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Scouts in Hilliard to Mark Storm Drains & Educate Homeowners about Stormwater Pollution on Sunday, August 17

What: Storm drain marking in the Beacon neighborhood of Hilliard

Who: Hilliard Boy Scout Pack 148

Where: Meet at Veterans Memorial Park, 3800 Veterans Memorial Drive, Hilliard, OH, 43026. Gather at the Cedar Shelter (to your right when facing the swimming pool entrance, at the end of the pool parking lot, behind a garage). After greetings from Mayor Don Schonhardt and lunch, the scouts will carpool to the Beacon neighborhood. (Beacon Elementary School is in the Beacon subdivision. Its address is 3600 Lacon Rd, Hilliard, OH 43026.)

When: Sunday, August 17. Meet at Cedar Shelter for lunch from 1:00 to 1:45 p.m. Hilliard Mayor Don Schonhardt and Operations Division Manager Larry Lester will speak to the scouts at 1:00 p.m. At 1:45 scouts will carpool to Beacon subdivision.

Why: The Scout's service project was organized in conjunction with the City of Hilliard's Operations Division as part of its outreach to residents about stormwater runoff pollution. When rainwater falls on lawns, sidewalks, driveways and streets, it picks up pollutants including fertilizer, auto fluids, trash and pathogens from dog waste and carries them to the nearest stream without cleaning or filtering. The scouts and their leaders will cement a plastic marker that says "No Dumping Drains to Stream" near storm sewer inlets at intersections to remind residents that storm sewer systems convey water to streams and rivers. The scouts will also be leaving door hangers with the same message and easy ways to reduce stormwater pollution.

This is the second of three planned storm drain marking outings for Pack 148. Their introduction to the practice was Tuesday, August 12 when they marked the storm sewer inlets in the Conklin neighborhood. The third neighborhood will be Avery on Saturday, August 23.

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