



## Keep Montgomery County Beautiful Newsletter

What's New!

November 2009

### Resources

#### Recycling Guide

[www.recycleinfo.org](http://www.recycleinfo.org)

#### Recycling Tips

[www.takecareoftexas.org](http://www.takecareoftexas.org)

#### Report a Litterer

[www.dontmesswithtexas.org/report-a-litterer.php](http://www.dontmesswithtexas.org/report-a-litterer.php)

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### Keep Texas Beautiful

2009 Ornament now available!!



This beautiful ornament commemorates the six flags that have flown over Texas. KMCB is now taking orders for the all ornaments in the series (2004-2009). Each ornament is of the highest quality.

Ornament sales benefit KTB and KMCB and will be valued as heirlooms by future generations!

To place an order go to [www.kmcbtexas.org](http://www.kmcbtexas.org) and go to the How Can You Help page.

Dear Charlotte,

2009 has been a great year for KMCB and we are very excited about 2010!

This has been a transitional year for us - we have begun to fulfill our goals of becoming more visible in Montgomery County, increasing our connections throughout the county, and providing educational, financial and advisory support to individuals and groups in Montgomery County who are working to improve our environment.

We have implemented a grant program and approved our first grant. The funds for the grant program come from our Annual Growing Green Plant Sale.

We held an art contest which was open to all Montgomery County high school students. The winning art work will be used on our Plant Sale poster and the winning artist will receive a \$500 scholarship.

We had a booth at several events and provided information about many environmental issues. Our booth also includes a very popular game about decomposition rates of several common materials. Youth and adults have a great time playing this game and it has generated some very interesting discussions about litter and recycling.

Our membership continues to grow and we truly appreciate your support. If you are not a member and would like to be, [click here](#) and you will find the 2009 membership form on the home page of our website. If you join now your membership will be effective through 2010.

This newsletter provides details about these and other activities and valuable information about resources in Montgomery County.

As always, thanks for all you do to make Montgomery County a better place for all of us!

The KMCB Board



**KMCB Proudly Announces Program to Provide Grants in**

## We Need Your Help!

## Montgomery County for Beautification Projects

### 2009 Opportunities

- \* Become a Member
- \* Volunteer
- \* Join the Board
- \* Sponsor Newsletters
- \* Fund Grants
- \* Sponsor Outstanding Volunteer Awards
- \* Sponsor the Website
- \* Provide In-kind Donations
- \* Sponsor the Annual Growing Green Plant Sale

Go to [www.kmcbtexas.org](http://www.kmcbtexas.org) for information and forms or email [kmcbtexas@yahoo.com](mailto:kmcbtexas@yahoo.com)

In 2009 KMCB held its First Annual Growing Green Plant Sale. The purpose of this event is to raise funds to provide grants in Montgomery County.

We have first-hand knowledge with how difficult it can be to find funds to implement those great projects that individuals and groups want to do to make our community a better place.

We want to be a resource for those doing environmental and beautification projects in Montgomery County.

The 2009 plant sale netted about \$900. We expect to net more in 2010 as our expenses will be lower. With your help (buy plants!) we will fund even more projects in 2010.

We awarded the first grant to Green Up Magnolia in October to help with the expenses for a festival for kids at the Magnolia Depot that focused on recycling and environmental education. As word spreads about this program, we are receiving more inquiries about the application process and look forward to awarding more grants in the next few months.

Go to the [KMCB website](#) to download the grant application. We want to give this money away to qualifying projects!



If you would like to contribute to the grant fund send a check to KMCB, 6606 FM 1488, Ste. 148, #356, Magnolia, Texas 77354 - be sure to indicate Grant Program on the check.



### KMCB Partners with Phi Theta Kappa Chapter at Lone Star College - Kingwood Campus



At the Keep Texas Beautiful Conference in June, KMCB Board members learned of the partnership between Keep America Beautiful and Phi Theta Kappa - a service sorority for 2-year colleges. With the strong Lone Star College system in Montgomery County, we felt sure we could find a chapter that would be interested in working with KMCB on environmental issues. Indeed we did!



