



# The Clean Sheet

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Fall 2009 Newsletter

## KPB Participates in July 4 Parade:



Dee Boggus made a wonderful Chinese dragon out of paper mache for the head and fabric for the body. Several KPB Board Members manned the dragon during the Parade held in downtown Jasper on July 4. Also in attendance was Paul Peterson of North Georgia Recycling wearing the KPB Trasher Costume to bring awareness to litter.



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## Many Activities in the Works

- Message from Stan Barnett, Executive Director



Here at KPB we are double focused as the year heads into the last 60 days. During our 4th quarter we're working on our 2010 budget, getting the nominating committee in place to identify next year's new board members and officers, planning our activity for National Recycle Day when we will focus on shoes for 3rd world nations, getting ready for the Festival of Trees and our recycled items Christmas tree, and "Bring one for the Chipper" just after the Christmas season. To get all that done and produce the final Litter Index for this year, our Green Ribbon and Green Thumb awards, and Adopt A Road activities will keep us busy. We are also excited about the County's new Marshall, who is charged with helping clean up litter violations all across the county.

Finally, I want to recognize and thank all the folks in our county who have helped keep our roads neater, our yards greener, and our environment cleaner. On the current front, we are delighted that PCCRA (the Community Thrift Store) has awarded us a grant to print more of the new Recycle Guides, which are available in several locations. The County Motor Vehicle Registration office is giving them out to one and all as they register their vehicles.

## KPB Receives GAC Award



Mary Ann Manzel, President and Stan Barnett, Executive Director of KPB accept GAC Award.

Keep Pickens Beautiful receives award for participating in the Great American Cleanup for 2009. The 2009 campaign theme was "Green Starts Here," with over 3 million volunteers and participants; working together they racked up 5.2 million volunteer hours with more than 30,000 events taking place in 32,000 communities nationwide. KPB was part of this nationwide effort starting March 1 through May 31, 2009 with the following results:

- 64 Million pounds of litter and debris were removed from public lands and right-of-ways, including 95,000 acres of parks and public lands, nearly 9,000 miles of rivers, lakes and shorelines, over 10,000 acres of wetlands, and 7,800 mile of hiking, biking and nature trails.
- 3,200 parks and community recreation areas were improved, restored or constructed.
- 4,750 illegal dumpsites were cleaned up.
- 870,000 tires were collected for recycling.
- More than 24.3 million plastic (PET) bottles were collected for recycling.
- 6.9 million pounds of electronics up 30% over 2008
- 14.5 million pounds of aluminum and steel an increase of 42%
- 36 million pounds of newspaper went to recycling.

This is a list of what was accomplished nation wide. KPB is grateful to the volunteers who gave their time to keep our County beautiful. We could not have done it without you; our thanks to you, Pickens Co. and the City of Jasper. We look forward to another Great American Cleanup next year 2010. If you or your group would like to join us in 2010 please contact our office at 706-253-3600 or visit our webpage at [www.keppickensbeautiful.org](http://www.keppickensbeautiful.org).

**Green Ribbon Awards**

Each month individuals or companies are recognized by KPB for their efforts to improve our community, either by recycling, property clean up or beautification. In July Nancy Crenshaw of Talking Rock received the Green Thumb award for a beautiful yard and in August Warren & Marion Hardige received the Green Thumb Award for their yard. In September Peggy Petty received the Green Thumb Award for her yard and Dr. Yadav received the Green Ribbon Award for extensive recycling by their office.



**Adopt a Road Program Continues to Grow!**

Since May the Adopt A Road volunteers have picked up 96 bags from 13 miles of road ways. Their combined totals along with the county sheriff departments pick up program total 2230 bags from 141 miles. We have two new Adopt A Road Volunteers Ruth House Ministries, LLC and Mark and Gail Rosenke. Featured in photo is a representative from Ruth House.



**KPB Supports Festival of Trees at Library**

Keep Pickens Beautiful would like to say "Thank you" to the students at Harmony Elementary School who participated in making decorations for the KPB Christmas tree. The tree is part of the Festival of Trees held yearly at the Pickens County Library. The Festival of Trees begins November 30 and runs until after Christmas. Susan Anderson, their teacher, had the children use their imaginations to create the ornaments by recycling everyday items such as, paper, corks, milk cartons, light bulbs. The students came up with great ways to recycle everyday items we might call trash into unique tree ornaments. Please take time out of your busy schedule to visit the library during regular hours and view all the beautifully decorated trees. Keep Pickens Beautiful would like to invite you to make a New Year's resolution to start recycling in your home or work place in 2008. If you need help or more information about recycling please call the KPB office at 706-253-3600.

