Earth Day observance to fill Civic Center

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Families will get to help mark Earth Day on Saturday morning down at City Hall.

Tri-Valley CAREs is co-sponsoring the events with the Tracy Earth Project. They have invited a co-founder of Earth Day, former congressman Pete McCloskey, to speak and are hosting educational and activity booths around the grass at 333 Civic Center Plaza.

“The emphasis of our Earth Day is educating the new generation because they are the ones inheriting the decades of misuse projected on Mother Earth,” organizer Dotty Nygard said Wednesday. “We’re at a crucial time to really step up our game because the window of opportunity is closing. We have to be more diligent, encouraging even our local leaders to put together policies that protect our soil and water.”

Most of the Earth Day activities start at 9 a.m. and run through noon. Families can paint rocks or plant seeds to grow their own vegetables and learn which items can be recycled or reused to serve another purpose. There will also be a reading of the Dr. Seuss classic book “The Lorax.”

“Earth Day starts in the home,” Nygard said about the
activities. “What I see this as is an opportunity for families to continue these things in their own home.”

For weeks the Earth Day organizers have encouraged Tracy residents on social media to engage in the #trashtag challenge, asking them to pick up refuse around town and post images of themselves with the trash bags they fill.

Nygard said it’s all in service to protecting the planet for future generations.

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