

## **NEWS FROM**

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### **“Change Is Here” Community Clean-Up Day Set for May 2**

LEBANON (March 27, 2009) – If great weather has you suffering from a severe case of Spring Fever, then channel all that energy into a community clean-up day that’s been set for May 2 from 8 a.m. to noon in Lebanon.

Local residents are encouraged to sign up to participate – either as individuals or in groups or teams – to help spruce up Lebanon’s streets and sidewalks so that community pride can shine brighter than ever before, event organizers say.

“Change Is Here” is the event theme, which is designed to encourage people of all ages to embrace the opportunity to make a difference in the look and feel of the community. Event organizers hope to prompt 150 or more residents to participate by appealing to their sense of duty and community. Sponsors are the Greater Lebanon Community Vision Committee, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Witham Health Services.

“Lebanon has always been a city filled with people who take pride in their hometown and all that it has to offer,” said Jeff Tribbett, president of the Greater Lebanon Community Vision Committee. “We’re now giving people an outlet to demonstrate their commitment to the city and make a visible difference in how others perceive it.”

Clean-up efforts will focus on the Lebanon gateways (primary entrances by road) at Indiana 39 and 32 and Indianapolis Avenue. But clean-up or beautification efforts in other parts of the city are equally important. All you have to do is register by April 17, identify any special project or beautification effort that you want to work on, and then show up with a few supplies and a great amount of energy on May 2.

Event sponsors are supplying trash bags, commemorative t-shirts and lunch after clean-up ends. Event participants are asked to bring their own rakes, brooms, shovels or gloves, and to plan to take trash to the Lebanon Street Department at 1301 Lafayette Ave. for disposal at day’s end.

Register by filling out a form that’s available at the Boone County Chamber of Commerce at 221 N. Lebanon St. or log on to [www.lebanonvc.org](http://www.lebanonvc.org). Return the registration form on or before April 17. The May 2 clean-up event will start at 8 a.m. and end at noon at Memorial Park, where lunch will be served to participants.

**General rules of thumb:**

- Anyone can participate – small groups, large groups or individuals
- You can identify a special clean-up project or help others with “gateway beautification” at Lebanon’s primary entrances
- Wear comfortable shoes and clothes
- Bring water and snacks
- Make sure your team can help transport trash bags from your clean-up site to the Street Department at the end of the event
- Bring “clean-up tools” such as rakes, brooms, shovels, gloves and weed-cutting tools to help make the job easier
- Have fun!

Completed registration forms should be returned to the Chamber office. People with questions may call the Chamber at 482-1320.