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City of North Tonawanda Participating in 12th Annual "Canal Clean Sweep" on April 22nd

NORTH TONAWANDA—North Tonawanda's Mayor Arthur G. Pappas has announced the City of North Tonawanda will once again be participating in the annual *Canal Clean Sweep*, going into a 12th year, on Saturday, April 22nd - Earth Day.

In recognition of Earth Day 2017 and in preparation for the upcoming, 193rd 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 this year's sponsors, Hunt Real Estate and Walmart for helping out once again, as well as our Waterfront Commission and the many volunteers that come out to help keep such a vital City resource clean, beautiful and enticing for those wishing to use it for recreation purposes," said Mayor Pappas. "With the kayak docks and the bike path extension, we should see even more people enjoying the water this coming season."

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

"As HUNT Real Estate is dedicated to serving our incredible community, we are honored to participate in this wonderful project to beautify our Erie Canal System," said Jamie Mendel-Kolb, Hunt Real Estate, ERA Niagara County Branch Director. "We sincerely thank all the volunteers, organizations and founders involved to make this annual event a success!"

This year's event is being sponsored by HUNT Real Estate ERA Wheatfield Office, Walmart, as well as 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 taking part in nearly 100 cleanup and beautification events along the Canal System and the Canalway Trail.

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