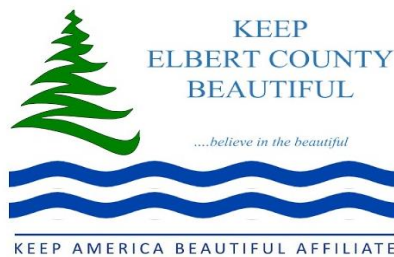


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KECB Newsletter-May, 2023

Litter-We had a very busy month for April, which was good. We are in the midst of the **GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP** and we are seeing results! ECCHS Beta Club invited us to do a short presentation at their April meeting and then a litter pickup along Jones St in front of the school. With 22 volunteers and just 1 hour of work the students were able to pick up about 150 pounds of trash! We hope that they will join with us next school year to keep the school property looking great! The next student group was the Youth Lives Matter who have adopted a large neighborhood area in the Locklin St. vicinity that stretches from the railroad tracks over to Burke St and down to Pinetown Cemetery. This group of 15 ambitious students and adults racked up 1400 pounds of trash and old tires in 3 hours time! KECB had a mid-week cleanup on Brewers Mill Rd that yielded 260 pounds of litter. Add in another 20 pounds from our Pinetown event and that gave us **a total of 1830 pounds that was removed from our roadsides!**

Membership-Did you know that becoming a member helps us to increase the number of projects and events we hold? Your membership goes towards funding equipment for cleanups, advertising and signage, beautification projects, both establishing and in some cases maintenance, scholarships, presentations, etc. Currently, we have over 80 annual and lifetime members! Help us to hit that 100 mark or better!

Education-KECB met with the ELEVATE group at ECMS on April 20 to help assemble “seed bombs” that KECB gave out at the Elberton Spring Fling Festival. Thanks again to the 4-H group for helping! One of the young men from this group also came to the festival and helped us greeting people and passing out materials! Thanks, Jeremais Oviedo!

Other-Congratulations to Board member, Gerry Besharat, for being named Volunteer of the Year! If you know Gerry, she spends quite a bit of her time helping to beautify Elbert County! If there is gardening or litter activities to be done, you will most likely find her there! KECB had a booth at the Elberton Spring Fling festival on April 29. Besides giving out “seed bombs”, we were able to hand out information about our organization and answer questions. The children seemed to enjoy spinning our Wheel of Knowledge and answering a question about litter, recycling, etc. The piece of candy they got was just an extra!

In April, 8 reports of littering caught on video, were sent to Code Enforcement for Elbert County.

****There is still time to schedule an event for the GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP. It stretches from March 20-June 21, 2023. Spring time is always a time of renewal and what better time to plan a litter pick-up! Give us a call (706-567-0481) or email us at kecbbeautiful@gmail.com, to schedule a neighborhood, church group, friends, school organization, etc. event.** We will supply you with all the equipment and supplies that you will need. Clean ups can be held at any time and for as short or long as you want. Pick any street, park/public area, road or section of a road, that you would like to spruce up!

Coming up in May we have-

We welcome any and all volunteers!

-May 6-Lion's Club pick up-9-11 am on Petersburg Rd.

-May 16- monthly meeting beginning at 5:30 pm in our Church St. Office. All are welcome!

-May 17- Mid-week event 9-11am. Continue to work on PINETOWN CEMETERY. Bring lawn and garden equipment to help mow or trim around markers.

-May 18- Assist with ELEVATE group at ECMS. This is the last meeting for the year. 3-5 pm.

-May 18- ECCHS Scholarship Awards Program- 6:30 at ECMS

-June 10- Recycling Event at the Elberton Recycling Center, 8-12pm. NO shredding this time.

Watch for flyers in the middle of May.



Some of the Beta Club members



Picking up on Brewers Mill Rd.



Members of the 4H ELEVATE club who assembled our "seed bombs"



Gerry's well deserved award!



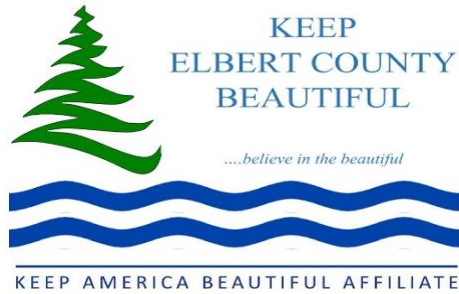
Our booth at the Spring Fling



A couple of the Pinetown volunteers



Some members of Youth Lives Matter and the huge pile of litter!



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Please check the Membership level desired:

- Student:* \$10.00
 Individual: \$25. 00
 Couple: \$35.00
 Business: \$50.00
 Individual Life Member: \$250.00
 Business Life Member: \$500.00

I would like to make an additional donation of \$_____. This money is to be used for-
 Scholarships
 Beautification projects
 Littering projects
 Shredding costs at Recycling Events

Include a check for the appropriate amount of the membership, and make it payable to **Keep Elbert County Beautiful, Inc.** Please mail to: KECB, PO Box 6339, Elberton, GA 30635.

Member Information:

Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

(This will be used to send the newsletter and information – it will not be shared – and you will be “blind copied” on all emails.)

Yes, I am interested in volunteering and would like to attend a KECB meeting.

All memberships include a **2023 window decal**, flyers of **Public Recycling and Household Waste Disposal Options in Elbert County**, **Highlights of 2022** and **dates for our regularly scheduled meetings and recycling events**, inclusion on the KECB mailing list, a **copy of our newsletters (emailed)** and a receipt letter for tax purposes.