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"Team Up to Clean Up" hosted by Clinton Rotary Club

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Team Up to Clean Up is a partnership between the Clinton Rotary Club, the Clinton Community Nature Center and the community of Clinton to clean up, make repairs and provide aesthetic improvements throughout the Clinton Community Nature Center. The Clinton Community Nature Center is a 501c(3) non- profit organization formed to preserve a precious tract of woods (approximately thirty acres) in the heart of Clinton.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all projects and events that typically generate annual revenue for this non-profit unexpectedly stopped. In an effort to generate traffic and increase annual memberships, the Clinton Rotary Club is leading the way with the "Team Up to Clean Up" workday, set for Saturday, November 21, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Josh Welch, local Rotarian and owner of Froghead Grill, will be donating lunch for volunteers.

A short walk from Olde Towne, this highly-coveted, exclusive resource features nature trails, an outdoor amphitheater, a playground and a water feature. Price Hall is the "Welcome Center" for the Nature Center. It boasts nature exhibits and a large, open, multi-purpose room. Famous for popular yoga and paint nights, Price Hall offers a large, rustic space, perfect for conferences, retreats and receptions.

"I love the outdoors and hiking. It's almost as though I feel closer to God in Nature," said Shelly Withers-Janous, current Clinton Rotary president. "The Clinton Community Nature Center offers beautiful, well-kept, safe trails. We are blessed to have the Nature Center in the heart of our hometown, and I never want us to take it for granted. It is time for a new generation to engage and embrace the Clinton Community Nature Center and assume responsibility to preserve it, maintain it and financially support it. Everyone in the family can enjoy the physical, mental, and social benefits and amenities the Clinton Community Nature Center has to offer."

It is very important to the Board of Directors of the Nature Center that everyone feels welcome to join and enjoy the trails and other amenities year-round. Memberships are \$25 per individual or \$40 per family annually.

"The Clinton Rotary Club is so thankful to have received a district grant to help with the updating and maintenance of the Clinton Community Nature Center! Everyone is welcome to join us and 'Team up to Clean Up,'" says Janous. "Volunteers can walk the trails for years to come with pride and ownership as they make memories participating in this great event."

Individuals, churches, youth groups, service organizations and the like are invited. For additional information, or to donate time, tools, or take the lead on a project that includes construction, landscaping, or tree service, reach out to

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