



REPOA

APRIL-MAY 2024

EARTH DAY CLEANUP and SPRING BONFIRE!

Seeking volunteers to help with our earth day clean up. One of our neighbors, Randy Johnson, has offered to help with his tractor for the clean up at the pond. We also need some help in cleaning up the front entrance (weeding, landscaping, etc.). Please consider helping on Saturday, April 20 at 9AM. Meet at the pond. Bring your chainsaws, clippers, hedge trimmers, weed whackers, eye and hearing protection, and gloves.

River's End Spring Bonfire will follow at the pond at 5PM. REPOA will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and condiments. Bring a dish to share, chairs, and your beverage of choice. Local neighbors, Mike Reilly and Richard Bolmen will provide live music.

- As always this is a weather dependent event. Hope mother nature cooperates. -

HELLO SPRING! Spring, with its gentle touch, ushers in renewal and rebirth. As nature awakens from its slumber, we see green and floral limbs stretch toward the sun. Blossoms bloom, painting the world in hues of pink, lavender, and gold. The chirping of birds becomes a symphony, announcing the return of life. Buds emerge, delicate and promising, from once-barren branches. The earth stirs, releasing fragrant scents of damp soil and fresh grass. Spring whispers hope, reminding us that even after the harshest winters, there is always a chance for new beginnings. -
Kristie Musial

As Robin Williams said, "Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'"

Celebrating Heroism!

African American soldiers have made significant contributions to the history of the U.S. military. Their bravery, resilience, and unwavering commitment have left an indelible mark. Here are some remarkable examples:

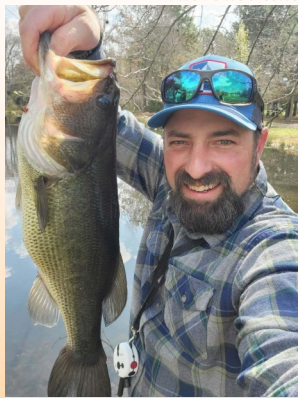
- ◆ **Crispus Attucks:** During the American Revolution, Attucks became the first African American casualty. On March 5, 1770, he was killed in the Boston Massacre, standing up against British soldiers who opened fire on a crowd of colonists. His sacrifice symbolizes the fight for freedom and equality.
- ◆ **Buffalo Soldiers:** The 10th Cavalry Regiment, formed in 1866, was composed of African American troopers. Native American tribes bestowed the name "Buffalo Soldiers" upon them during the Indian Wars. These soldiers displayed rugged endurance and tireless marching, earning respect on the frontier.
- ◆ **369th Infantry (Harlem Hellfighters):** Among the first U.S. regiments to arrive in France during World War I, the 369th Infantry, known as the "Harlem Hellfighters," served with distinction. Under the command of mostly White officers, they repelled German offensives and launched counterattacks. Their valor and resilience remain legendary.
- ◆ **Tuskegee Airmen:** During World War II, the Tuskegee Airmen, an all-Black fighter pilot group, shattered racial barriers. Despite discrimination, they excelled in combat, escorting bombers and protecting vital missions. Their achievements paved the way for desegregation in the military.
- ◆ **Medal of Honor Recipients:** Numerous African Americans received the Medal of Honor, the highest military decoration. Their acts of courage, often performed under extreme conditions, exemplify heroism.

These heroes, along with countless others, have shaped the course of American history and continue to inspire generations. Their legacy reminds us that diversity, resilience, and unity are essential for a strong and just nation, and sacrifice.

PICTURES ARE WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS



Good Citizens!! Brady Hamilton, Alyse Mills, Alivia Mills, Zoey Hamilton and Chase Hamilton picked up three bags of trash from the REPOA lot on Deep Creek Drive on February 9.



Matthew Culp enjoying a catch and release fishing session at the River's End pond. This is one of five bass he caught.



Kristi Reilly and Andrea Allen out for a Spring nature walk on the Woodland Path in River's End.



River's Enders participated in the first annual "Egg-Cellent" Bunny Hop and Roll on March 30. Several residents enjoyed the gorgeous Spring weather!

Please visit River's End website at www.riversend.org for information about upcoming events and the Community Cares Team (CCT).

A New Beginning



"Will you be my neighbor?"



This is your community newsletter and we want to hear from you! Have some news? Have something to share? Have some River's End photos? Want to thank someone? Have a special talent? We want to feature you. Contact the REPOABoard@gmail.com