2023 SUMMER CAMPAIGN Marketing Success





OBJECTIVES

Educate residents in the DC and Baltimore metropolitan area about air quality – what it is, how to measure it, and how to respond to it. Provide residents with tips for small changes that they can make in their day-to-day lives to positively impact air quality in the DC and Baltimore metropolitan communities.

Ultimately, turn this education into action, increasing residents' positive contributions to the air quality in their communities.





STRATEGY

Present our messages in memorable ways that not only garner the attention of our target audience, but help them to connect with, remember, and implement our tips in their every day lives.

Create a storyline, visuals, and moment in time to engage news media to amplify our message.

Develop integrated approaches that leverage social media and other digital marketing opportunities to deliver our message to as many residents as possible, regardless of geography or demographics.

Put the tools to improve local air quality directly in the hands of consumers and encourage them to share the message with their personal network.





SUMMER 2023 CAMPAIGN PLAN

April

- Launch AQAW with Backyard Bubble Events
- Ace Hardware partnership
- Contest with digital ambassadors + social promotion
- Giveaways: battery powered mowers, combo weed trimmers/leaf blowers, electric weed trimmers, propane grills

May - August

- Media outreach
- Digital partner toolkits
- Meteorologist engagement
- Community engagement with partners and on owned social channels

August

- Ozone Action Month
- Media outreach
- Eco-driving events:
 - o Car Bubble
 - Pop up events





SUCCESS BY THE NUMBERS*

- 9 Sponsors
- 9 Events
- 100 Electric Lawn Care Tool Giveaways
- 948 Estimated Car Free Day Pledges
- 213 News Stories
- 1,166,030,546 Total Impressions

- 29,092 Total Engagements
- 7,961 Email Opens
- 25 Partners Leveraging CAP Social Content
- 21 Meteorologists Spreading CAP's Message via Social Media

*Preliminary





FUNDRAISING



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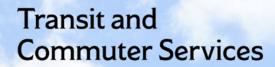




















MEDIA RELATIONS



WHAT WORKED

- Long-standing relationships with meteorologists and reporters made Clean Air Partners the go-to source for reporters when the region suffered historically poor air quality.
- Providing historical data, expert commentary and relevant, unbiased information made Clean Air Partners and COG a reliable source of spokespeople and information for reporters and the community alike. News reports linked to both websites, driving so much traffic that each crashed.

 Interest in the code red and purple days went beyond the region and drove worldwide attention, resulting in more than a billion news impressions.

SUCCESS METRICS*

- 213 News Stories
 - 135 from wire distribution
- \$53,999,038 Publicity Value
 - \$4,373,844 from wire distribution
- 1,165,141,571 Estimated Potential Reach
 - 94,569,560 from wire distribution







How you can improve air quality across the DC Region

We talk with Sarah Bagley with Clean Air Partners in Alexandria about ways people across the DMV can improve the quality of air heading into the summer season.

Posted May 13 | 🖈



Everyday actions to reduce air pollution

We talk with Glenna Tinney of Clean Air Partners about everyday tips (simple ones!) you can do to help reduce air pollution.



What You Don't Know About the Ozone Can Hurt You

by Jayne Hopson May 4, 20:



What is the ozone layer? Why do ozone alerts matter? When does ozone present a threat to our health?

As temperatures heat up and the ozone season approaches, Clean Air Partners kicks off a public education campaign in conjunction with Air Quality Awareness Week, from May 1–5, 2033. The campaign defines ozone layers and highlights the surprising culprits of air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions found right in our own backyards. Tips will be offered for small lifestyle changes to improve air quality.

"Daily outdoor activities, such as mowing and fertilizing lawns, spraying insecticides and using a charcoal grill, emit harmful pollutants into the atmosphere. During the summer, these activities can contribute to the creation of ground-level ozone as well as toxic air pollutants that are harmful to breathe," says Clean Air Partners, a public-private partnership educating the greater metropolitan Baltimore-Washington region about health risks associated with poor air quality.

DAMON WAYANS JR. TO
HOST THE ACTION-PACKED
NEW CBS ORIGINAL GAME
SHOW "RAID THE CAGE,"
PREMIERING FRIDAY, OCT.
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CKED IME I," Backyard Bubble

Celebrate
Air Quality
Awareness Week!

