County Park in north Raleigh ~~

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 9:00am-12:00pm
Blue Jay Point County Park, 3200 Pleasant Union Church Road, Raleigh, NC 27614

Blue Jay Big Sweep is a volunteer event focused on cleaning up Blue Jay's shoreline. Volunteers **MUST** register in advance!!

Volunteers report to the Blue Jay Point Education Center, where they will receive supplies, data cards, information and maps to shoreline locations for litter removal. Big Sweep at Blue Jay is appropriate for ages 8yr and up – families, groups or individuals. Volunteers under the age of 16 must be part of an organized group with a participating adult supervisor or be accompanied by a guardian.

Preregistration is required – groups and individuals may register **beginning in August**. Individuals may register themselves at this link:

https://apm.activecommunities.com/wakeparks/Activity_Search/5071

Groups may register by calling 919-870-4330 or emailing bluejaypoint@wakegov.com

IMPORTANT: ALL Big Sweep volunteers must sign a Volunteer Service Agreement and Release Form found here: https://s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/wakegov.com.if-us-west-2/prod/documents/2020-10/Volunteer_Release_Form.pdf Forms will be available on-site, but all unaccompanied minors must bring one signed by a parent or guardian.

SATURDAY – OCTOBER 16, 2021

RALEIGH

Marsh Creek near intersection of Brentwood Road and Stoneybrook Drive ~~

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. **Sleep in or catch your fave cartoons!**
Meet Zone Captain Parnell Bell of the Blue Phoenix Group on the bridge at 11 am. Gloves, trash bags and data cards will be provided. Wear clothes & shoes that can get dirty and wet. Please dress for the weather. To pre-register, contact Parnell at 919-455-3818.

Directions: From I-440 Beltline, take Capital Blvd./US 1 North exit. Travel north, away from downtown. Turn right onto Brentwood Road. See Post Office on right, then turn left onto Stoneybrook Drive. See new bridge over Marsh Creek and park here on side of road.

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SATURDAY – OCTOBER 23, 2021

RALEIGH

Lake Wheeler at Lake Wheeler Park ~~

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Come help clean up the shoreline and park grounds of Lake Wheeler Park to keep our environment and waterways litter-free! Check in at 9:00 am at the waterfront program center. Volunteers will clean up until 11am. Gloves, trash bags and data cards will be provided. Please wear appropriate clothing for cleanup such as close-toed shoes (no open-toed flip flops) and bring a water bottle. **Volunteers under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult.** Questions? Please call the park office at 919-662-5704.

Directions: From Beltline I-40/440, take Lake Wheeler Road exit and drive south for 5 miles. Enter park on right-hand side at 6404 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh, NC 27603.

Pigeon House Branch in downtown Raleigh ~~

For S.A.F.E. Club members of Broughton High School ONLY! Led by veteran Zone Captain and science teacher Laura Woods.

SATURDAY – OCTOBER 30, 2021

RALEIGH

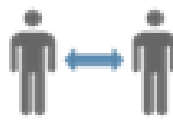
Rocky Branch near Dix Park in downtown Raleigh ~~

For Boylan Heights Neighborhood Association residents ONLY! Led by Zone Captain Laura Weislo.

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Thank You
for volunteering for
Wake County Big Sweep!

Our Volunteers, Zone Captains
and Partners
Make All the Difference!

For more information on Wake County Big Sweep,
call 919-410-2676 or email sbjones@wakegov.com

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Wake County Big Sweep is an integral part of the **International Coastal Cleanup** — the largest litter cleanup of its kind on the planet.

Working inland and upstream, Big Sweep volunteers remove litter before it can travel down storm drains, creeks and rivers to the North Carolina coast, preventing its entry into the Atlantic Ocean.

On September 18, 2021 and throughout the fall & spring seasons, Wake County Big Sweep volunteers work with over half a million volunteers in 122 countries to remove unsightly and dangerous trash from the world's oceans.

For over 30 years as partners with the nonprofit **Ocean Conservancy**, Wake County Big Sweep helps to affect significant change both locally and globally. Roll up your sleeves and join us today!

DYK? The average person uses 1.6 straws per day. If 25,000 people pledge to **skip the straw** we could save 5,000,000 straws—and prevent a lot of them from entering the ocean and possibly harming wildlife.

PLEDGE TO SKIP THE STRAW

Sign the pledge at the link below and when offered a straw, simply say 'no thanks'.

<https://takeaction.oceanconservancy.org/page/26445/petition/1?locale=en-US>



Student Videos Offer Solutions to Plastic Pollution

In **The Last Straw! Video Contest** we conducted this past spring, Wake County students created 60–90 second videos that creatively inform and persuade people to take action on reducing single-use plastics. The top three middle school and high school winners received \$100 each! View the winning videos at the link below:

<https://www.wakegov.com/departments-government/soil-water-conservation/environmental-education/straws-project>

For more information or to become a sponsor of this year's video contest, please contact Sheila Jones at 919-410-2676 (leave voicemail) or sbjones@wakegov.com.

The Last Straw! Video Contest was part of Wake District's new S.T.R.A.W.S. (**S**ingle-use **T**rash **R**eduction **A**t **W**ake **S**chools) Project made possible by a generous grant from the Ocean Conservancy.



CLEAN UP TRASH - WIN **CASH!**

Here's an exciting new incentive to pick up that unsightly & unhealthy litter in your community!

- 1) Anyone age 13 or older can collect a bag of litter, then
- 2) Enter the **Clean Sweep\$takes** at <https://cleansweepstakes.org/>
- 3) **Deadline to enter is 08/31/2021. Drawing for \$250 is 09/05/2021!**

Parents and older siblings can enter for younger children age 12 and under.

This new sweepstakes is offered by a new service organization called **Clean Sweep** created by two middle schoolers – **The Clean Up Kids** – to inspire people to limit their use of disposables and make a difference in their communities by cleaning up litter.

Wake County Big Sweep is partnering with The Clean Up Kids and you should too!

Questions? Contact The Clean Up Kids at https://cleansweepstakes.org/?page_id=1262

LITTER?

There's an App for That!

CLEAN SWELL

from the Ocean Conservancy

Free download!

Track every litter item you collect!

Earn digital badges!



Doing a litter cleanup at home? Check out the Ocean Conservancy's FREE [Clean Swell app](#) that anyone can use anywhere, anytime! When creating your account, start your Group Name with "Wake-_" and finish with a unique name like "Wake-Troop345" or "Wake-SmartElem4th." Avoid using "FallsLake" or "NeuseRiver," as that may confuse your data with that of many other groups.



The app is easy to use, plus it tracks EVERY cleanup and EVERY piece of litter you enter.

As an extra incentive, virtual badges are awarded for reaching collection milestones! How many will you earn?

Have fun volunteers and follow these

[Steps for Safety!](#)