AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

In honor of America Recycles Day, a group of 30 volunteers led by 2 City staff gathered to clean the shoreline at Indian Creek on Saturday, November 14. In only 1.5 hours a total of 300 pounds of recyclables and litter were collected and removed from Indian Creek. Volunteers learned how to recycle right and the importance of refusing single-use water bottles by choosing refillable bottles instead.

The most frequently collected item was plastic water bottles, which were properly separated from litter and recycled. Among the other items removed were two shopping carts, a traffic cone and a tire. The value of community service cannot be understated in protecting and restoring Indian Creek and the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

The event was made possible by the City of Greenbelt Public Works Department partnering with CHEARS, America Recycles Day, American Rivers, and Alice Ferguson Foundation. Thanks to Starbucks for donating hot coffee.

If you are looking for another volunteer opportunity, please consider signing up for the Zero Waste Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 4 from 6 - 9 pm. Save the environment by collecting biodegradable cups and napkins while listening to music, eating cookies, and sipping hot chocolate! RSVP to ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov to confirm your availability. Hurry...space is limited & slots fill up fast!

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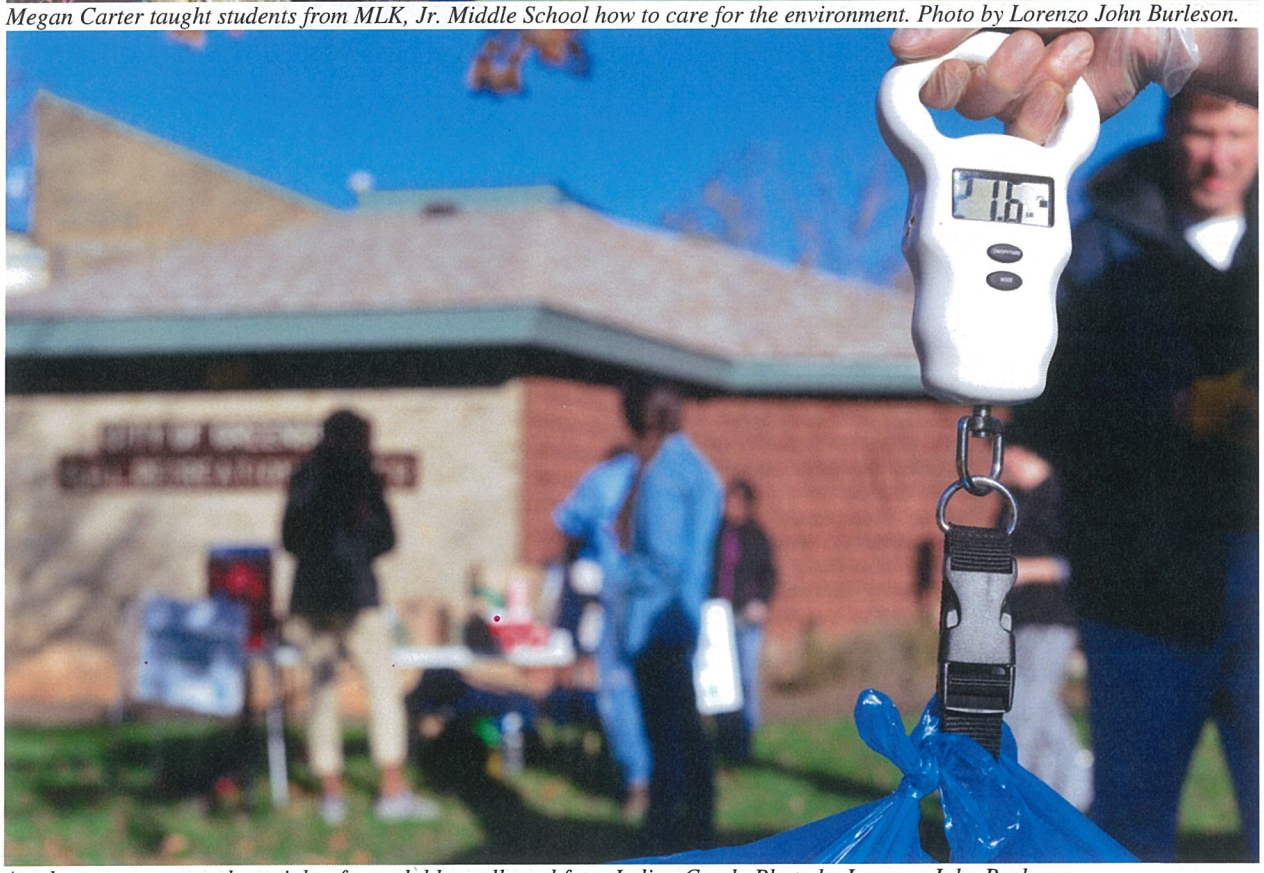
Megan Carter taught students from MLK, Jr. Middle School how to care for the environment. Photo by Lorenzo John Burleson.



A volunteer measures the weight of recyclables collected from Indian Creek. Photo by Lorenzo John Burleson.

America Recycles Day Shoreline Cleanup at Indian Creek. Photo by Lorenzo John Burleson.

Volunteers walked through the woods west of Cherrywood Lane to arrive at Indian Creek. Photo by Lorenzo John Burleson.

Bag full of collected recyclables. Photo by Erin Josephitis.