



Newsletter-February, 2022

We have neglected to write newsletters for the past 2 years but its time to get back on board!

KECB was honored by Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation, Keep America Beautiful, Georgia Dept. of Community Affairs and the Georgia EPD for our work from late 2020 through 2021.

For the year 2021 we had 1,097 volunteer hours from 425 volunteers. (Many of the volunteers worked on several projects/events but reports going to Keep America Beautiful only ask for the number of volunteers for each activity.) No matter, we are proud of the number of volunteer's that help us! We held 128 different events in 2021 ranging from presentations, board meetings, litter collection, beautification project, recycling events, etc. Some events only had 1 person and others had more than 50. No activity is too small or unimportant for us! If you pick up litter please let us know either by email, Facebook or phone call. If you want to join us for organized pick ups let us know that too!

We found out from Keep America Beautiful's updated Litter Report that while litter is still a problem, it has decreased over the past 10 years. We also learned that if each citizen would pick up 152 pieces of litter that would significantly reduce the amount of litter around us. So... we held a little contest from August 1-December 31 for people who picked up litter and let us know that they had. We had over 30 entries. We chose 3 names from a hat and awarded the winners with a T-shirt. Our winners were Susan Fortson who participated in a Rotary Club pickup; Sandy Fortson who picked up a section of road near her home and Bruce Brown who helped with the initial Elberton Christian Church Men's Ministry Adopt a Road cleanup.

In January, 2022 we heavily pruned the trees at the 17/72 intersection for visibility, held several litter pickups (Mid-week and Lions Club) and did a presentation to an organization.

Coming up in February we have-

February 8- Monthly Board meeting at Elbert County Public Library beginning at 5:30 pm.

February 16-Mid-week litter pick up from 9-11 am. All are welcome! The location has not been decided, so if you would like to help let us know!

February 17- Litter Law Workshop for law enforcement. Beaverdam School 8:30-12 noon. Anyone interested in knowing more may attend but please call ahead so we are ready to welcome you.



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