JOIN CLEAN AIR PARTNERS
FOR A POP-UP EVENT

Last Chance to See the
Backyard Bubble

This Saturday

May 6, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Old Town Ace Hardware
809 S Washington St,
Alexandria, VA 22314

Event Details

When Will The Smoke Clear In MD? Latest Forecast For Thursday

Old Town Ace Hardware, 809 S Washington St, Alexandria, VA, 22314

All but 2 counties are under an air quality alert, and MD officials urge some residents to stay indoors if possible. Here's the latest.

More info here



Posted Thu, Jun 8, 2023 at 8:51 am ET | Updated Thu, Jun 8, 2023 at 10:38 am ET

The Washington Post

CAPITAL WEATHER GANG

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The D.C. region just saw its worst smoke

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Steps to Protect Air Quality













By Ian Livingston

June 9, 2023 at 1:43 p.m. EDT



News ▶ Traffic ▶ Weather ▶

pollution on record

The area was under its first-ever Code Purple alert for particle pollution

'Very unhealthy' air sweeps through DC area as impact of Canadian wildfires continues

Abigail Constantino | aconstantino@wtop.com Tadiwos Abedje | tadiwos.abedje@wtop.com June 8 2023 6:30 PM



When Will The Smoke Clear In VA, DC? 'Code Orange' In Friday **Forecast**

Some school districts in the DC area are allowing outdoor activities, while others are canceling activities again over air quality concerns.



Mark Hand, Patch Staff O

Posted Fri, Jun 9, 2023 at 8:36 am ET | Updated Fri, Jun 9, 2023 at 9:29 am ET



Poor air quality and hazy skies from smoke

Clean Air Partners is reminding residents of Baltimore and DC of simple steps they can take to protect air quality. Today (June 8) air quality in the Baltimore/ Washington DC region is Code Purple, which means that air pollution concentrations in parts of the Baltimore/DC region will be VERY unhealthy for most people.

METEOROLOGIST ENGAGEMENT

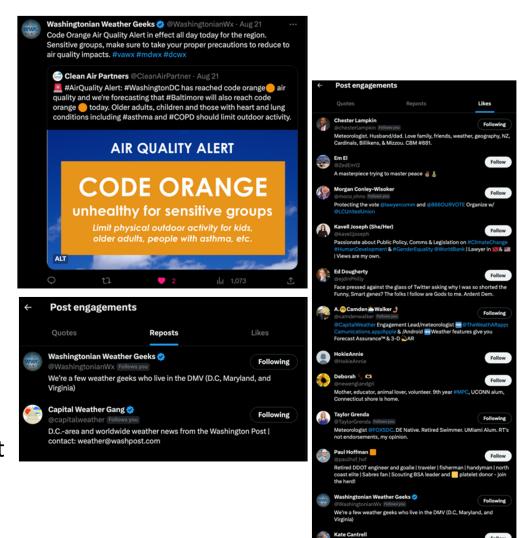


WHAT WORKED

- Staying top of mind with meteorologists.
- Personalized outreach about our upcoming campaigns.
- Word of mouth from long-time partners earned us follows and engagement from new beats like general news and traffic reporters.

SUCCESS METRICS

- 21 Meteorologists shared our content
- New beats took an interest in our content



alk50 Socialite, NASA Tweep, native plant lover,

OWNED SOCIAL CONTENT & EMAIL MARKETING



WHAT WORKED

- Being an early and consistent source of air quality information during an historically bad air quality season and joining the #CanadianWildfires discussion.
- Established relationships with meteorologists as a reliable source of air quality information on social media, especially when bad air quality was peaking.
- Integrated campaigns and events
- Providing timely and/or counter intuitive air quality tips.

- Posting consistently across multiple social media platforms to build audience expectation and long-term engagement.
- Giving meteorologists with whom we had a strong relationship a heads up about upcoming campaigns.
- Accessible graphics.

SUCCESS METRICS

- 708,976 impressions
- **18,323** engagements
- 7,961 Email Opens





TWITTER

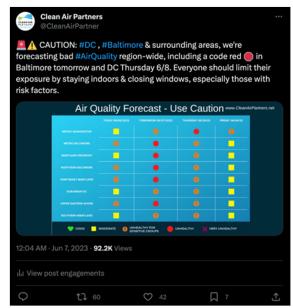
696,697 Impressions | 11,532 Engagements

FACEBOOK

6,277 Impressions | 6,351 Engagements

INSTAGRAM

6,002 Impressions | 440 Engagements











EMAIL MARKETING

Air Quality **Awareness Week** 1,437 Email Opens | 53 Clicks

Ozone Action Month 1,529 Email Opens | 13 Clicks

Celebrate Air Quality Awareness Week with Clean Air Partners!

