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Community Invited to Participate in City's Monthly Litter Cleanup Campaign

LaGrange, Ga. May 16, 2019 – The City of LaGrange is celebrating its one year anniversary since beginning its “Leaving LaGrange Better Than We Found It” litter cleanup campaign.

Friday, April 26th, hundreds of city employees as well as dozens of citizens spent the morning picking up litter throughout the city's main thoroughfares.



Hundreds of city employees and dozens of citizens spent the morning April 26th picking up litter in the community

The city partnered with several local businesses as well including Caterpillar, Calumet Bank, Duracell, Bowman Hollis, Jindal Films, Hobby Lobby, Houze and Associates, McKeen Realty & LaGrange Academy.

City Manager Meg Kelsey began this litter cleanup campaign in April 2018 hoping to send a message to the community that the City of LaGrange is serious about cleaning up our community.

This initial event was so successful the city decided to begin hosting monthly litter pickups.

“It has been an eye opening experience for me to participate in these cleanup events. Getting out into the community, working side by side with employees and residents and beautifying the community has been a very rewarding experience,” said City of LaGrange City Manager Meg Kelsey. “We hope that everyone will consider joining us by adopting a spot. Dedicating even an hour or two is extremely helpful in not only cleaning up the environment but also communicating the importance in being litter free.”

The City of LaGrange will continue to host monthly litter pickups throughout the year.

The next event will be Saturday, June 15th, 8-10 a.m. on the second segment of The Thread, by Eastside Park, 240 Niles Street. This event will be one of The Thread’s Pop-up events this summer. The City is proud to partner with The LaGrange Housing Authority for this event. This event will also include a scavenger hunt with prizes.

Here is the schedule for the upcoming year:

JUNE – Saturday, June 15th at 8-10 a.m. on the second segment of The Thread by Eastside Park, 240 Eastside Park. (The Thread Popup Event, LaGrange Housing Authority, Partner)

JULY – Saturday, July 20th at 8-10 a.m. at Hollis Hand Elementary, 641 Country Club Road (Hollis Hand Elementary, Partner)

AUGUST – Saturday, August 24th at 8-10 a.m. at Berta Weathersbee, 1200 Forrest Avenue (Berta Weathersbee Elementary, Partner)

SEPTEMBER – Saturday, September 28th at 8-Noon, National Public Lands Day at West Point Lake (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Partner)

OCTOBER – Saturday, October 12th at 8-10 a.m. in Hillside Neighborhood at Health Department parking lot, 900 Dallis Street (DASH, Partner)

NOVEMBER – Saturday, November 2nd at 8-10 a.m. at the LaGrange Fire Department Headquarters, 115 Hill Street

DECEMBER – Saturday, December 7th at 8-10 a.m. at the first segment of The Thread behind St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 207 North Greenwood Street (St. Mark's Church, Partner)

JANUARY – Saturday, January 11th at 8-10 a.m. at Weathers Honda parking lot, 1808 Vernon Road (McKeen Realty, Partner)

FEBRUARY – Saturday, February 8th, 8-10 a.m. at Piggly Wiggly parking lot, 505 Greenwood Street

MARCH – Saturday, March 7th, 8-10 a.m. in Jones Street Park

APRIL – Friday, April 24th, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. City employees to pick up trash throughout the community



Hundreds of city employees participated in a community-wide litter cleanup

The public is welcome to participate.

If you are a business or group that would like to partner with the City of LaGrange on any of these events please contact Katie Mercer Van Schoor at kvanschoor@lagrangega.org.

If you would like to host your own litter cleanup please contact Keep Troup Beautiful at www.keeptroupbeautiful.com or (706) 884-9922.

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