

The GREAT Pittsburg Clean-up

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Join us to Clean-up Kirker Creek!

Saturday, April 9th 9 AM – 11 AM

Meet at: **Buchanan Park** (Yosemite & Harbor Street)



Kirker Creek **AFTER** volunteers clean up litter and dumping.

Litter Information & Facts...

Ventura, CA volunteers picked up 229,928 cigarette butts from California's coastal and inland waterways in 2007. Facts:

- Cigarette litter is deadly to wildlife on land, which mistake the filters for food. Many butts left on sidewalks and streets wash into storm drains, which take them to the ocean and other waterways. Marine animals eat the litter, think they are full, then die of starvation.
- Children who find and ingest more than one cigarette, or more than three cigarette butts may show symptoms of nicotine poisoning.
- Cigarette filters are not biodegradable. Many contain plastics (not cotton as in the past) and can take up to five years to break down, leaking toxins into land and water environments.

Source: City of Ventura Integrated Waste Management Division

Plastic is not biodegradable and very little of it (less than 4%) is recycled. Because it is durable and light-weight, plastic debris travels over vast distances and accumulates on beaches and in the ocean. The majority of marine debris is plastic. In the Central North Pacific Gyre, pieces of plastic outweigh surface zooplankton by a factor of 6 to 1. Fish and seabirds mistake plastic for food. Plastic debris release chemical additives and plasticizers into the ocean.

Source: Alglita Marine Research Foundation

Help us plan by registering at 925-252-4114 or just show up!

Wear appropriate shoes and clothes for possible wet, muddy conditions.

Groups *please* RSVP! (So we can stock gloves & snacks)

Volunteer Release Form required on day of the event.

If under 18, parent signature will be required.

Call number above to get a form.

Release Form also available at : www.ci.pittsburg.ca.us

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Service Credits available for graduation!



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