



Keep Montgomery County Beautiful Newsletter

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Looking for a speaker
for your group,
business, or
organization?

KMCB has developed several informative presentations related to environmental issues in Montgomery County. We are available to speak to your group - no matter the size. Content includes litter, waste management, recycling, waterways and greenspace. These presentations are guaranteed to provide new and interesting information that can be immediately put to use.

Contact us at info@kmcbtexas.org for more information.

Get Involved

We hope you will consider becoming a member or renewing your membership with KMCB.

The process is much easier now with our PayPal account - so please consider clicking on [Membership Form](#) to

Dear Charlotte,

We have a lot of exciting news and want to share in this newsletter information about the amazing volunteers who were recognized at KMCB's Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner.



If you haven't become a member or renewed your membership with KMCB in 2013, please consider doing that now. We rely on memberships for our operating funds (for example, website, newsletters, supplies, award application fees, storage unit, PO box, event booth materials). We seek sponsors for special events like our volunteer dinner and fund projects like the recycling program at Williams Elementary through grants.

Becoming a member in KMCB is very affordable and not only assists our all-volunteer organization with operating funds but also let's us know you support our vision and mission! Go to [KMCB Membership Form](#) to become a member. You may print the form and mail it with a check or fill out the form online and upon submission you will be given the option to pay via PayPal.

And, of course, we always welcome you as a volunteer! We have some amazing and dedicated volunteers - you'll learn more about them later in this newsletter - but we can always use more.

Best,
Charlotte Riser Harris
Chairman of the Board
KMCB



KMCB Recognizes Outstanding Volunteers
in Montgomery County

download the form and join up!

When you visit our website at www.kmcbtexas.org you will find many ways to get involved with KMCB or contact us at info@kmcbtexas.org

Join Our Mailing List!

On February 23rd, about 75 people attended our fourth Volunteer Recognition Dinner to honor some amazing volunteers and recognize the work they have done in our community. We are honored to have recognized the following:



The City of Conroe received the Environmental Education Award for the water conservation program that resulted in Conroe reaching the goal of keeping 2011-12 water usage at the same rate as that of 2008-09.



Boy Scout Troop 1855 received the Overall Volunteer Award for accumulating over 900 hours in volunteer activities in one year by adopting a road (3.5 miles) and keeping it litter free, making church events litter free, and by participating in Trash Bash.



The Magnolia Police Citizen's Academy Alumni Association received a Beautification/Community Improvement Award for the demolition of an abandoned and dangerous home on Roy Street. Jill Gabriel, Summer Foltz and Officer Juan Lopez led this effort which involved many community organizations and businesses and became a neighborhood event.



Project Building HOPE also won an award for Beautification/Community Improvement for their extraordinary work

to raise funds and rebuild a playground devastated by the 2011 fires. These are some amazing students with an inspiring mentor and teacher.



Jan Hatfield (second from left) received the Recycling/Waste Reduction Award for her efforts and diligence in implementing recycling at the Magnolia Methodist Church and generally promoting recycling person by person.



A Special Award was given to Anheuser-Busch and The Texas A&M Forest Service for the Texas ReLEAF program that provided free trees to those in Montgomery, Grimes and Waller Counties who lost trees due to the drought and wildfires in 2011. Holly Currie with AB (second from left) and John Warner with TAMFS (third from left) are the brains and inspiration behind this amazing project which brought hope and joy to so many who suffered so much.

We are grateful for these volunteers and their spirit, caring and actions that make our community a better place for all of us.

Thanks to the Sponsors who made the Volunteer Recognition Dinner Possible

Without sponsors, we would not have been able to hold our Volunteer Recognition Dinner on February 23rd (in fact, we weren't able to hold it in 2012 because of lack of funds). We truly appreciate those who provided support so we could recognize those in our community who are making it a better place for all of us.

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1960 Glass & Mirror

We also truly appreciate Gerry Luther for talking to potential sponsors and making this all happen!

In addition we thank Montgomery County Precinct 2 Commissioner Craig Doyal and Charlie Riley for their support and the use of the Community Center for the event.

Please support these local businesses who provide support to our community.



KMCB Thanks its Amazing Volunteers and the Board of Directors

Also at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner those who have volunteered over the past year with us were recognized. Our great volunteers are:

Carol Bland
Elsie Dillow
Ronnie Hewitt
Zach Kendall
Karen King
Tricia McBride
Nancy Medlin
Regina Michael
Jackie Miller
Allison Norwood
Marcy Parker
Sheri Reynolds
Mike Reynolds
Brynn Reynolds
Leah Wesley

Although not everyone was able to attend the dinner, here is a photo of those who were there:



I would also like to recognize the awesome KMCB Board of Directors:



(from the left)
Glenn Buckley (Secretary)
Gerry Luther (outgoing)

Phyllis Stegen (Vice Chair)
Brenda Biggerstaff (Treasurer)
Sharon Craig
Christine Leard
Dakota Stormer (not pictured - Youth Member)
Cameron Wilde (not pictured - Youth Member)

KMCB would not be able to do what it does without these dedicated Board members! Thanks to each of you!



Anti- Litter Campaign Update



Kaitlin Stutts and Jakob Wells, both Magnolia West High School Juniors, wowed the MISD School Board with their anti-litter presentation at the April School Board meeting. We are excited to be presenting on May 5th to Eagles Nest Ministries in Conroe and would love to schedule some time to give our powerful and informative presentation to your group - homeowners association, church, scout troop, school, business, civic organization.

Just email us at info@kmcbtexas.org and we'll get you on the schedule.

And, watch for a series of articles in our local newspapers about the impacts of litter.



Growing Green Plant Sale a Success

This year KMCB sold 285 Black & Blue Salvia plants and added almost \$2000 to our Grant fund. Thanks to New Leaf Nursery for growing these beautiful plants for us for the second year in a row!

And thanks to all of you who bought plants and supported our grant program. So now we have about \$3500 to give away - anyone out there who wants to do a beautification project in Montgomery County?? Go to [Growing Green Grant Application](#) and apply to help fund your project. We give grants up to \$500.





KMCB Receives Union Pacific Grant to Broaden Recycling Education Program

Union Pacific awarded KMCB a \$4400 grant to continue our recycling efforts which started with the HEB Green Bag grant we received last fall.

The recycling at Williams Elementary is in full swing and the kids there have embraced recycling and are exceeding expectations. Here are just some of the bags of recycling they collected. They've collected so much that the recycling center workers were impressed!

Stay tuned for more information about how the recycling fever is spreading through Magnolia!



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

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

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