

St. Clair Shores Waterfront Environmental Committee

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The St. Clair Shores Waterfront Environmental Committee is committed to the conservation, protection, safe use and enjoyment of Lake St. Clair for our current and future generations.

May 31, 2019

Karl Paulson, Superintendent
Lakeview Public Schools
27575 Harper Avenue
St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

Dear Superintendent Paulson,

On behalf of the St. Clair Shores Waterfront Environmental Committee, we would like to thank the teachers and students of the Lakeview School District especially teacher Nicole Rakozy for taking their time and energy to participate in the "24th Annual Nautical Coast Cleanup and Lake St. Clair Celebration". We had students from the entire school district involved in the cleanup. Their participation has helped make this year's cleanup one of the best ever.

The final tally shows that between 350 and 400 volunteers cleaned the two public beaches, lakefront parks, private beaches and shoreline areas. Through the hard work of all the volunteers, we filled four 20 yard GFL dumpsters with lake debris. The trash collected from the cleanup sites amounted to 38.04 tons. After 24 years of cleaning the beaches and shoreline of St. Clair Shores, we have removed over 795 tons of debris from Lake St. Clair!

2019 St. Clair Shores Cleanup Highlights

- * Removed all of the debris and/or seaweed from Blossom Heath beach, fishing pier and Coast Guard road.
- * Removed most of the debris, logs and rotting seaweed from Veteran's Memorial beach and shoreline.
- * Removed the debris from the Chapaton Retention Basin shoreline, boat launch and fishing area.
- * Over 2,000 sand bags were filled for waterfront residents at 3 locations to help protect the City from flooding.
- * Removed many logs (potential navigational hazards) of all sizes from the Lake St. Clair shoreline.
- * Homeowner group participation was up this year with the City providing lake debris pickup at the curb.
- * The number of participating volunteers this year was estimated at between 350 and 400 including 71 international exchange students from Lake Shore High School. Students from all of the school districts in St. Clair Shores and some from our surrounding communities also participated.
- * And finally the Lake St. Clair Celebration and lunch was enjoyed by everyone. Detroit Tiger tickets provided by the We Are Here Foundation went to twenty lucky volunteers. Another good sign was that over 400 hot dogs, 78 pieces of chicken and three large 5 foot party subs were enjoyed by the volunteers.

The St. Clair Shores Waterfront Environmental Committee is committed to protecting and improving the health of Lake St. Clair. Your student's hard work and extra effort has helped us reach this goal. Thank you again!

Sincerely,

Members of the St. Clair Shores Waterfront Environmental Committee and the Jefferson Yacht Club:

Copy to: Scott Kapla, Principal, Lakeview High School
David Lavender, Principal Jefferson Middle School

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