

CITY OF NORTH TONAWANDA



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## **City of North Tonawanda Participating in 11<sup>th</sup> Annual "Canal Clean Sweep" on April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

NORTH TONAWANDA—North Tonawanda's Mayor Arthur G. Pappas has announced that the City of North Tonawanda will once again be participating in the 11<sup>th</sup> annual *Canal Clean Sweep* on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

In recognition of Earth Day 2016 and in preparation for the upcoming, 192<sup>st</sup> consecutive navigation season on the New York State Canal System, and in conjunction with the New York State Canal Corporation, Parks & Trails New York, and the various communities along the 524-mile canal system, the City of North Tonawanda will be participating in this annual event. The Mayor's office and Waterfront Commission are seeking volunteer groups and individuals to meet at the large pavilion at Mayor's Park on Sweeney Street for the clean-up efforts that are scheduled to begin at 9am.

The *Canal Clean Sweep* highlights the growing significance of the Canal System and the Canalway Trail System as a recreational and tourism destination across the state and here in the City of North Tonawanda by encouraging communities, not-for-profit organizations and volunteers to engage in cleanup and beautification activities along the Canal System and the Canalway Trail.

"I would like to thank the sponsors, Hunt Real Estate and Walmart, as well as our Waterfront Commission, and all the volunteers who come out to help beautify one of City's most important assets, the Erie Canal," stated Mayor Pappas. "North Tonawanda is becoming a recreation destination and the canal is a big part of that."

Waterfront Chairman Ed Smolinski stated, "This is a great way for our community to come together and spruce up the area, and feel good about your efforts after a job well done."

HUNT Real Estate, ERA Wheatfield Office is honored to be a sponsor for this year's Annual Canal Clean Sweep!," stated Jamie L. (Mendel) Kolb, Hunt Real Estate, ERA Niagara County Broker Consultant. "As we are dedicated to serving our community, we are pleased to have the ability to participate in this wonderful project to beautify our Erie Canal System. Thank you to all the volunteers, organizers and founders involved!"

This year's event is being sponsored by Hunt Real Estate, Walmart, along with the Mayor's office. Supplies such as rakes, gloves, and trash bags will be supplied by the City Recreation and Parks Department.

Last year, the City of North Tonawanda was one of 150 communities, not-for-profit organizations, civic groups, businesses, and social clubs took part in nearly 100 cleanup and beautification events along the Canal System and the Canalway Trail.

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