

## March 2018 Newsletter

Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup kicks off its 20<sup>th</sup> year in March. While it officially doesn't begin until mid-March, KECB was certainly not going to turn down any offers by groups to help Keep Elbert County Beautiful!

During the first week of March, 2 school classes volunteered to do cleanups. Dixie McCarty's FFA students completed another cleanup at the Middleton boat ramp. This time they encountered more trash to the tune of 200 pounds!



Later the same week, ECCHS students of LeeAnne Cordell did a sweep of Sutton Park after school. Even in a relatively well taken care park, these students still found 20 pounds of trash.

On March 10, the Rotary Club of Elberton did a cleanup on Mineral Springs Road which they adopted more than a year ago. They were able to capture 420 pounds this time!



We want to welcome Dewy Rose Baptist Church, Lions Club, and Eliam UMC as our newest Adopt-a-Road stars in the past couple of months. We have a few more that have expressed interest and can't wait to be able to name them.

The same day, KECB had their first recycling event at the Bowman Convenience Center for hard to get rid of items. This includes tires, TV's, car batteries, old appliances, etc. We do charge for the tires and TV's, but everything else is free. Great way to start Spring Cleaning! We collected 57 tires, 15 TV's and 388 lbs. of batteries and scrap metal. **Our next event like this is Saturday, June 2 at the Elberton Center on MLK Blvd.**



It continues to baffle us that with Convenience Centers located all over the county that we still encounter illegal dumping. Why? Taking your old worn out couch to one of these is not going to cost you anything. It is deemed bulk waste. However, if you dump it on the side of the road and someone reports you or we find a name and address in a trash bag-well then, that's a very different story. Elbert County has a Litter Hotline that you can use anonymously. The number is 706-213-3261. We are working hard to clean up this county and so should you. Here are some pictures of what we encounter throughout our county. Remember- Litter Trashes Us All.



The last Great American Cleanup for March involved a very enthusiastic group named, Youth Lives Matter. Twelve members of this group (nine of them students) completed a huge neighborhood cleanup between Burke and Mill St and from Railroad to Prince St. They came up with 960 lbs. of trash!



The winds of March blew in and we have had a rollercoaster ride weather-wise. This makes it difficult to finish plantings, so we had to be very flexible with our dates. Thank you to members who wanted to know when we would be finishing up with the Elbert County Public Library Project, in case they could help out. This is the result of our work there.



While our official membership drive is coming to a close, we do welcome new members year round. Besides members, we really need more organizations, school groups, scouts, churches, neighborhoods to help us help our county. KECB would love an opportunity to talk with your group or provide you materials for a cleanup. Every hour donated makes a difference!