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Keep Montgomery County Beautiful Newsletter

What's New!

June 2009

Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC)

Recycling Guide

www.recycleinfo.org

This newly published guide provides information about recycling options in the 13 counties around Houston. It also contains interesting and valuable information about each recyclable product to help make us all more informed recyclers.

For example - did you know that it is estimated that it takes plastic bottles and glass a million years to biodegrade???

Check it out and send the link to friends and family - especially those who are not yet recycling!

www.recycleinfo.org

We have been very busy since our last newsletter in March.

Our Growing Green Plant Sale was a big success, we beautified the entrance to the Marilyn Edgar Park in Oak Ridge North, we have put together a Call for Entries for our art contest for next year's plant sale posters, we are working on updating the look and content of our website, we had booths at the Texas Forest Expo and The Trash Bash, and although we prepared for The Woodlands Earth Day festival, it was rained out.

KMCB participated in Keep America Beautiful's Great American Clean-up through the Growing Green Plant Sale and the Adopt-a-Spot project at the Marilyn Edgar Park. We are proud to be part of this important annual initiative.

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.

This newsletter will provide details about our activities and some valuable information about resources in Montgomery County and upcoming events for KMCB.

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

The KMCB Board



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**Everything
is bigger
in Texas.**

**Including our
recycling bins.**

Recycling may
take extra time but
it can conserve
our resources. Visit
takecareoftexas.org
for more tips.



**Take Care of Texas—
It's the only one
we've got.**

A PROGRAM OF THE
TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Adopt-a-Spot Project Marilyn Edgar Park Oak Ridge North May 2009

On May 9th, KMCB beautified the entrance to Marilyn Edgar Park in Oak Ridge North. The planning had been going on a long time! This project was originally scheduled for last fall but Hurricane Ike changed those plans. We were glad to be able to get this landscaping project done before it was too hot for the plants to survive.

Thanks to our sponsors for this project:

The City of Oak Ridge North - donated the mulch and shredded the tree debris; is providing watering.

Storm Maintenance and Monitoring Inc. - trimmed the trees to open the canopy, donated bull rock and moss rock, transported the rock and plants, provided labor to install the plants and rock. This work was done on two days.

Cactus Jack Designs - evaluated the site and designed the landscaping.

The Pinewoods Nursery - donated plants valued at \$500.

Our sponsors were incredible and made this project possible. In addition, four KMCB Board members worked on May 9th to move mulch and install plants.

Here are some photos - before and after!



Park Entrance - Before

Keep Texas Beautiful

2009

Ornament

will be unveiled at the
KTB Conference in
June!

The 2008 ornament
looks like this:



The 2009 ornament will
commemorate the six
flags that have flown
over Texas.

KMCB will be selling
these beautiful
ornaments again this
year. Watch for an
email with a picture of
the 2009 ornament and
information about
ordering it and
previous editions.

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

We Need Your Help!

2009 Opportunities

- * Become a Member
- * Volunteer
- * Join the Board
- * Sponsor Newsletters



Park Entrance - After

Tired of Litter?



Did you know that research
conducted by Don't Mess with
Texas found that most litterers
are in the 16-25 age
group? However, all age groups
were found to litter
significantly.

If you are tired of seeing ugly litter on the sides of our beautiful roads, here are some things you can do:

- **Don't litter!**
- **Spread the word!** Talk to others about litter and encourage them not to litter.
- **Report a Litterer!** Don't Mess with Texas has a Report a Litterer program: (<http://www.dontmesswithtexas.org/report-a-litterer.php>)
Go online and provide information about the littering you saw being done. The litterer will receive a letter and trash bag for their car!
- **Pick it up!** Just think how much litter would be gone if everyone picked up just one piece of litter a day, rather than stepping over it.
- **Adopt a road or highway!** Contact your local county precinct to adopt a county road and TxDot to adopt a highway. It easy to do and can be a great experience for a group or family.

[Contact KMCB](#) if you want more information about the Adopt a County Road program in Montgomery County. We would be glad to help your group get started!

- * 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
for Sponsorship information
and forms or email
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First Annual Growing Green Plant Sale



A Big Success!

In April, we sold 500 Rudbeckia Goldstrum (Black-eyed Susan) plants and after expenses raised about \$1200 to fund our new grant program. We are working on the details of the program and will soon be sending out information about how to apply for grants to fund environmental and beautification projects in Montgomery County. If you would like to make a donation to KMCB's grant program you may send a check to KMCB, 6606 FM 1488, Ste. 148, #356, Magnolia, Texas 77354 - be sure to indicate Grant Program on the check.

We would like to thank the Montgomery County Master Gardener Association for growing the plants for our sale. Everyone was very impressed with their beauty and they sold themselves!

We also would like to thank Ariane Edmundson for creating and donating the amazing painting that we used on our posters. Ariane is an incredible artist who also teaches in the CyFair school district. Check out her website www.thepaintersisters.com !

We had many volunteers who helped with this plant sale. Our sincere gratitude goes out to each volunteer - LeeAnn Bower, Debbie Garcia, Karen King, Nancy Medlin, Kevin Mercer, Brian Mercer, David Osgood, Sue Stutzman, Brian Stutzman, and Jason Stutzman. And each KMCB Board member contributed mightily to the success of this project. As they say: many hands make light work!

We are already planning and looking forward to the Second Annual Growing Green Plant Sale. In 2010 we will be selling Echinacea Purple Coneflowers - another beautiful Texas native plant. Stay tuned for details about the art contest for high school students - the winner will receive a scholarship and the winning artwork will be used on our 2010 poster!

Charlotte Riser Harris

Terry Woodson

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

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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