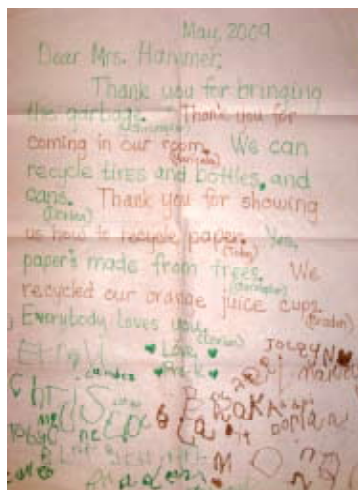
**Upcoming Calendar of Events**

- November 2 – Soles4Souls Shoe Collection begins thru Nov. 30
- November 3 – Ballot for board members gets mailed
- November 15 – National Recycle Day
- November 30 – 7pm Library Festival of Trees Reception  
Trees on display thru December 27.
- December 7 – KPB Annual Meeting

**Litter Index Survey**

The Litter Index survey for October is under way. KPB volunteers fan out over 13 different roads scattered around the county to inspect the condition of the roads. The volunteers rate the roads "lousy, decent, or clean as a whistle", depending on how much litter is found along the roadways. The results are tallied, compared to prior surveys, summarized and sent to the Mayors, the Sheriff, and the Commissioner so they will know where the "trouble spots" are. If you'd like to be one of KPB's Litter Index Brigade, please call Carol in the KPB office at 706 253 3600.

**KPB Receives Thank You from Head Start**



Nancy Hammer, Board Member of KPB, presented a program on recycling and not littering to each of the pre-K classes at Head-Start last spring. The program involved taking in a bag of household garbage and showing the children how each piece of garbage could be recycled. This coincided with lessons the teachers had been presenting with their classes on the environment. The thank you note was from Marcia Jasperse's class.

**Business Recycling Partners Efforts Continue to Grow!**

Since May a reported 407 bags of recyclables was collected and diverted from landfills by local businesses that are committed to the KPB recycling program. The newest members of the recycling program include Jasper United Methodist Church, Discount Tire and Natural Market Place. The Pickens County Board of Education, Jasper Elementary School and Pickens High School all have extensive recycling programs in place.



Jasper United Methodist Church



Discount Tire



Natural Market Place

**Soles4Souls Collection Program**

Keep Pickens Beautiful is Participating in a statewide program to collect 50,000 slightly used shoes. Soles for Souls is a non-profit dedicated to equipping developing nation's people with shoes. This Georgia pilot program has been expanded statewide. KPB is launching this program as part of National Recycle Day November 15, 2009. Here's how it works, KPB will place shoe containers at Community Bank of Pickens County, Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Fitness, United Community Bank and the Pickens County Administrative Offices.

We are asking our residents to bring their slightly used shoes and place them in the containers on or before November 30, 2009. We're confident Georgia can exceed the collection goal. Our thanks to Whole Foods and Gaylord containers for transporting the shoes once they are collected. For more information call our office at 706-253-3600 or visit our website at keppickensbeautiful.com

## **Big Canoe Makes Big Impact in Recycling**

By Bill Wilson

### **Single stream recycling (SSR) is in its ninth month and is working satisfactorily**

- Estimate 25% to 30% participation by residents
- Estimate 10% of residents continue to use Cove Road multi-stream system
- On track to save \$70,000 hauling costs over last year as a result of SSR
- Advanced Disposal report that residents are doing a good job
- Plan to add a second recycling compactor
- Will then have two for trash and two for recycling
- Practicing what we preach (offices and facilities recycle)

### **One Trash and bash Saturday/month**

- Open-top dumpster supervised
- Thrift Store collects two truck loads of stuff to sell each month
- Electrical appliance recycling fills a truck
- Scrap steel fills a trailer for a local entrepreneur
- Employ several volunteer hours (mostly monitoring and assistance) in the effort

### **Bulk shredder Saturday was successful**

- Estimate 3.5 tons of shredded paper went to recycling
- Much of it would have been burned
- People can watch their documents being shredded on a TV screen
- Many residents want to have another ASAP
- Big Canoe will do it at least two times per year

Thoughts about the future include: Composting, Water catch systems, Increased participation, more publicity, organize motivational programs, seek better informational aids. We appreciate the County's September trash pickup on Steve Tate Highway.

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## **19 Ways You Can Keep Pickens Beautiful**

### **Prevent Litter**

- Pick up a piece of litter each day
- Throw trash in can
- Keep those truckloads covered
- Become a good example for others by not littering

### **Reduce Waste and Recycle**

- Buy only what you need to use
- Reuse it or donate it before you throw it away
- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.
- Compost your yard trimmings and left over food
- Take your own re-useable bag to the store

### **Protect Water Resources**

- Build a rain barrel
- Conserve Water
- Recycle used motor oil properly

### **Beautify Your Surroundings**

- Beautify with native trees and plants
- Adopt a local spot or roadside to help beautify

### **Improve Your Community**

- Teach your children to love the earth
- Make new friends – join a carpool
- Educate your community leaders
- Support your farmers market
- Support Keep Pickens Beautiful