



Keep Montgomery County Beautiful 2009 Annual Report

Message from the Chairman

Keep Montgomery County Beautiful (KMCB) has been very visible and active in 2009. We have made great strides in the accomplishment of our mission to empower Texans through education to take responsibility for enhancing their community environment. We have further 'connected the dots' of resources in Montgomery County through outreach and association with other organizations. We are proud of our programs and look forward to an exciting year in 2010.

We appreciate all of our volunteers, members, sponsors and others who help us make Montgomery County a better place to live and work. I especially wish to thank the members of the Board of Directors of KMCB for all they do.

Board Members and County Coverage

In an effort to obtain county-wide coverage, KMCB's Board of Directors structure is based on six districts organized along the county school district boundaries. The districts are:

- District One – Conroe ISD (east of I-45 and north of Texas Highway 242);
- District Two – Willis ISD;
- District Three – Splendora ISD and New Caney ISD;
- District Four – Conroe ISD (east of I-45 and south of Texas Highway 242);
- District Five – Magnolia ISD;
- District Six – Montgomery ISD.

We have an active board of 10 members, several of whom have been on the KMCB board since its inception in 2004. Current board members represent Districts 1, 3, 5 and 6. We continue our efforts to locate individuals interested in joining the KMCB board to represent Districts 2 and 4. Our board meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm at different locations on a rotating basis. Thanks to Montgomery ISD, Tejas Underground Utilities, and the Montgomery County Extension Office for graciously providing meetings space for us on a quarterly basis.

Events and Activities

In 2009 KMCB:

- Held a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and recognized five outstanding volunteers for their work to make Montgomery County a better place to live and work
- First Annual Growing Green Plant Sale
 - Raised \$886.52 to fund grants
 - Promoted county recycling centers
 - Demonstrated and educated about low-impact events
 - Educated about native plants
- Approved grant applications for:
 - Green Up Magnolia Environmental Festival - \$150
 - Montgomery County Leadership Class of 2010 Project - \$500



- Participated in educational events by providing information and materials about litter abatement, recycling, decomposition rates (via an interactive game), green space, and waterways at:
 - Texas Forest Expo
 - Green Up Magnolia Environmental Festival
 - Arby's Grand Opening
 - Trash Bash
 - Phi Theta Kappa Head Start Festival
 - The Woodlands Earth Day (rained out)
 - Lone Star College – Montgomery Campus – Academy of Lifelong Learning First Friday lecture series
 - Phi Theta Kappa District 4 conference
- Developed and distributed Welcome Bags - a litter bag containing recycling and other resource information for new residents in Montgomery County
- Landscaped the entrance to the Marilyn Edgar Park in the City of Oak Ridge North
- Attended the annual Keep Texas Beautiful conference (2 board members)
- Joined the Magnolia Area Chamber of Commerce and the East Montgomery County Community Chamber and participated by attending meetings
- Sent out two newsletters
- Held an art contest for art to be included on the 2010 Growing Green Plant Sale poster
- Awarded a \$500 scholarship to the winner of the art contest
- Obtained media coverage of events and activities

Goals for 2010

KMCB's focus for 2010 will be litter prevention and waste reduction. We will work with county and city officials, schools, churches, businesses, neighborhood associations, youth organizations and other organizations to:

- Educate about the harm of litter in our community
- Demonstrate and implement waste-free events
- Promote recycling through the county recycling centers
- Encourage participation in the Adopt-a-Road programs throughout the county

We will continue our already successful programs to meet these goals and will implement some new and exciting programs. We will continue our efforts to bring environmental resources together to enhance the beauty and community of Montgomery County.

In addition we will seek grants to fund a part time Executive Director position that we hope to fill in the first quarter of 2010. The addition of this position will enable KMCB to broaden our outreach and scope.

Keep Montgomery County Beautiful
Board of Directors
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