

## Indigo Lake Estates Property Owners' Association Gets Serious About Their Adopted County Road

Last spring, through KMCB's outreach, ILEPOA adopted the 1.5 mile stretch of Nichol Sawmill that fronts their neighborhood west of Magnolia. Since then they have had three litter pickup days and have found it to be an interesting and fun experience. They have seen neighbors come together every 3 months to tackle a common frustration - the trashing of our roadsides by litter and bandit signs. The work goes quickly, neighbors reconnect, everyone gets a little exercise and the roadsides look noticeably better. An unexpected result is that some team members stop and pick up litter that gets thrown out between pickup days - an indication that a sense of ownership and pride in our little stretch of roadway has developed.

Because of that sense of ownership, ILEPOA Adopt a County Road organizers are getting more organized. The litter pickup crews are being organized into teams who will be assigned a particular stretch of the road - including a bandit sign team who is busily designing a tool to remove those signs posted very high on telephone poles. Team leaders are being assigned and a process for communication, dealing with the paperwork, having all necessary materials, etc. is being developed. It is hoped and expected that the teams will be fun, spirited, connected and will develop a joint sense of pride in their small section of the road.

Many lessons have been learned from the first three litter pickup days. The ILEPOA Adopt a County Road organizers are developing a great list of suggestions about what to do and what not to do. If you are thinking of putting together a group to adopt a road or spot, feel free to contact Charlotte Riser Harris 281-252-9540 or [crstharris@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crstharris@sbcglobal.net) and she will be glad to share the results of their experience.