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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

West End Clean-Up Day 'refreshing'

A month or so ago we announced that there would be a West End Clean-up Day on June 29.

At that time volunteers were recruited to come down and help clean up from 9 a.m. to noon. Knowing it's summer and people have lots going on, I was unsure how many people would actually come and help. We were all pleasantly surprised as people of all ages from all over Bristol came down to help clean the West End Center. Without everyone's help this day would not have been possible.

This was a collaborative effort between the city, local business owners, and regular citizens.

Special support was given by the Department of Public Works which dropped off extra garbage barrels for use during the clean-up, as well as the Police Department which enforced a temporary parking ban. Bill Englert, of City True Value/Just Ask Rental donated his time and machinery, and everyday citizens as young as 8

years old lent a hand.

It was refreshing to see so many people with this much civic virtue rolling up their sleeves and working together to improve their community. It is these types of activities that strengthen a community and promote civic pride. Borrowing a page from the Forestville Village Association, I personally believe that a similar organization in the West End would be a great next step.

Thank you to the following volunteers:

Mayor Art Ward; William Veits, city treasurer; Eileen McCulty, youth services director; Frank Dellaera, Tony's Barber; Diana Silvestri, Bristol resident; Georgie Sloate, Bristol resident; Thomas Ragaine, Bristol resident; Bob Alderman, property owner; Richard J. Kilby, Bristol resident; Richard C. "Putter" Kilby, Bristol resident; Henry Raymond III, Bristol resident; Stacey Raymond, Bristol resident; Jerry Chamberland, Bristol Veteran's Council, West End Study

Commission; Mike Caouette, Bristol Youth Services, Pine Lake Challenge Course and resident; John Piotrowski, Bristol resident; West End Study Commission; Steve Deveau, Bristol resident; West End Study Commission; Chet Reed, Bristol resident; Cole Musumano, (8 years) Cub Scout Pack 433 (SSS); Christopher Musumano, Bristol resident; Tori Morrell, Bristol resident; Rob Morrell, Bristol resident; Joshua Morrell, (9 years) Cub Scout Pack 433 (SSS); Matthew Morrell, (13 years); Melissa Graffam, (16 years) Bristol Youth Services; Justin Brown, (13 years) Bristol Youth Services; DeJeahn Brown, (14 years) Bristol Youth Services; Dan Gallant, South Side Meat Market & Suds; Sam Vasile, South Side Meat Market & Suds; Niquan Coppledge, (17 years) Bristol Youth Services; Reginald Haynes, Bristol resident; Theriaut Service Center; Wah Lung Chinese

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