

# Welcome New Member!

## *BCRD Adopt-A-Road*

The Berrien County Road Department is pleased that you've joined the Adopt-A-Road team. Together, we'll keep our roadsides clean and attractive. It's a big job and we want the experience to be as safe as possible. Please read these safety rules carefully before each pickup.

### **All Volunteers Must:**

- Wear a BCRD provided Adopt-A-Road safety vest
- **Use BCRD provided Adopt-A-Road trash bags unless disposing of trash yourself**
- **Call BCRD to notify when your cleanup has occurred**
- Park vehicles clear of roadway
- Be 12 years of age to participate in a cleanup
- Furnish adequate supervision by one or more adults (21 years or older) for groups that have participants 12-17 years of age
- Pick up litter only during daylight hours
- Not pick up trash on road surface and shall stay off road edge at least 3 feet
- Obey all safety rules and guidelines
- Be in good health with good sight and hearing
- Secure bags by tying them shut

### **For Your Safety:**

- Wear light-colored clothing that covers arms and legs
- Wear leather shoes or boots, a hat and leather gloves
- Face oncoming traffic when picking up litter and look up often to ensure that no vehicle is encroaching your work area
- Stay well clear of construction
- Stop working in bad weather, especially when there is poor visibility and wet or icy roads
- During warm weather, drink plenty of fluids and take breaks
- During cold weather dress warmly with layered clothing
- Be alert for snakes, stinging insects and poison ivy
- **Do not remove hazardous substances or dead animals (notify BCRD for removal)**

### **DO NOT:**

- Use or possess illegal drugs or alcohol during a cleanup
- Pick up trash on bridges or overpasses
- **Pick up what appears to be hazardous material (notify BCRD at number below)**
- Attempt to squeeze bags to make room for more trash (injuries can result from broken or jagged objects)

*Please call the Adopt-A-Road program director Michael Juengling at 269-925-1196 ext. 4424 to get your safety vests and bags.*

*Please call when your cleanup is completed.*

*Your signs will be installed in the next few weeks but you may do your cleanup anytime if needed.*

## **Keeping Berrien County's roadsides clean!**

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