Do your share for cleaner air, and enter to WIN free backyard equipment!

Clean Air Partners is giving away more than 100 Blackstone propane grills and EGO Power electric tools from April 22 to May 5!

To enter, Tweet, post on Instagram or Facebook how you'll "green your lawn care routine." Follow and tag @CleanAirPartner and include the hashtag of your desired prize: #CAPgrill, #CAPmower, #CAPtrimmer or #CAPblower. Read full contest rules, conditions and terms here.















Join special Clean Air Partners pop-up exhibits at participating Ace Hardware stores for more chances to win. Plus, learn about hidden pollution hazards in your own backyard.

- . Saturday, April 22, 10am 2pm Waverly Ace Hardware, Baltimore, MD
- Saturday, April 29, 10am 3pm Annie's Ace Hardware Brookland, Washington, DC
- Sunday, April 30, 10am 3pm Petworth Ace Hardware, Washington, DC Saturday, May 6, 10am – 3pm – Old Town Ace Hardware, Alexandria, VA

Make simple swaps in your backyard to help

- us all breathe easier!
- . Mow on low ozone days when air quality is good. Go organic for fertilizers and pesticides. Try natural
- alternatives like compost, alfalfa, fish meal and neem oil.
- Mow less often by letting your grass grow a little taller. · Make your own mulch by leaving grass clippings instead
- of bagging and sending to the landfill. · Go green with grilling by switching from lighter fluid to
- natural fire starters. Even cleaning your grill more often
- . For more information and resources for Air Quality Awareness week, including the Clean Air Partners Air Quality app, visit cleanairpartners.net.

Thank you to our campaign sponsors!







AUGUST IS OZONE ACTION MONTH

August is notoriously steamy in the Baltimore-Washington region. With summer's hotter temperatures comes an increase in the production of ground-level ozone which leads to poor air quality. Breathing in ground-level ozone can **reduce lung function by 20%** and trigger health reactions by those most sensitive to poor air quality — kids, older adults, people with asthma, respiratory or pulmonary conditions, athletes, and those most often outdoors.

You can help! Reduce pollution, keep your family healthy, AND save money on gas and

- Drive less: walk, blke, take transit, carpool and/or work from home as often as you can.
 Refuel your car after dusk, tighten your gas cap and don't top of the tank.

- Inflate your tires to the proper level to reduce emissions and get better gas mileage.
 Save energy: Set your thermostat a few degrees higher and use a fan to keep cool and reduce energy consumption. Turn off lights and electronics when not in use. Postpone mowing on poor air quality days, and switch to an electric-powered lawn
- Check <u>CleanAirPartners.net</u> for the air quality forecast and current conditions before

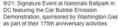


A Car in a Giant Bubble?!

As part of Ozone Action Month, Clean Air Partners is popping up in public spaces all month with educational exhibits. The Car Bubble Emission Demonstration is an eye-catching display that educates the public about ways to reduce vehicle emissions and save money. In the interactive exhibit, an SUV encased in a clear bubble will emit a puff of vapor "exhaust" - illustrating the harmful impact of our driving decisions on the

Clean Air Partners in Your Community 8/6: Pop up at the Tanger Outlets in National

- Harbor, MD 8/12: Car Bubble Emission Demonstration
- Exhibit at Dulles Town Center, Sterling, VA
- 8/13: Car Bubble Emission Demonstration
- Exhibit at Arundel Mills Mall in Hanover, MD 9/21: Signature Event at Nationals Ballpark in





Drop Your Keys for a Day!

Friday, September 22, 2023 is Car Free Day, a worldwide event that encourages greener methods of travel. Using more sustainable ways to get around helps reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions and eases traffic congestion. The more people who travel using bicycles, buses, trains, carpools, and vanpools, the fewer pollutants are released into the atmosphere, so we can





PARTNER ENGAGEMENT



WHAT WORKED

- Sharing timely air quality alerts and tips at a time when the public was looking to our partners for information
- Monthly partner toolkits distributed to multiple contact points
- Word of mouth from existing partners created visibility with related organizations and influential people within them.
- Significant engagement from related organizations in our region and across the country.
- Increased the social media platforms where partners could engage with us and our content.

