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PRESS RELEASE

Operation Clean Sweep will kick off neighborhood cleanups on Earth Day, volunteers invited for Saturday, April 15, 2017 – 8:30 a.m. to noon

New Bedford, Massachusetts– Operation Clean Sweep, a New Bedford-based anti-litter organization, will hold its first 2017 neighborhood cleanup on Earth Day, Saturday, April 15, 2017 in Ward 2 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The Ward 2 cleanup will be hosted by AFC Urgent Care, providing coffee, doughnuts, and restroom facilities. Lunch will be provided by Domino's Pizza.

The Earth Day cleanup in the North End marks the 12th season of volunteers cleaning up litter in New Bedford. Saturday's cleanup will meet at 8:30 a.m. in the city parking lot between Sawyer and Beetle streets, one block east of Acushnet Avenue (behind Cotali Mar Restaurant).

Students, individuals, families and community service groups are encouraged to volunteer with Operation Clean Sweep to earn community service hours, demonstrate support for their neighborhood, and pride in their community.

Volunteers are encouraged to pre-register by visiting www.operationcleansweep.net or by calling (508) 979-1493. Pre-registration is not required but it is preferred so that organizers are better able to plan for the needs of the day. Volunteers are asked to wear closed-toe shoes and clothing appropriate for the weather. Tool, bags, and gloves are provided, and Operation Clean Sweep also provides t-shirts and reusable water bottles to registered volunteers.

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