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## Girl Scout Troops 10514 and 10406 Adopt Magnolia City Hall Flower Beds Doing their part to help keep Magnolia beautiful

Magnolia, Texas - November 25, 2014 - Magnolia City Hall's flower beds have been adopted by Girl Scout Troops 10514 and 10406 and will receive much needed loving care by the girls.

Last summer the troop decided they wanted to engage in a long term project that would make a difference in their community. They contacted the City of Magnolia about adopting the flower beds at the front of the building and the City contacted Keep Montgomery County Beautiful (KMCB) and the rest is history!

On September 20th the girls with parents and other volunteers recruited by KMCB spent several hours working hard to clear weeds and install new plants to replace those that didn't make it through the hot summer. They learned how to pull weeds to be sure they wouldn't return, how to properly plant new plants, which plants butterflies like, and how to harvest seeds to grow new plants. They removed twelve 39-gallon bags full of weeds from the two flower beds and planted about 30 new native plants.



At the Magnolia City Council meeting on October 14th, the Troop was recognized by Mayor Kana and City Council members for their commitment and hard work.



From left to right: Tami Folk-Troop Leader, Michelle Folk, Alexsia Leday, Nicole Reeder, Phyllis Stegen (KMCB), Haley Folk, Shelby Wooldridge, Mayor Kana and Beverly Leday.

Plants were donated by Keep Montgomery County Beautiful from the grant fund made possible through purchases of plants during its annual Growing Green Plant Sale.

Keep Montgomery County Beautiful is a county wide 501(c) (3) non-profit organization whose mission is to empower Texans to take responsibility for enhancing their community environment through education, awareness and participation in programs for: Waste Reduction and Recycling, Litter Prevention, Beautification and Community Improvement Volunteerism and Environmental Education

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**Sam Houston Area Boy Scout Council Celebrated a  
Century of Service  
November 15, 2014**

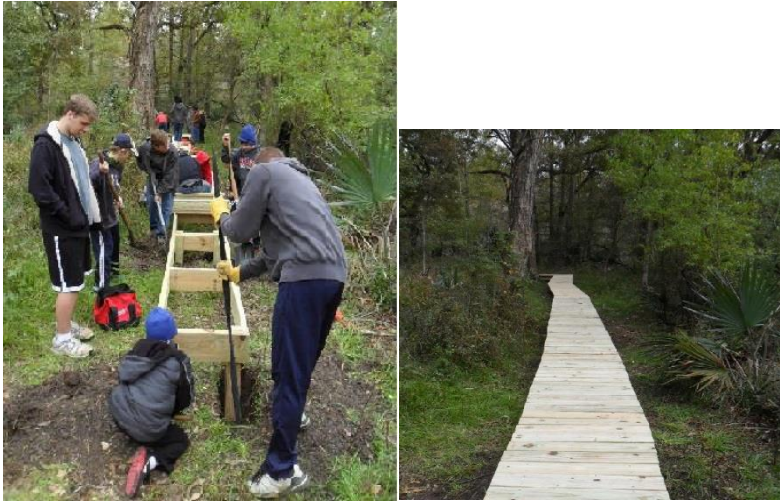
Magnolia, TX - November 24, 2014 - In the Magnolia area alone Boy Scout troops and others logged over 1200 hours to do their part to help the Sam Houston Area Council (SHAC) to celebrate a "Century of Service." To commemorate this milestone, the SHAC troops and packs planned projects to be implemented on November 15th with the goal of logging in more than 100,000 hours of service across the 16 1/2 counties in that service area on that one day.

In the greater Magnolia area, two of the significant projects that were done involved over 300 volunteers working hard on a cold, blustery day.

Montgomery County Lake Creek Preserve

The Montgomery County Lake Creek Preserve between the Montgomery Trace and Woodforest developments saw Scouts from seven Troops and two Packs logging a total of 600 hours. Four Boy Scouts worked on their Eagle projects in the preserve this day and the projects included completion of the Creek Loop Trail, installation of the first section of interpreted nature guide posts and completion of 110 feet of wetland boardwalk. Scout units participating included Troops 233,204,351,889,1065,1180, and 1323 and Cub Scout Packs 920 and 883.

The Lake Creek Preserve is a cooperative effort between Keep Montgomery County Beautiful, the East 1488 Community Association, Montgomery County Precinct 2 and area Boy Scouts. The completed trail in the Preserve winds through about 1.5 miles of bottomland habitats and the installed nature guide posts provide education information for hikers about the value and diversity of the area.



### Unity Park

In Unity Park on the west side of Magnolia, over 180 scouts of all ages and their parents, leaders and siblings worked for the day on various projects to improve the park.

Ninety Scouts and adults from Troops 1048, 1488, and 469 consisting of older scouts provided the muscle and heavy labor to clear a new loop wilderness trail and to repair existing gravel paths. While clearing the new trail, they hauled out over a ton of trash including tires, refrigerators, TVs and much more. They also removed invasive trees from the existing path areas.



Ninety-five scouts and others from Packs 1043, 1044, 12, 406, and 469 participated in projects throughout the park. They planted trees at the lake and flowers at the Pavilion. Everyone pitched in to build a flower bed around the newly installed gazebo at the lake and to plant flowers and trees there. Cub Scouts from these Packs worked hard throughout the park to pick up litter after learning about the dangers of litter to wildlife and what can be recycling and why. About half of the litter they picked up was segregated for recycling. In addition, recycling bins were assembled and placed in the picnic area near the Pavilion.





Plants and trees were donated by Keep Montgomery County Beautiful and the recycling bins were purchased through a grant from Union Pacific Railroad.



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