- Influencers from previous campaigns stayed engaged organically and shared our content to their large audiences.
- Organic engagement from new influencer groups including teachers and master gardeners.

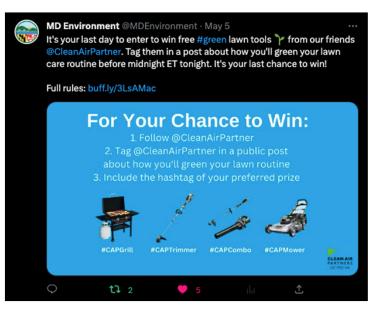
SUCCESS METRICS

- 25 Partners Shared Our Content
- Dozens of Follows and Engagements from Potential New Partners

SAMPLE PARTNER POSTS







AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK





COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS



APPROACH

- Empower consumers to be air quality conscious in a new realm: their lawn, garden and outdoor activities
- Make a big impression with big giveaways empower consumers with electric lawnmowers in a relevant setting of home improvement stores.

EVENT COMPONENTS

- Backyard Bubble with vapor "smog" coming from lawn and garden products
- Clean air tips on bubble and photo wall
- AQI signage
- Giveaway entries with pledge reinforcement







EVENT CALENDAR

- April 22, 2023 Backyard Bubble Ace Hardware – Waverly
- April 22, 2023 Eco-Driving Pop-Up –
 Annmarie Gardens EarthFest
- April 29, 2023 Backyard Bubble Ace Hardware – Brookland
- April 30, 2023 Backyard Bubble Ace Hardware – Petworth
- May 6, 2023 Backyard Bubble Ace Hardware – Old Town Alexandria

SUCCESS METRICS

- 102,836 Event Impressions
- 2,730 Engagements
- 312 Giveaway Entries

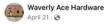




ACE HARDWARE PARTNERSHIPS

97,846 Impressions | 153 Engagements





Don't miss a special pop-up at our annual #EarthDay #Garden Party at Waverly Ace Hardware! Our friends from Clean Air Partners & Maryland Dept. Of The Environment will be showcasing hidden backyard #emissions hazards & giving away tools to green your lawn routine every half hour 10am - 2pm! See you tomorrow for our best (and favorite!) event of the year loaded with giveaways, gardening experts, and 20% off the entire store!



Others

You and 2 others

Check out the Backyard Bubble

This Saturday

Earth Day Annual Garden Party April 22, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Waverly Ace Hardware 601 Homestead St, Baltimore, MD 21218

CLEAN AIR







- 4,995 Email Opens
- 3,437 Clicks, Website
 Visits + Social
 Engagements
- 88,139 Receipts with Campaign Information
- In-Store Signage



WAVERLY BACKYARD BUBBLE - April 22, 2023

Maryland Department of the Environment Presenting Sponsorship

1,203 Impressions | 427 Engagements | 126 Giveaway Entries













BROOKLAND BACKYARD BUBBLE - April 29, 2023

In Partnership with DOEE

1,724 Impressions | 616 Engagements | 97 Giveaway Entries | 55 Polaroids













PETWORTH BACKYARD BUBBLE - April 30, 2023

301 Impressions | 271 Engagements | 36 Giveaway Entries | 12 Polaroids













OLD TOWN BACKYARD BUBBLE - MAY 6, 2023

In Partnership with Virginia DEQ

801 Impressions | 325 Engagements | 53 Giveaway Entries | 17 Polaroids















EARTHFEST POP-UP - April 22, 2023

In Partnership with SMECO

961 Impressions | 374 Engagements











ELECTRIC LAWN TOOL GIVEAWAYS



ELECTRIC LAWN TOOL SWEEPSTAKES

100 Tools Distributed to Local Community Members





- 30 Electric
 Lawnmowers
- 6 Propane Grills
- 31 Electric Combination
 Trimmer-Blowers
- 33 Electric Trimmers







DIGITAL AMBASSADORS



DIGITAL AMBASSADOR SUCCESS METRICS



- 9 Digital Ambassadors
- 52,247 Impressions
- 2,960 Total Engagements
- 2,335 Likes on Ambassador Content
- 306 Comments on Ambassador Content
- 97 Ambassador Content Shares
- 86 Ambassador Content Saves
- 136 Clicks to Website
- 20 Giveaways Awarded





