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City of LaGrange Employees and Community Participate in July Litter Clean-Up Event

LaGrange, Ga. July 7, 2018 – Roughly thirty City of LaGrange employees and community members including Mayor Jim Thornton and his wife Corinne participated in the city’s voluntary litter clean-up event today.

The group started picking up trash at Hollis Hand Elementary on Country Club Road and continued along West Point Lake.



Litter on the side of the road washes into nearby West Point Lake.

West Point Lake is the water source for the City of LaGrange and many other nearby communities.

Nearly thirty City of LaGrange employees and residents participated in the July litter pick-up event

The monthly clean-up events are voluntary for City of LaGrange employees. The public is invited to participate.

In April, City Manager Meg Kelsey wanted to send a message to the community that the City of LaGrange is serious about cleaning up litter and rolled out the city's campaign, "Leaving LaGrange Better Than We Found It."



Trash from the side of the road washes into the lake

The City of LaGrange closed non-essential business the morning of April 20th and more than four hundred employees picked up trash throughout the community.

In June, city employees along with many other volunteers from the community started at Berta Weathersbee Elementary and picked up trash along Forrest Avenue to the Callaway Clock Tower.

"As employees of the city, we have an opportunity to do something about it," said Kelsey.

"We need to create a sense of responsibility and ownership for roadways and other public areas. City staff has the opportunity to send a new message to our citizens and visitors."

LaGrange Mayor Jim Thornton, Troup County Commission Chairman Patrick Crews, West Point Mayor Steve Tramell, Hogansville Mayor Bill Stankiewicz, along with Troup County's Keep Troup Beautiful have joined forces to help clean up the litter in the community.



The City of LaGrange plans to hold monthly clean-up events

If you would like to have a litter clean up in your neighborhood contact Scott Landa with Keep Troup Beautiful. For more information go to www.keeptroupbeautiful.com or call (706) 884-9922.

To access more pictures from today's litter pick-up go to <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ymnv8rjk966arqp/AAC-sIGkgtYkt3NjHq2ulXPXa?dl=0>

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