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Kicking Butts on Earth Day

In honor of Earth Day, April 22, the Smoke-Free Community Team (SFCT) is raising awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco. Cigarette butts are the most discarded product on Earth, making up more than one-third of all litter collected. Cigarette waste releases toxic chemicals, such as arsenic and lead, into the environment and is harmful to children and animals when consumed.

Last year, the City of Port Huron Parks and Recreation Department and the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Department both took an important step in creating a healthier community. City parks, beaches, and playgrounds and county parks now prohibit the use of all tobacco products (including e-cigarettes). Smoke-free policies protect the environment from contaminated waste and residents from secondhand smoke exposure.

Members of SFCT will be at the 17th Annual Earth Fair to educate on the environmental impacts of tobacco use and provide resources for quitting. Earth Fair will be held on Friday April 26 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm and Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at Goodells County Park. Parking, admission and activities are free.

For complete event details, visit www.EarthDayFair.com. For help with quitting tobacco, talk with your healthcare provider or contact the Michigan Tobacco Quitline at 1-800-784-8669 or <https://michigan.quitlogix.org/en-US/>. Follow us on social media @scchdmi.

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