SAMPLE AMBASSADOR POSTS













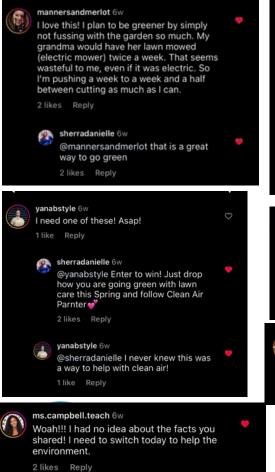


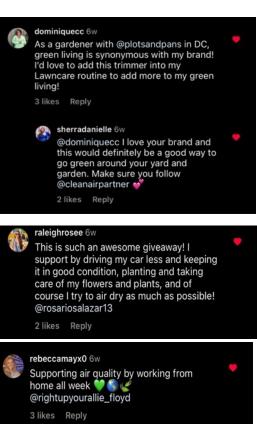


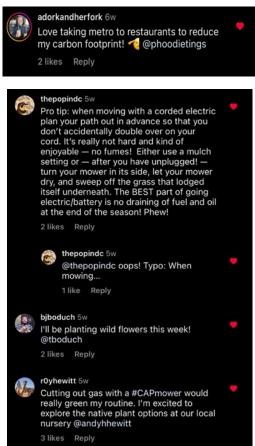


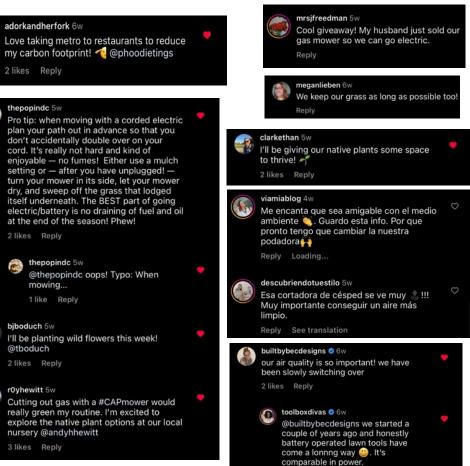


SAMPLE COMMENTS ON AMBASSADOR CONTENT









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USER GENERATED CONTENT







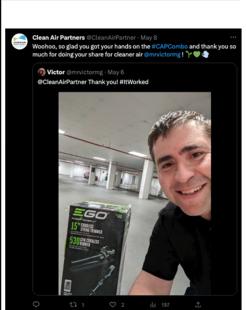
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#DC did you know according to the Leaf Blower Regulation Amendment gas powered blowers are not allowed in the District. That's why I need the #CAPCombo to help get on the right side of the law and environment.







OZONE ACTION MONTH





COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS



APPROACH

- Head turning visuals with real tips on how to reduce mobile-source emissions as temperatures and AQI climb during Ozone Action Month.
- Drive online pledges for Commuter Connections' Car Free Day via iPads

EVENT COMPONENTS

- Car Bubble with vapor "smog" from tailpipe
- Clean air tips on bubble and photo backdrop
- Dirty/Clean Air Filters and Tire Pressure Demonstration at Pop-Ups
- Big-screen air quality trivia
- AQI signage









ECO-DRIVING EVENTS SUCCESS METRICS

- August 6, 2023 Eco-Driving Pop-Up Tanger Outlet Centers – Prince George's County, MD
- August 12, 2023 Car Bubble Dulles Town
 Center Loudon County, VA
- August 13, 2023 Car Bubble Arundel Mills Mall – Anne Arundel County, MD
- Sept. 21, 2023* Car Bubble Signature
 Nationals Game Event with Washington Gas –
 Washington, DC

- **16,955** Impressions
- 5,079 Engagements
- 948 Car Free Day Pledges... so far!**

^{**} Pledges on the Car Free Day site as of Aug. 14.





^{*} Upcoming event, results not yet included

TANGER OUTLET CENTERS POP-UP - August 6, 2023

4,528 Impressions | 1,031 Engagements











DULLES TOWN CENTER CAR BUBBLE - August 12, 2023

7,410 Impressions | 3,262 Engagements











ARUNDEL MILLS MALL CAR BUBBLE - August 13, 2023

5,017 Impressions | 786 Engagements











WASHINGTON NATIONALS - September 21, 2023

- Signature Event Sponsored by Washington Gas for their 175th Anniversary
- Car Bubble and final Car Free Day pledges for tomorrow!





THANK YOU!



