



## Keep Greater Lake Charles Beautiful~Team Green January 2016 – December 2016



### Message from the President, Mason Lindsay

Keep Greater Lake Charles Beautiful-Team Green is a Mayor's Commission whose mission is to develop and sponsor projects which will enhance the appearance and quality of the environment in Southwest Louisiana. Keep Greater Lake Charles Beautiful-Team Green is an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful and Keep Louisiana Beautiful and participates in the annual Great American Clean-up. The group is made up of citizens appointed by the mayor to serve on a voluntary basis.

Our citizens are proud to be part of our community and are willing to take the time to help make our city more beautiful. Keep Greater Lake Charles Beautiful-Team Green is thankful for the energetic people that are willing to take the time to participate in our programs. We will all have another chance this year to be actively involved in caring for our city with programs in which our citizens can join. We are making a difference in our city with great strides by taking our streets back from litter and trash.

Keep Greater Lake Charles Beautiful-Team Green meets on the second Monday of each month at noon on the 10th floor of City Hall. The following projects help us to accomplish our mission of improving the appeal of our city.

- Adopt-a-Spot/Litter Pick-up
- Beach Sweep
- Clean Campus Contest
- Clean City Contest
- E-Recycle Day
- Earthkeepers Program
- Litter Law Enforcement
- Green Truck Recycling
- Telephone Book Recycling Contest
- Trash Bash
- Leaders Against Litter



## E-Recycle Day

March 5, 2016

Each year, thousands of computers, monitors, printers, TVs, cell phones and other electronics are discarded. Such “e-waste” contains recyclable materials and can be hazardous if disposed with regular garbage. To reduce the amounts of “e-waste” that is disposed of each day, Keep Greater Lake Charles Beautiful-Team Green has partnered with CITGO to hold the annual E-Recycle Day. This day alternates between Lake Charles (McNeese Football Stadium Parking Lot) and Sulphur (Stine’s – Highway 27 South). Citizens can bring all types of electronics, no matter the age, to be recycled. E-Recycle is open from 8 a.m. - noon.



## Arbor Day

March 12, 2016

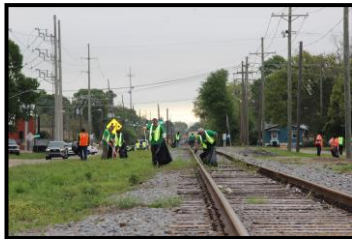




# Leaders Against Litter

March 18, 2016

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Volunteer Louisiana, and Keep Greater Lake Charles Beautiful-Team Green are launching a statewide effort to bring awareness to the litter problem in Louisiana by engaging local/state leaders and community volunteers. On March 18th, Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser and hundreds of elected officials and community leaders pledged their support for a litter-free Louisiana. From bayous to highways to the State Capitol, we will take a stand against litter.



## Earthkeepers Program

March – April 2016



The Earthkeepers Program was started to bring awareness and prevention to 10 schools within the City of Lake Charles. The program started in Sulphur and worked so well that CITGO decided to bring it to Lake Charles. Earthkeepers was kicked off in

2016 with a pep rally at the 10 schools and trash receptacles were given to every classroom at each school. The next phase will be to place television monitors in each school for educational purposes and to advertise what is happening as the program progresses. CITGO's plan is to bring this program to all schools within the Lake Charles city limits within the next several years.





## Clean Campus May 5, 2016



The Clean Campus contest is held every year towards the end of the school year. It is a contest between all public, private, and parochial schools that register to participate in beautifying their school grounds. Schools are judged on a scrapbook of the activities, a litter free environment, beautification of campus, parent involvement, community involvement, and student involvement. Committee members go out to each school to judge the contest and awards are presented to each school in the fall at the Keep Greater Lake Charles Beautiful-Team Green Awareness and Prevention Luncheon.



## Trash Bash April 23, 2016

Trash Bash is an annual event which is usually held in April. Citizens drop off trash at collection stations located in the parking lot located off of Merganser Street at Chennault International Airport. Stations include paint (labeled recyclable, reusable latex and oil), confidential paper, shredding, mercury and/or products containing mercury, oil and antifreeze, automotive batteries, electronics, miscellaneous trash, and reusable items such as clothes and furniture. Household hazardous wastes, tires and scrap metal are not accepted.





## Beach Sweep October 29, 2016

Beach Sweep and Inland Waterway Cleanup Day is an activity held in conjunction with the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup. Individuals, groups, schools, and organizations participate in collecting litter from the region's beaches, coast, shorelines, and inland waterways. Data cards are filled out and submitted to the Office of Community Services and Development. The information is then used to create reports to submit to Keep Louisiana Beautiful and Keep America Beautiful which uses it in national statistics.



## Adopt-a-Spot Spring 2016 & Fall 2016

Adopt-a-Spot is a Keep Greater Lake Charles Beautiful-Team Green activity where at least twice a year, in spring and fall, community groups and organizations take to the streets throughout Lake Charles in an effort to keep the streets and sidewalks looking their best. Groups are encouraged to clean their adopted area as often as needed. Individuals, civic clubs, and organizations are may adopt a local city street (no state highways) about a mile in length



# **Litter Awareness & Prevention Luncheon**

## **Wednesday, October 26, 2016**

### **Telephone Book Recycling Contest**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Brentwood Elementary**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – EK Key Elementary**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Our Lady's School**

**Honorable Mention – John J. Johnson Elementary**

**Honorable Mention – Henry Heights Elementary**



### **Clean Campus Contest**

#### **Elementary Division**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – T.S. Cooley Elementary**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Brentwood Elementary**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Maplewood Elementary**

**Honorable Mention – Moss Bluff Elementary**

**Honorable Mention – John J. Johnson Elementary**

#### **Middle School Division**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – S.P. Arnett Middle School**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – The Rise Connection**

#### **High School Division**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Sulphur High 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – LaGrange High School**

#### **Private/Parochial School Division**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – St. Margaret Catholic School**





# AWARDS & RECOGNITION



2016 Keep Louisiana Beautiful  
Circle of Excellence Award



Lt. Governor's Beautification Award

## 2016 Cleanest City Contest

- City of Lake Charles Participates in District competition and qualifies for the state competition
- City of Lake Charles takes 1<sup>st</sup> Place at the state level



# Keep Greater Lake Charles Beautiful-Team Green

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