



The Letterbug

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CLEAN CITIES SWEEP CONTEST WINNERS

We would like to congratulate the winners of this year's Clean Cities Sweep Neighborhood & Community Group Contests.

The winner of the Before & After Photograph Contest was **Pepperhill Civic Club**. The winner of the Georgia Smith Neighborhood Award was **Riverbend Area Council**. Both groups received a \$100 sustainability check to maintain their projects and landscaping equipment donated by Troy-Bilt.

The two winners of the "Sweep Shots" photograph drawings were **Forest Hills 1** and **Marshside at River Oaks**. Both groups received a \$50 sustainability check.



2011 Before & After Photograph Contest Winner,
Pepperhill Civic Club

SUSTAINABILITY & EDUCATIONAL GARDENS

Throughout this year's Clean Cities Sweep program, all registered groups were encouraged and educated on how to make their projects sustainable. Keep North Charleston Beautiful has educational gardens throughout the City of North Charleston where residents can learn about the types of flowers and plants that will thrive under local conditions. Three of these gardens are: the Park Circle Butterfly Garden, Collins Park, and the KNCB Office Educational Garden. Each garden is marked with plant tags to identify each variety of plant. All of the plants in these gardens are perennials, and many are native plants to South Carolina. You may visit these parks any time to help you plan your own sustainable garden.



ANOTHER RECORD-BREAKING YEAR!

For the second year in a row, Keep North Charleston Beautiful has seen record-breaking volunteer numbers during the Clean Cities Sweep program.

This year, over **14,300 volunteers** from **54 different schools, neighborhoods, and community groups** participated in 132 different cleanup, beautification, education and recycling events. These volunteers donated over **26,200 volunteer hours**, removed over **5,500 bags of litter and debris**, and planted over **2,000 flowers and trees**. Volunteers cleaned up over **46 miles of roadway**, created or improved **79 gardens**, and planted **25 edible community gardens**. Over **7,300 children and young adults** attended **68 different educational events** where they learned about volunteerism and taking care of the environment.

Thank you again to all of the groups who participated in this year's Clean Cities Sweep to help make North Charleston *bloom with beauty*. A full list of participating neighborhoods and community groups is available on the back page of this newsletter.



Some of the plants in KNCB Office Educational Garden



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"We Noticed" Award Winner, Chili's North Charleston

"WE NOTICED" SPOTLIGHT

This month's featured "We Noticed" winner is Chili's North Charleston. When walking up to the front entrance of the restaurant, you see a tasteful array of color and green shrubs. The area puts a smile on your face. The building has an outdoor patio with televisions so you can enjoy the garden as you eat your meal or enjoy a football game on television. There is no litter in the parking area, and the grass is regularly maintained with small trees planted in the area. The manager of Chili's depends on a local landscaper, "Forever Green," to keep the area maintained and looking nice. It is obvious that Chili's North Charleston is concerned providing a beautifully landscaped business for the community to enjoy.

BECOME A KNCB MEMBER

For the first time ever, you have an opportunity to become a member of Keep North Charleston Beautiful. Your membership will support many of KNCB's programs including Clean Cities Sweep, our educational gardens, Flowerscape, our free litter pickup kit program, and our "We Noticed" recognition program.

Membership benefits include a window cling to display on your car or business window, a listing on our website, a Tweet and Facebook post welcoming you as a member, and for business members and partners, a listing in our monthly newsletter. Memberships are available in five different levels: Individual, Family, Small Business, Corporate, and Partner. If you are interested in becoming a member, visit our website at www.keepnorthcharlestonbeautiful.org or call us today at 745-1073.

2011 CLEAN CITIES SWEEP NEIGHBORHOOD & COMMUNITY GROUP PROJECTS

We would like to thank the following groups for their participation in this year's Clean Cities Sweep: Accabee, Ashley River Commons, Charleston Farms, Charleston Southern University, Colony North, Cooper Cosmetic & Family Dentistry, The Courtyards at Westcott, Daisy Girl Scout Troop 238, Dorchester Terrace, Dorchester Waylyn, Enoch Chapel United Methodist Church, Ferndale, Forest Hills 1, Jenkins Terrace, The Lakes, Marshside at River Oaks, Maxwell Street Cleanup Crew, Murray Hill, North East Park Circle, Northwood Estates, Olde North Charleston, The Park at River's Edge, Pepperhill, Riverbend, and Union Heights.

We would also like to thank the following groups for participating in KNCB's Spring Beautification Event: Alpha Kappa Alpha, Knology of Charleston, The Lowcountry Highrollers, NCPD Explorers Post 431, and SPAWAR.



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Keep North Charleston Beautiful would like your support in our electronics recycling program. Become a recycling partner today and begin collecting used cell phones, printer cartridges, laser toner cartridges, laptops, digital cameras, GPS devices, iPods, and more!

Donations of these items not only help us beautify North Charleston, but they keep these items out of landfills. This fundraiser is an excellent way to support Keep North Charleston Beautiful without any financial contribution on your part and with only a minimal monthly time commitment.

Interested in becoming an electronics recycling partner? Email us at beautification@northcharleston.org or call 745-1073 and we will help you get started.

Have one of the above listed items you want to recycle but not currently a partner? Drop them off at the KNCB office and we will recycle them for you! Our office is located at 1019 Aragon Street in North Charleston, SC 29405. Directions to our office are available on our website.

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