

Season of Thanksgiving 2010

As I prepare for my Thanksgiving holidays, I struggle with preparing a creative piece for the weekly column space that the Pearland Reporter News so generously provides. Can I say thank you too many times? I don't think so, and in the season of Thanksgiving I want to share with you a few of the things I'm thankful for.

Thanks to our volunteers who helped in 2010:

- Distribute 800 seedlings at the Stella Roberts Recycling Center for Arbor Day.
- Collect 16,000 cigarette butts on Cigarette Litter Awareness Day.
- Collect 100 tires on Texas Recycles Day and service 207 cars with recycling.
- At the Environmental Fair, where 120 KIPPERS (Kids in Pearland Preserving the Environment through Responsible Service) helped the 430 visitors that attended that day.
- Pick up 504 bags of trash at the Great American Clean-up and the Fall Trash Off. 1,444 volunteers helped to make Pearland a more beautiful place.
- Dorman Davidson and Brazoria County community service workers who picked up 1,286 bags of trash, 54 tires and 1,591 bandit signs.
- To make the Plant Thyme Fall Luncheon a success. The hard work of our board members and volunteers helped to raise \$14,000 for the Delores Fenwick Nature Center Building fund and KPB programs.
- Clean the library landscaping twice last year. Thanks Eagle Heights Christian Academy.
- Serve on our board of directors. Nineteen hard working folks give their time to make Pearland a cleaner place.

To the citizens of Pearland, I would to say thank you for supporting our curbside recycling program and the Stella Roberts Recycle Center. Last year Pearland citizens recycled curbside 5,100.93 tons of co-mingled material (newspaper, plastic, glass, steel and aluminum), and brush. The Stella Roberts Recycling Center collected 554.54 tons of aluminum, steel, paper, glass, cardboard & plastics for a 38% increase over last year. Thanks for **NOT** sending tons of material to our local landfills. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could involve more citizens in this convenient program?

On a personal note, I would like to say thank you to the Keep Pearland Beautiful board of directors for entrusting me with the day-to-day operations of this fine organization. November 1, marked my 7 year anniversary and my how time flies. We are having fun, so won't you join us?

Happy Thanksgiving Pearland, and as always comments may be sent to cowles@mykpb.org or call the offices at 281-652-1659. The offices of KPB will be closed for the holiday from November 22-26. The Stella Roberts Recycling Center will be closed November 25 – 28.