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Whether you care about creeks, loathe litter, have been itching to exercise that green garden thumb, or have simply spotted a corner of your community which needs a little tender loving care, April 20 is your day to join hands with fellow Orindans to show your civic pride. Organizers of the fifth annual Orinda Action Day are looking for volunteers of all ages, and have a list of ways that residents may pitch in.

The community clean-up event which annually draws hundreds of helpers has become a popular way for seniors to get out and mingle, moms to teach tots about caring for their world, and Lamorinda area students to fulfill required volunteer hours for school. Scout troops are particularly urged to participate this year, say event co-chairs Jessica Smith and Holly Henkel.

Registration check-in will begin at 9 a.m. at the Orinda Library Plaza. Volunteers will be given free T-shirts while supplies last, and treated to fresh fruit, bagels, and coffee to fuel up before getting busy. Drop-in registrants are also welcome the day of the event.

Volunteers will reassemble at the plaza between 11:30 a.m. and noon for a round of high fives and pizza. To learn how you can help and pre-register, click on "Orinda Action Day" on the Orinda Community Foundation's website (www.orindafoundation.org), and follow the instructions. Or send an e-mail with volunteer name(s) and preferred project to: orindafoundation@gmail.com.

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