

2010 Fall Trash Off a Great Success

Keep Pearland Beautiful wants to say thanks to all the hundreds of volunteers that came out on Saturday, September 11 to pick up litter in Pearland.

We began the day at the Stella Roberts Recycling Center, 5800 Magnolia. KPB served 100 kolaches, 4 dozen glazed donuts, 10 pounds of bananas, 20 pounds of oranges, 4 gallons of juice, 20 cups of coffee and 4 bags donut holes. We had lots of enthusiastic helpers on hand even, if it was 8:00am on a Saturday morning. KPB is really proud of our Pearland Little League players and hoped that most folks finished their clean-up in time for the parade. Many groups plan to do their clean-ups over the next several weeks.

All the wrap up reports have not been returned, but KPB thinks this fall will be an outstanding turnout in terms of the number of volunteers. There were 21 groups reporting that morning and many more that started their day at their Adopt-a-Spot locations; early estimates put the number of volunteers that day at 350. Cub Scouts were out at Silverlake, Silvercrest, and Carlestone. Boy Scouts were cleaning Knapp and Mykawa Road. St. Helens Catholic School had a group (43 their largest ever) picking up lots of cigarette butts on Pearland Parkway and the Girl Scouts covered Harkey Rd. and CR59 (15 bags of trash there). The Merrill Family took care of McHard Rd., the Corley Family cleaned half of Barry Rose, the Austin Family picked-up along Liberty Dr. and the Jazzercise group picked up 6 bags of trash on Hatfield. The Pearland High School Interact club had 12 kids and the Pearland Prancers found a most unusual item: a cutting knife (who throws out of their car?). City of Pearland IT employee John Knight and his wife tackled Pearland Parkway and the Pearland EMS had their group there to give a hand in front of the fire station on Old Alvin. The One Church volunteers came out in their black t-shirts and cleaned Magnolia from Harkey to McLean and found a snake skin along the way. In addition, groups like David L. Smith Realty, New Life Lutheran, and our Brazoria County Adult Supervision community service workers did their part to make Pearland the cleanest most beautiful city in Texas.

Keep Pearland Beautiful was especially encouraged by all the first time volunteers that came out to pick up litter in Pearland on the 11th. There was a group of 35 from the Pearland H.S. Prancers, four volunteers from the Dawson H.S. Honor Society and Parks Board president, Quentin Wiltz and his two small sons. Each of these groups chose a roadway that is currently "up for adoption". KPB hopes that everyone enjoyed their day and maybe met a few new friends along the way.

Some of the most unusual items found Saturday:

- Cutting knife
- Large sign
- Chain saw blade cover
- Work gloves
- Eye glass frames
- Hub cap
- Snake skin

Part of the KPB wrap-up report asks for suggestions from our volunteers for ways to improve the clean-up. One group suggests that Keep Pearland Beautiful create an awareness campaign for local businesses to encourage them to clean-up in front of their establishment. Good idea; KPB should be able to implement that easily.

Mark your calendars now for our Don't Mess with Texas trash off set for April 2, 2011. Details will be posted on our website, www.keeppearlandbeautiful.org as the date gets closer. If you would like to get involved, check our website under the "Adopt-a-spot" tab, for roadways around town that are "up for adoption". Comments may be sent to cowles@keeppearlandbeautiful.org or call the office at 281-652-1659.