

Media Release FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE August 24, 2019

Community Joins City of LaGrange in August Litter Pickup

LaGrange, Ga. August 24, 2019 – The City of LaGrange held its monthly litter cleanup at Berta Weathersbee Elementary School today. Roughly sixty community members, city leaders as well as city employees participated in the event.



Roughly sixty people participated in the city's August litter cleanup

This month the city partnered with Berta Weathersbee Elementary.

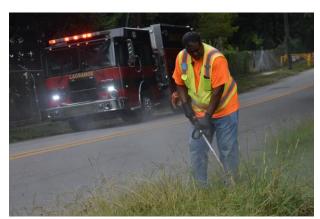
Several other groups participated in today's cleanup including First Presbyterian Church, Smyrna Baptist Church & Heart to Heart.



Community members participated in the city's litter cleanup

For next month's litter pickup, the city will partner with Berta Weathersbee Elementary. The event will be Saturday, August 24th from 8-10 a.m. at Berta Weathersbee Elementary School, 1200 Forrest Avenue.

All of the city's litter pickup events are free and open to the public.



City Councilman Nathan Gaskin cuts grass during the August litter cleanup

The City of LaGrange celebrated its one year anniversary in April since beginning its "Leaving LaGrange Better Than We Found It" litter cleanup campaign. Friday, April 26th, 2019 hundreds of city employees as well as dozens of citizens spent the morning picking up litter throughout the city's main thoroughfares.

City Manager Meg Kelsey began this litter cleanup campaign in April 2018 hoping to send a message to the community that the City of LaGrange is serious about cleaning up our community.

This initial event was so successful the city decided to begin hosting monthly litter pickups.

Here is the schedule for the upcoming year:

SEPTEMBER – Saturday, September 28th at 8-Noon, National Public Lands Day at West Point Lake (U.S. Army *Corps of Engineers, Partner*)

OCTOBER – Saturday, October 12th at 8-10 a.m. in Hillside Neighborhood at Health Department parking lot, 900 Dallis Street (DASH & Kiwanis Club of LaGrange, Partners)

NOVEMBER – Saturday, November 2nd at 8-10 a.m. at the LaGrange Fire Department Headquarters, 115 Hill Street (LaGrange College, Partner)

<u>DECEMBER</u> – Saturday, December 7th at 8-10 a.m. at the first segment of The Thread behind St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 207 North Greenwood Street (St. Mark's Church, Partner)

JANUARY – Saturday, January 11th at 8-10 a.m. at Weathers Honda parking lot, 1808 Vernon Road (McKeen Realty, Partner)

<u>FEBRUARY</u> – Saturday, February 8th, 8-10 a.m. at Piggly Wiggly parking lot, 505 Greenwood Street

MARCH – Saturday, March 7th, 8-10 a.m. in Jones Street Park

APRIL – Friday, April 24th, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. City employees to pick up trash throughout the community

If you are a business or group that would like to partner with the City of LaGrange on any of these events please contact Katie Mercer Van Schoor at kvanschoor@lagrangega.org.

If you would like to host your own litter cleanup please contact Keep Troup Beautiful at www.keeptroupbeautiful.com or (706) 884-9922.

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