

KECB Newsletter-May, 2022

Join us! Our monthly Board Meetings are at the new office located at 10 W. Church St.. Members and visitors are always welcome! Bring us your ideas and concerns! Come see us on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm.

April was a busy month. The Great American Cleanup program that is sponsored by Keep America Beautiful (KAB) and Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation (KGBF) is in full swing. KECB was thrilled to have gotten a mini-grant from KGBF to purchase much needed supplies! Cases of water and bags disappear from our stock quickly. At some pickups we will use 50 bags in just a couple hours! Other supplies that need replenishing included gloves and vests.

KECB was honored to have their name mentioned twice at the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner on April 7. We value our Chamber and all that it does to promote large and small businesses in our county.

Elberton Sport & Pawn held their first cleanup on April 9. They adopted Arnold Rd. which is known for it's illegal dumping. Their 2 hour clean up yielded 720 pounds of trash and tires. Ty Sigman used his flatbed trailer to move along with the group so that tires and trash could be placed on it immediately. That sure saved some time!

KECB always hears about those who take it upon themselves to clean up their part of the county, without any recognition. We so appreciate you! The unknown/unrecognized are truly our hometown heroes! While you may not want recognition, we can offer you bags, pickers and vests, just let us know. We also welcomed a community service worker who picked up litter on several streets and roads to the tune of 325 pounds being removed!

Board member, Elizabeth Tyler, spotted 17 mattresses that had been dumped at the tennis courts at McWilliams Park. She quickly notified Allen Hulme, Code Enforcement to investigate. If you have any information that can help, please give him a call at 706-213-1000.

The annual Pinetown Cemetery cleanup sponsored by Jim-Ree Museum and KECB brought together a group that is different than our regular cleanup crews. On this occasion, volunteers were armed with lawn mowers, weed whackers, rakes, chainsaws, brush cutters, etc. One member of the team recalled seeing a headstone of a person that was born in the 1700's! 3 members of the Elberton Police Department helped to pick up trash but also found some other items of interest. You never know what you will find in a historic cemetery!

Pinnacle Bank kicked off their inaugural cleanup on April 30 with 17 volunteers. They have chosen Heard Dr. as their Adopt a Road. While litter was light, it was a great chance to give back to the community and get some exercise! For a road that seemed to be litter free-30 pounds were collected!

Coming up in May we have-

May 7- The Elberton Christian Church Men's Group will have a clean up on Mobley Hill Road beginning at 8-8:30. This is a 4 mile stretch of road. They meet at the tennis courts at McWilliams Park.

May 7- The Elberton Lions Club will also be having their cleanup on Petersburg Rd. They will start at 9:00 am. Meet at the Petersburg Convenience Center.

- **May 10**-KECB monthly meeting. 10 W. Church St. beginning at 5:30. All are welcome.
- May 12- The Joe Ray Memorial/KECB Scholarship will be awarded to a senior at the ECCHS Awards Program
- **May 18** Pinetown Cemetery, Round 2! We would like to try and finish up this 10 acre cleanup. Bring mowers, weed eaters, brush cutters, rakes, etc. This is on a <u>Wednesday</u> from 9-11 am.



















