

# GO GREEN FORUM

A Newsletter For Tullahoma's Go Green Initiative



## GO GREEN BY REMOVING GREEN

This is a great time of year to remove invasive plant species from your yard. Many plants not native to Tennessee, like English ivy, winter creeper, and privet, still hold their green color and are easier to spot. With the cold weather, you'll likely be more comfortable wearing the protective clothing you need to stave off sharp brambles and poison ivy.

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## Save the Date

AN EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

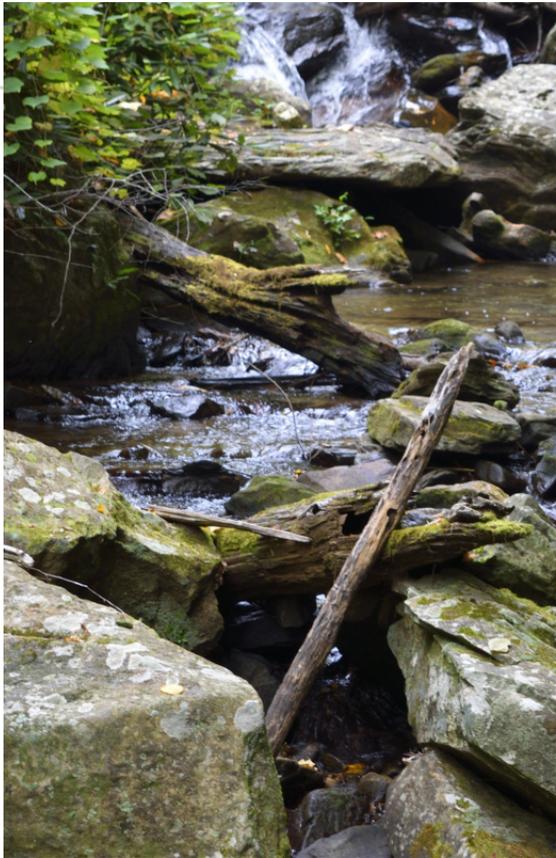
On Saturday, April 27th, 2019, Tullahoma will host its second annual Earth Day Celebration. Attendees will have the chance to attend this festival-style event at Frazier McEwen Park. The afternoon event will be followed by live entertainment to last into the evening. Interact with local clubs, organizations, and Earth Day sponsors to find out how these groups are positively impacting our community and learn how you can also get involved.

## GO GREEN BY THINKING BLUE

Rock Creek, our stream that runs through the heart of Tullahoma, is on Tennessee's list of impaired streams. We can all do our part to help Rock Creek recover. If you live within the city limits, rain that falls on your home likely ends up in Rock Creek. By keeping the water as clean as possible on its journey, we can restore one of our town's most beautiful natural assets. Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces or get a rain barrel. Wash your car in the grass instead of the driveway to prevent soap from directly entering storm drains.

Use pesticides sparingly, if at all. After treating your lawn, sweep fertilizers away from paved surfaces. Have your septic tank inspected regularly. Pick up after your pet. NEVER dump oil or paint in storm drains. Instead, take oil and latex paint to Tullahoma's recycling center to be processed.

Visit [tnstormwater.org](http://tnstormwater.org) for more information about how you can better care for Rock Creek.



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It's best to uproot the entire plant if possible, but with large tap roots and sprawling capabilities, sometimes management is the only option. Start at the edges and work your way in. Let your neighbors know what species you are tackling. Chances are good if the plants are on your property, then they're next door (and down the street) as well. The more people who can identify and manage these species across our state, the better. Check out the Tennessee Invasive Plant Council ([www.tnipc.org](http://www.tnipc.org)) for more information about how you can better protect our native species from encroachment.

**To find out more ways to go green or to get involved, please email me at [aldermandunn@tullahomatan.gov](mailto:aldermandunn@tullahomatan.gov) or attend a Go Green! meeting which are held on the first Monday of each month at 5:00. All are welcome.**