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## **Leadership Class to Create Hilliard EverGreen Team!**

**HILLIARD, Ohio-** The Leadership Hilliard Class of 2007-2008 is searching for a group of caring citizens to join the Hilliard EverGreen Team. "We are looking for area residents who have a strong interest in the environment and want to give back to the community," said Leadership Hilliard class member Carrie Stanley-Davis.

The Hilliard EverGreen Team will be an organized network of residents, who share a passion for making a difference on environmental issues, and will continually engage and enable our citizens to improve our community so that it may be preserved for the enjoyment of future generations. Members will benefit from meeting new people, sharing experiences, serving the community and learning how to live a more environmentally friendly lifestyle.

Quarterly projects will be planned and executed to better the neighborhoods in which we live. Projects will range from recycling education to improving water quality to tree planting. Depending on the season, each topic will relate to an interesting environmental issue and offer members an opportunity to serve. "It allows participants to give something back to the community, while undertaking a meaningful project that will benefit the community and leave a legacy in place," said Leadership Hilliard class member Gary Mauracher.

The Creation of the Hilliard EverGreen Team will support existing efforts undertaken by the City of Hilliard as a result of their recent support of the Central Ohio Green Pact. The Green Pact was signed last October by Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman and leaders of 10 suburbs: Bexley, Dublin, Gahanna, Grandview Heights, Grove City, Hilliard, New Albany, Powell, Upper Arlington and Worthington. The 10-point pact calls for local governments to

## **The Hilliard EverGreen Team**

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reduce emissions from their municipal fleets through policies or purchases; attract businesses in emerging environmental fields; buy more recycled and energy-efficient products; build more environmentally friendly public facilities; adopt stronger recycling requirements; encourage better environmental stewardship by residents and businesses; and create more parks and bike trails.

Leadership Hilliard is a leadership development program, for existing and emerging leaders, sponsored by the Hilliard Area Chamber of Commerce. The leadership program is a series of classes designed to enhance teambuilding, leadership, networking opportunities, and to educate members on the history and current status of the Hilliard community. In addition to learning more about the Hilliard area and interacting with key public and private sector leaders, participants identify, embrace and complete a community project. The project component is a significant part of the Leadership Hilliard program. Past projects include: Leadership Hilliard Website, Rails for Trails Art Project, and a Community Outreach Pamphlet.

Members of the 2007-2008 Leadership Hilliard Class are: Carrie Stanley-Davis of Nationwide Insurance, David Stanley and Associates; Heather Keck of Super Suppers; David Ray of Ray Insurance Agency; Rick Brady of Key Bank; Jodi Stephen of National City Bank; Gary Mauracher of Compex Inc.; Lura Sandy of Mill Run Gardens and Care Center; Melissa Swayngim of Mill Run Gardens and Care Center; Carole Kelley of Hilliard Dental Associates; and Chris Ahlum of Ahlum and Arbor.

An informational meeting about The Hilliard EverGreen Team will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 7PM at the Hilliard Library located at 4772 Cemetery Rd., Hilliard, Ohio 43026. Area residents are encouraged to email: [hilliardevergreen@yahoo.com](mailto:hilliardevergreen@yahoo.com) or contact Volunteer Coordinator, David Ray at 614.579.3105 for more details.

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