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DeLeon Springs cleanup day coming Saturday, June 12

Keeping it all safe — The Division of Environmental Health, along with the DeLeon Springs Merchants Association and the Volusia County Health Department, will co-sponsor a DeLeon Springs cleanup day 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 12. Members of the community are encouraged to participate. The Division of Environmental Health tests and monitors drinking water, sanitation and other aspects of the environment to ensure safety.

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[The Volusia County Health Department](#), its [Environmental Health Division](#) and the [DeLeon Springs Merchants Association](#) are coming together to sponsor a DeLeon Springs neighborhood cleanup 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 12. Participants and organizers will meet at Spring Waters Inn, at 4851 North U.S. Highway 17.

The cleanup will focus on ridding roadsides of litter and debris.

Along with that will come an opportunity for the community to come together.

"We're hoping to get a good turnout," Health Department Environmental Supervisor Jim McRae said.

The Environmental Health Division's Protocol for Assessing Community Excellence in Environmental Health (PACE-EH) program supports county health departments in addressing environmental-health concerns. The cleanup will be an effort of the PACE program.

"The whole idea of the project is to make DeLeon Springs a better place to live," McRae said.

The focus of an Environmental Health-PACE sponsored community meeting in DeLeon Springs May 25 focused on preparing for tropical storms and hurricanes. Community members learned about the location of local hurricane shelters. They also learned to make sure they have at least a three-day supply of food and water when a tropical storm or hurricane is approaching.

Read more about Environmental Health programs online at www.doh.state.fl.us/chd/volusia/EH. Also, more information about storms and shelters is available online at www.volusia.org/storm/shelter.

McRae and the other organizers hope the cleanup will be another good day for the community.

People of all ages are welcome. Youngsters can start learning responsibility about proper disposal of trash, he said.

No advanced registration is needed. Refreshments will be served.

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