

What is Beautify Londonderry?

Beautify Londonderry is a town-wide volunteer effort to create clean and welcoming outdoor spaces throughout Londonderry. The goal of this program is to facilitate and encourage civic engagement and pride in our town environment. The heart of Beautify Londonderry resides in the residents, local companies, groups and organizations who volunteer to clean and beautify their own neighborhoods and public spaces.

When does the program start?

In 2017, Beautify Londonderry runs from April 21 through May 13. In the first few weeks, we focus on litter clean up on our roadways and other areas before the grass, weeds and other plants come up, complicating the litter clean up. Each Saturday during the program, Beautify Londonderry members will be at Matthew Thornton school between 9 AM and noon to hand out the supplies you need for picking up the trash and debris along a road or public space. With the help of sponsors, we are able to provide work gloves, safety vests and trash bags. You do not need to dispose of the bags of trash yourself. Just leave them on the side of the road and send us an email with their location and we will arrange to have them picked up. No worries if you cannot get there on one of the Saturdays to get supplies. Just contact us and we will arrange a time to get you the supplies you need.

What work do volunteers do?

The Beautify Londonderry committee will provide ideas for projects or you can come up with your own. Some volunteers focus on litter along the roadways and town shared spaces, while others make improvements to the community landscape. Projects include raking, weeding and planting at school grounds and fields, Morrison House, Town Common, Senior Center, Kendall Pond and Musquash Conservation Areas, The Rail Trail, and other town properties. Through the generosity of sponsors, we are also able to provide plants and mulch. Last year hundreds of volunteers collected several hundred bags of trash, planted perennial flowers at three school locations, planted an herb garden at the Morrison House, and spread mulch and raked at both the central fire station and town common.

Who should volunteer?

We welcome anyone who wants to give a little time and hard work to help improve the Londonderry outdoor space. It's a wonderful time for young people to plan and perform a service project, and for families, neighbors and friends to have fun together doing something for their town. We are thankful for town Girl Scout troops, Boy Scout packs, LHS clubs and sports teams who volunteer every year. We'd love for more school groups to join in the effort! We have free t-shirts this year for anyone who volunteers to show off your hard work in making Londonderry beautiful.

How do I sign up as a sponsor or volunteer?

All of what we do is accomplished through the efforts of volunteers and generosity of Beautify Londonderry sponsors. If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring the event, please complete the appropriate registration form. If you'd like more information, or would like to help out at the committee level, please contact chair Mike Byerly at: (603) 537-9551 or beautifylondonderry@gmail.com.