



**1 Fourth Street  
Chester, PA 19013**

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**MAYOR ANNOUNCES 7th ANNUAL CITYWIDE CLEAN UP**

*Residents, business owners and community groups come together to cleanup Chester*

**Chester, PA** -- Mayor Wendell N. Butler, Jr.'s 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Citywide Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, August 29, 2009 (rain date: September 12) from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Volunteers from Swarthmore College, Chester-Wallingford Red Cross, Harrah's Chester Casino & Racetrack, the Delaware County Housing Coalition, MinSec, Delaware County Community Service, local churches and other organizations, along with residents will disburse throughout the city. Volunteers will focus on vacant lots, playgrounds and neighborhood streets, picking up debris, and cutting grass and high weeds.

“Our goal is to promote a better quality of life as we help clean and beautify this fine City,” stated Mayor Butler. “This is a citywide event and we encourage all residents to come out and participate in making Chester a cleaner place.”

Registration for event will kick off at 8:30 am at Chester City Hall, 1 Fourth Street, with a brief message from Mayor Butler. Volunteers can then pick up trash bags, gloves, safety vests, brooms, shovels and rakes, all provided by the Mayor's Office. Other equipment, such as gas blowers, lawn mowers and pruning shears were also available for use that day. At the conclusion of the cleanup volunteers will meet back at City Hall at 1:00 pm for lunch.

The Mayor's Annual Cleanup is made possible through the help of local businesses and is designed to promote a better quality of life and to encourage all residents to participate in making their city a cleaner, better place.

Residents can still sign up to volunteer or become Block Captains in their neighborhoods. For more information call Donna D. Davis, Events Coordinator, at 610-447-7724.

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