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Abington cleanup called a success

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ABINGTON — Boy Scouts have an old adage: Always leave the land better than when you found it.

Volunteers put those words into practice Sunday as they picked up leaves and trash at the Beaver Brook Playground “Abington Cares for the Earth Days.”

“As an Eagle Scout, I have lived by that philosophy,” freshman state Rep. Geoff Diehl said as he pitched in, wearing shoes, beige slacks and a blue long-sleeve shirt with the sleeves rolled up.

“If you can’t give back financially, it’s a chance to give back with your hands,” said Diehl, R-Whitman.

The two-day weekend cleanup was sponsored by Saving Abington with Green Energy, a volunteer group dedicated to town’s environment.

The event targeted several areas in town, including Griffin’s Dairy, the Frolio Middle School, Woodsdale School and Center School, the senior center, Island Grove and the Early Childhood Center.

On Sunday, dozens of paper and plastic bags filled with trash and dead leaves were later picked up and hauled away by contractor Paul Emery, who donated his time and the use of the truck.

“It takes working together with our government and businesses. As a community, we can do anything we want if we work together,” said Theresa Brielman said.

The group set up headquarters in front of the police station, where a truck stood by to collect recyclable waste.

On Saturday, nearly \$800 worth of old television sets were taken away by CRTR of Brockton. Volunteers also collected old washing machine, freezers, refrigerators and various electronics – bulky items the town now removes only if they carry a special permit.

“It’s going really well. We had two trucks that were filled,” said Theresa Maze, a member of Saving Abington with Green Energy and newly elected member of the Board of Health.

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