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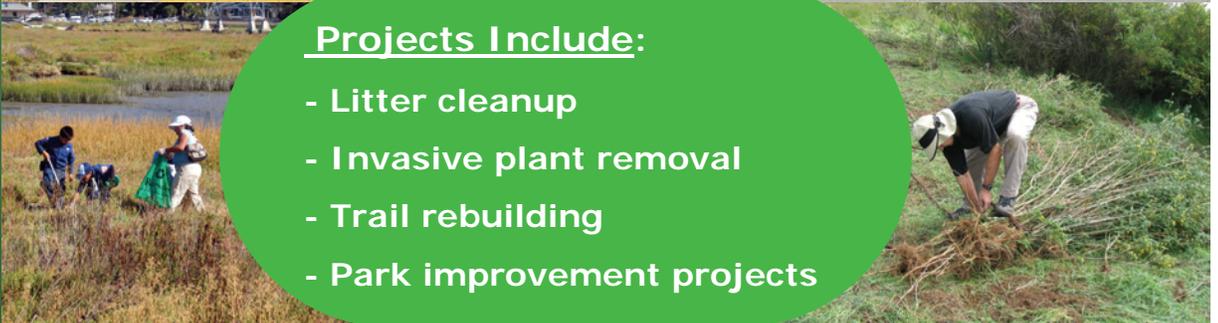
April 23, 2011
Locations all
around Marin!

Visit www.myearthdaymarin.org to find a list of locations near you where you can participate in service projects in parks, open space preserves, cities and towns, and on the beach!



Projects Include:

- Litter cleanup
- Invasive plant removal
- Trail rebuilding
- Park improvement projects



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My Earth Day Marin 2011

Mahon Creek and Path Cleanup - San Rafael

Saturday, Apr 23, 2011 - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm



Site Location: Corner of Albert Park Lane and Lindaro St., San Rafael, CA 94901

Project Description: Mahon Creek and Path is a wonderful little oasis adjacent to downtown San Rafael. Easy access and parking make it a great spot to serve and then visit nearby Wildcare, or walk downtown for a little lunch or shopping. Occasionally occupied by egrets and river otters, this path tends to accumulate trash from the tides or insensitive late night visitors. Volunteers are needed to help with clean up of litter and trash from the creek and surrounding path. The site is on level ground and the project is recommended for volunteers of all ages.

What will be provided: We will provide water, snacks, litter grabbers, garbage buckets/bags, gloves, education and leadership.

What to bring: Please bring sturdy shoes, layered clothing, sunscreen, a sunhat and a water bottle.

Registration/Sign-up Information: Volunteers can sign up on www.sanrafaelvolunteers.org, or just show up. Volunteer Service Agreements will be at each site and youth under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. All youth must have a Volunteer Service Agreement form signed by a parent in order to volunteer. Sign up online to get the form.

For More Information: Terri Fashing, tfashing@co.marin.ca.us, 415-499-6583 or Cory Bytof, Cory.bytof@cityofsanrafael.org, www.sanrafaelvolunteers.org, 415-485-3407



- prevent stormwater pollution
- protect and enhance water quality in creeks and wetlands
- preserve beneficial uses of local waterways
- comply with State and Federal regulations

Partners in the My Earth Day Marin Coalition are: City of San Rafael, Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program, Marin County Parks and Open Space District, Marin County Community Development Agency, Marin County Department of Public Works, Marin Municipal Water District, and the Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership of Marin

MCSTOPPP Earth Day Clean-up at Mahon Creek

Saturday, April 23, 2011 - 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM



- m** Meeting Location
- Clean-up Areas
- Mahon Creek



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CLEANUP AND PROTECT MARIN FOR EARTH DAY

San Rafael, CA – The My Earth Day Marin Coalition invites Marin County residents, visitors and businesses to celebrate Earth Day 2011 by joining hundreds of volunteers on Saturday, April 23 to clean and protect Marin's public places, wildlands and watersheds. Volunteers will remove litter from beaches, parks, and creeks; invasive plants from open space preserves and graffiti from public buildings and structures. The My Earth Day Marin Coalition is comprised of public agencies and volunteer programs including City of San Rafael, Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program, Marin County Department of Parks and Open Space, Marin County Community Development Agency, Marin Municipal Water District and the Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership of Marin. The Coalition promotes organized service projects throughout Marin.

