



KECB Newsletter-May, 2026

Litter –In celebration of Earth Day, Wal-Mart conducted its first litter clean up concentrating on their property and parking lot. The majority of the litter was cigarette butts. Cigarettes are the #1 litter according to Keep America Beautiful, but because of smoking's acceptance it is often overlooked. Cigarettes with a filter can take from 18 months to 10 or more years to decompose, depending on the environment.

We had a student come by to get equipment for litter pick ups that she can do during the summer with her family! What a great way to help the community and environment while school is out! Their family didn't wait and tried out their skills the same evening. They couldn't believe the difference! If you have a student who is in BETA club, Anchors, 4H, etc. and needs community service hours, come see us to get set up. Our office is open most afternoons from 1-4. (Our contact info is below in the red)

Beautification-Once again, we concentrated on cleaning up and beautifying Pinetown Cemetery on April 11 and 18. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped out! Pilot Club used to have a huge Leyland Cypress on the corner of S. Oliver and W. Church., but it died several years ago and was removed. They opted to plant some bulbs in it's place. We hope they will survive this drought.

Membership- We are up to 87 members! Your membership dues go to our projects and events for the community.

Education- The new UGA Extension office will have it's grand opening on May 5 from 3:00-7:00 pm is open to the whole community. The ELEVATE students spent their meeting time on April 28 getting planters ready for the big event. It is amazing how much dirt it takes to fill a raised bed planter.

Other- Thank you to each of you that took the time to vote in the Community Choice Awards sponsored by the Elberton Star and 105.3 WSGC Radio. We tied with the Salvation Army which was an honor in itself. On Saturday, 4/25 we set up an information booth at the Unity Festival held at the Blackwell Memorial Gym. The weather was perfect and we made some new friends.

Coming up in May we have- Welcome to any and all volunteers! -call (706-567-0481) or email (kebeautiful@gmail.com) us to find out how you can be involved.

May 9-10-We will have an information tent at the Blue Cielo Winery Spring Festival.

May 12- Monthly KECB meeting beginning at 5:30 in our office. **All are invited.**

June 13- Elberton Recycle Event at the Elberton Recycle Center. Start collecting!



Pinetown- Banner celebrating the Great American Cleanup



Pilot Club and KECB member planting bulbs



Getting ready for school to be out and earn community service hours!



Thank you for believing in us!



Celebrating Earth Day with Wal-Mart!



Unity Festival



Filling the raised beds at the new UGA Extension Office