

“Stash R Trash” Project to Keep Oregon Beautiful

- **Bend Parkway and Highway 97 Volunteer Trash Removal Project (A SOLV Project Oregon Event)**
 - **Saturday, September 27, 2008 10 am (Assemble at Wal-Mart or Lowes Parking Lots)**
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Two hundred (200+) volunteers are to meet at the Wal-Mart Parking Lot (South Bend) or the Lowes Parking Lot (North Bend) on Saturday, September 27, 2008 at 10 am. The volunteers will be formed into “clean up site” teams. The teams will be furnished arm extenders/grabbers, trash bags and safety vests. Each team will clean up approximately ½ miles of the parkway (and/or sections of the highway) working in 1 to 1 1/2 hours shifts.

MISSION = Keep Oregon a Clean and Beautiful State

Traditionally Oregon has enjoyed the reputation of being one of the most clean and beautiful states in America. Heretofore its citizens have prided themselves on preserving Oregon’s visual beauty and as a part of the overall quality of life for Oregonians.

THE PROBLEM = Oregon’s Beauty Is Now at Risk Because of Excessive Trash Accumulation

With increased population the physical beauty of our state is at risk because of the “growing” accumulation of trash in our wilderness areas, in our neighborhoods and along our streets and highways.

Where:

Stash R Trash volunteers will pick up trash in south Bend between Reed Market and Baker Road and in north Bend between Robal Road (Trader Joes) and Deschutes Market Road Overpass.

When: Start at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 27, 2008

Who: Volunteers (ODOT regulations for working on the Parkway require that volunteers be 18 years of age or older.)

Two hundred or more community volunteers and stakeholders will pick up trash. (e.g., volunteers from Neighborhood Associations, Realtors, current Adopt-A-Highway groups along highway 97, community service organizations (SOLV, RSVP, etc.), interested governmental agencies/departments, builders, businesses, public services agencies, local clubs and organizations etc.)

How:

Volunteers will fill, tie off and then leave trash bags (yellow) along the Parkway and highway for disposal. The City of Bend, Deschutes County and ODOT staff members will pick up the filled trash bags for disposal at the local dump.

Why: Positive Benefits of an Ongoing Trash Removal Program

- A community whose visual image reflects and reinforces the obvious pride it takes in itself.
- A community image that retards the development of other forms of anti-social behaviors (e.g., little or no graffiti, less vandalism, discourtesy, irresponsible behavior etc.)
- Decreased costs to government, businesses and homeowners (e.g., reduced costs due to cleanup/maintenance, etc.)
- A more physically appealing community that is increasingly attractive to new homeowners, and businesses that will grow and create living wage jobs.
- A healthy, more attractive environment in which to raise a family and work.
- Increases in overall property values for everyone in the community

***To acquire the most recent information/updates on the trash removal project visit the Stash-R-Trash web site at: www.stash-r-trash.com or call: RSVP Information Operator 541-385-1136 or contact Mr. Ken Egan at 541-322-6996 or by e-mail at kenegan@bendbroadband.com**