Volunteers are encouraged to sign up for a project at a particular site or, if they have a group they can host a new project site. Service projects will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at noon. Visit www.myearthdaymarin.org or call (415) 499-6583 for a list of Earth Day service projects.

Litter cleanups are important because they keep our community clean and protect wildlife in our Bay and Ocean. Invasive plant removal and trail maintenance programs improve habitat for wildlife and reduce sediment that enter our creeks and impact salmon. Last September, more than 2,000 volunteers in Marin picked up over 8,000 pounds of trash and recyclables on Coastal Cleanup Day. The My Earth Day Marin Coalition is urging people to participate in a similar effort this spring in various service projects throughout the County. So, please join a local effort on Earth Day, and help preserve our beautiful and unique environment in Marin.

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Marin Voice: Harness the power of the people

By Kyla Burke-Lazarus
Guest op-ed column

Posted: 04/18/2011 03:19:00 AM PDT

ALTHOUGH the last-minute budget deal that averted the chaos of a government shutdown comes as a relief, it also bears with it the solemnity of imminent and painful cuts. President Barack Obama warns us that federal budget deal comes with difficult trade-offs.

"Some of the cuts we agreed to will be painful. Programs [that] people rely on will be cut back. Needed infrastructure projects will be delayed. I would not have made these cuts in better circumstances," Obama said.

Our pressing economic crisis demands that we find new ways to make use of our available resources. One of our most abundant and under-used natural resources is the power of volunteers.

In these challenging times, the value of volunteerism is more important than ever. In homage to the significance of volunteerism, the president called on Americans to get involved in service.

We must highlight the impact of volunteerism and concentrate on leveraging its power in our communities. To do so, it is important to acknowledge that volunteering comes in many different forms, and as a society we should appreciate and celebrate its diversity. From small daily acts to structured and formal activities, volunteers are integral in making continued change in our

communities.

Let us also never doubt the power in numbers and the power of collaboration to strengthen our communities. Working with Volunteer Marin, a program of the

Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership, I continually witness the power of volunteerism and its influence in Marin.

When members of the community come together, whether to remove a remarkable amount of the invasive plant, French broom, in a mere three hours, or to directly impact our children's education by helping in an after-school program, the outcome can be incredible.

The success of the 2010 Coastal Clean Up Day clearly embodies the power of volunteers. In September, over 2,000 volunteers participated in Marin and managed to pick up over 8,000 pounds of trash and recyclables. Coastal Clean Up Day inspired the concerted efforts of the My Earth Day Marin Coalition to create a county-wide Earth Day cleanup event.

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The My Earth Day Coalition is a collaboration of the county Parks and Open Space District, the City of San Rafael Volunteer Program, the San Rafael Clean Program, Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership, and the Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program.

The coalition is promoting its own Earth Day projects, as well as those of many amazing organizations throughout Marin.

You can make a significant difference and help change the Earth's future by participating in this year's Earth Day cleanup. Let Earth Day 2011 be a reminder of the importance of volunteerism and let it be inspiration to make service a part of your life throughout the year.

Please visit the volunteer page at myearthdaymarin.org to view a full list of volunteer opportunities for Earth Day 2011.

To continue your service beyond Earth Day visit volunteermarin.org and explore the volunteer opportunities our program offers.

Kyla Burke-Lazarus is an AmeriCorps VISTA working at the Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership in San Rafael. Her column is the first in a series of columns leading up to Earth Day on Friday.



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Marin hosts Earth Day activities Saturday

By Mark Prado
Marin Independent Journal

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Although Friday is the official national celebration of Earth Day, the 41st annual event mostly will be marked in Marin County with a series of activities Saturday.

Established in 1970 to honor the Earth and to increase environmental awareness, Marin has been involved in the event since its inception and there are a myriad events this year. They include:

- **Lagunitas:** The Salmon Protection and Watershed Network will restore and enhance critical salmon habitat from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet at 9255 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. at the Turtle Island Restoration Network headquarters. Contact: Emi Bauman, emi@tirn.net, or Diana Baetscher, diana@tirn.net; 663-8590 ext. 118.

- **Mount Tamalpais:** Habitat restoration on the Marin Municipal Water District; meet at Rock Spring parking lot at the intersection of Ridgecrest Boulevard and Pantoll Road. There will be a hike to Potrero Meadow, Laurel Dell, along Cataract Creek and back. This is a 3.5-mile round-trip hike and will last from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact: volunteerprogram@marinwater.org, 945-1128.

