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Recycling center coordinator honored for work, dedication

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On Earth Day April 22, Nancy Medlin received a plaque from the City of Magnolia honoring her for her hard work and dedication to the city's new recycling program.

The Montgomery County Pct. 2 Community Recycling Center, located directly behind Justice of the Peace Matt Madsen's office in Magnolia, is operated by Medlin and one other helper on occasion.

The entire recycling program in Magnolia was held in parking lots for two years. Then the program received a recycling and educational grant which funded the building. Magnolia Education Foundation Board President Charlie Riley asked Medlin to run the center, so she accepted.



Patsy Williams, Ryan Kelley and Hanna Welch present Nancy Medlin with a plaque honoring her work and dedication on Earth Day.

Medlin currently holds down three part-time jobs, one being the Magnolia Recycling Center. She also cleans homes and takes care of her disabled husband.

Among the attendees on this special day were Councilwoman Patsy Williams and 10-year-old Hanna Welch with Magnolia City Administrator Ryan Kelley presenting the award. The message that Magnolia and all of Montgomery County is trying to send out is simply three R's: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Kelley gave mention to a new city ordinance called Keep Magnolia Beautiful, a chapter of Keep Texas Beautiful, which includes recycling and keeping as many trees as possible in all new developments. He said Magnolia does not want to tear out all the good trees just to replace them with a bunch of smaller saplings.

"If you take packing popcorn to mailing stores, they will recycle and reuse them," Medlin said. "They also take the bubbles and packing pillows."

The Community Recycling Center cannot accept hazardous materials except lead-acid car batteries. For car tires there is a \$2 fee and for truck tires a \$5 fee.

"Those new swirly light bulbs that they want us to start using contain mercury," informed Medlin. "Putting these things in landfills will conclude in people drinking the mercury."

In the case one has hazardous material to get rid of; they can take the waste to the Montgomery County, Pct. 3 Recycling Complex. The center is located at 1122 Pruitt Rd. in The Woodlands.

The Precinct 3 Recycling Complex hours of operation are Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Precinct 2 Community Recycling Center hours of operation are Wednesday 7 to 11 a.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In addition, Keep Montgomery County Beautiful, in partnership with the Montgomery County Master Gardner Association, is holding its First Annual Go Green Plant Sale this spring. Orders are now being taken for a native plant, Rudbeckia Goldstrum (common names: Black-eyed Susan, Gloriosa Daisy and Yellow Oxeye Daisy), for \$5 each. For persons with plants ordered or wanting to purchase plants, the pick-up day is Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the local recycling center.

The goal for this event is to raise money to fund KMCB's grant program, publicize Montgomery County recycling centers, educate citizens about native plants and recycling and to provide an opportunity to combine trips by picking up plants at the recycling center.

For more information for Precinct 2 recycling call 832-934-2193 and for Precinct 3 recycling call 281-367-SAVE (7283).

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