The chapter at the Kingwood Campus responded immediately to our inquiry and we have been working together since to identify and define projects on which we might collaborate. We have already provided litter bags, bookmarks and pencils made of recycled currency to PTK - Kingwood Chapter as give-aways at an environmental festival held for headstart students in East Montgomery County. PTK members sponsored and manned a booth there that provided educational games about recycling.

KMCB looks forward to working in the last months of 2009 and in

2010 with PTK on many initiatives that will have a significant impact on environmental issues in Montgomery County.



## Living Green in Montgomery County

In September and November, KMCB provided a program called Living Green in Montgomery County for the Lone Star College Montgomery Campus Academy of Lifelong Learning's First Friday program.

Charlotte Riser Harris, Chairman of the Board, discussed interesting (and dismaying) litter facts, litter prevention tips and information about the impact of littering in our community.

Terry Woodson, Vice Chairman of the Board and Waste Management employee, provided facts about the management and disposal of garbage, information about land fills, recycling tips, and yard maintenance and composting tips.

Glenn Buckley, Secretary of the Board, retired geologist and active volunteer in many areas, shared startling information about the impact of growth on Montgomery County's forests and waterways, the impact of litter and pollution on our waterways, and the need for management and protection of our green space.

KMCB is committed to education about environmental issues in Montgomery County. We would welcome the opportunity to present this program to groups who are interested.

If your neighborhood association, garden club, business, professional organization, church, school or other group is interested, please email [kmbctexas@yahoo.com](mailto:kmbctexas@yahoo.com) for more information.



## Green Arby's Grand Opening

The new Arby's Restaurant at 2978 and 1488 in Magnolia is the first LEED certified Arby's in the United States!

What a great honor for Magnolia. The grand opening was held in August with many dignitaries present.

KMCB was there with our educational booth and provided information to the attendees about recycling and other environmental issues in Montgomery County.

Stop by and discover what LEED means and what Arby's has done to

receive this important environmental certification!



## Second Annual Growing Green Plant Sale

Plans are Underway!

In Spring 2010 we will be selling Echinacea Purple Coneflowers - another beautiful Texas native plant. American Tree Farm ([www.americantreefarm.com](http://www.americantreefarm.com)) will be growing the plants this year. We are very pleased to be working with the great people at this nursery located in Montgomery and Decker Prairie.



We are again adhering to the tenets of a low-impact event - plants will be for sale at Montgomery County Recycling Centers, The Woodlands Earth Day and other events planned for the spring (combining trips). The plants will be grown in 4" peat pots - a nice size and no plastic waste!

Once again we will create posters to promote this event but this year the art on the poster will be created by a Montgomery County high school student. The entries are pouring in and judging will be completed by the end of the month. Watch for the announcement of the winner who will receive a \$500 scholarship.

If you would like to help underwrite the expenses for this plant sale you may send a check to KMCB, 6606 FM 1488, Ste. 148, #356, Magnolia, Texas 77354 - be sure to indicate Plant Sale Sponsorship on the check. All donations are welcome - no amount is too small. Our expenses for this program are not much but sponsorships allow more plant sale proceeds to go directly into the grant program fund.

Charlotte Riser Harris  
Christine Leard  
Growing Green Plant Sale Coordinators



### KMCB Mission:

Empower Texans to take responsibility for enhancing their community environment through education, awareness and participation in programs for:

- Waste Reduction and Recycling Centers
- Litter Prevention
- Beautification and Community Improvements
- Volunteerism
- Environmental Education

### KMCB Board of Directors:

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We sincerely appreciate your support and interest in KMCB and thank you for all you do to improve our communities.

**Sincerely,**  
Charlotte Riser Harris, Chair  
Keep Montgomery County Beautiful

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