

THE LAKE MERRITT INSTITUTE

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VOLUNTEER LETTER

MARCH TRASH TALK: One hundred eighty two people picked up 180 bags of trash in March, and we took 6,820 pounds to the transfer station. Clean up activities were conducted on 21 of 31 days, and brought in a piece of copper pipe, a bicycle, cell phone, bra, 3 hub caps, purse, flag, parka, hat and several fishing lures. All that from only 1.09 inches of rain.

APRIL AWARDS: The Institute will receive a civic contribution award from the League of Women Voters on April 21st during their All-City luncheon at the City Center Marriott. Also in April, St. Paul's School will receive a region IX award from the US Environmental Protection Agency for their Clean Lake Community Service Program. Students from Susan Porter's 6th grade clean the Lake every Thursday during the school year, and study the watershed as well.

EARTH DAY: Once again there will be City sponsored T-shirts and bottled water for those who



Give these little guys a head start by cleaning Lake Merritt on Earth Day

clean the Lake, and pizza afterwards as well. Meet at the Courtyard of the Boating Center, 568 Bellevue Avenue in Lakeside Park at 9am sharp. Plan to work until noon and join your friends back at the Boating Center.

GONDOLA BRUNCH: Join Institute and Lake Merritt Breakfast Club members for Gondola rides and a picnic in the park on Saturday, May 8th. Its mother's day weekend, so bring your mom and friends to enjoy spring at Lake Merritt, complete with goslings, goodies and the best scenery in town. But you must send in \$20 by May 4th. Tickets are sold only in advance, and will not be sold in the park. Mail to the Institute at the address listed above; tickets are limited.

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