- **Mill Valley:** Remove litter along the path and around Bothin Marsh from 9 a.m. to noon. Meet on the bike path at the end of Sycamore Avenue at Bayfront Park. Contact: Greg Reza,

greza@co.marin.ca.us, 499-3778.

- **Mill Valley:**

Meet with Marin ReLeaf at Boyle Park at 10 a.m. to plant big leaf maples in honor of the late Supervisor Charles McGlashan. Contact: Sandra Sellinger, 721-4374, marinreleaf.org.

- **Novato:** At Bahia, the Marin Audubon Society will restore newly reconstructed land to native wetland and upland habitat. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit www.volunteermarin.org or call or e-mail Kyla Burke-Lazarus at 479-5710, KBLazarus@cvnl.org for more information.

- **San Geronimo:** Meet at the San Geronimo Valley Community Center, 6350 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, starting at 9 a.m. for litter removal along roads. Contact: Jim Rawlinson jimrawlinson@comcast.net.

- **San Rafael:** At the Falkirk Cultural Center, 1408 Mission Ave., volunteers will help with weeding and mulching in the large gardens from 9 a.m. to noon. For more info: Cory.bytof@cityofsanrafael.org, call 485-3407 or



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- San Rafael: Along Lucas Valley Road, shrubbery will be trimmed and roadside litter will be picked up from Gallinas Creek in San Rafael from 9 to 11 a.m. The event is at 101 Lucas Valley Road (office building parking lot) between Las Gallinas Avenue and Los Gamos on the south side of the road. Contact: Carolyn Lenert, CarolynLenert@msn.com, 499-9234 or Ray Lorber, RayLorber@yahoo.com, 479-9127.

- San Rafael: Clean trash at Mahon Creek and a nearby path adjacent to downtown San Rafael from 9 a.m. to noon. Meet on the corner of Lindaro Street and Albert Park Lane near the tennis courts. Contact: Terri Fashing, tfashing@co.marin.ca.us, 499-6583 or Cory Bytof, Cory.bytof@cityofsanrafael.org, www.sanrafaelvolunteers.org, 485-3407.

- San Rafael: At Davidson Middle School Garden, 280 Woodland Ave., from 9:30 a.m. to noon, work on the school garden. Contact: Stuart Moody, Green Schoolyard coordinator, stuart@greensangha.org, 459-0176.

- San Rafael: Rangers at McInnis Park will be leading a cleanup of sensitive wildlife areas along Las Gallinas Creek and the recreational facilities of McInnis Park in San Rafael from 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at the canoe dock at John F. McInnis Park near the golf center parking lot at 350 Smith Ranch Road.

- San Rafael: At Pickleweed Park, 50 Canal St., clean litter before it gets into the bay from 9 a.m. to noon. Contact: Cory.bytof@cityofsanrafael.org, 485-3407.

- San Rafael: Meet in Autodesk parking lot, 111 McInnis Parkway, to clean up litter and trash from the path and wetlands around Gallinas Creek along McInnis Parkway from 9 a.m. to noon. Contact: Joan Slate, Joan.slate@autodesk.com.

- Sausalito: Clean up litter and remove invasive plants at Willow Creek Academy from 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at the corner of Bridgeway and Nevada Street. Contact: Willow Creek Academy parent Steve Moore at 730-0089, smoore@sonic.net or teacher Anne Siskin at 601-7688, ajsiskin@gmail.com.

- Sausalito: At the Bay Model, 2100 Bridgeway, meet from 9 to 10:30 a.m. to clean up litter along the waterfront around the visitor center. Terrain is mostly flat, along paved surfaces. Contact: Tammi.M.Skalitzky@usace.army.mil, 289-3007.

- Stinson Beach: Meet at Upton Beach — between Seadrift and Stinson Beach — to pick up litter between 9 a.m. and noon. Contact: Katherine Mindel Jones at kmjones@co.marin.ca.us, 473-2793, or Kristin Drumm, kdrumm@co.marin.ca.us,

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- Tiburon: At the Richardson Bay Audubon Center and Sanctuary, 376 Greenwood Beach Road, clean up beaches, plant native seeds and remove invasive plants from 9 a.m. to noon. Contact: Wendy Dalia, wdalia@audubon.org, 388-2524.

Contact Mark Prado via email at mprado@marinij.com

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