



The Letterbug

from Keep North Charleston Beautiful

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SC STINGRAYS AT THE BUTTERFLY GARDEN

On October 19, two groups from the South Carolina Stingrays front office staff volunteered at the Park Circle Butterfly Garden. The Stingrays sponsor the butterfly garden as part of KNCB's Flowerscape program, and they perform monthly maintenance to keep the garden looking beautiful. During their October workday they weeded, deadheaded plants, and installed new plants.

As part of their November 16 workday, Stingrays players will be joined by students from North Charleston United Methodist Kindergarten for a fun day at the garden. Starting at 1:00pm, they will be working with the students to install new bulbs that will bloom next spring.

For tips on how to plant bulbs in your own garden, please see the back page of this newsletter.



KNCB VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT

On October 8, KNCB held a volunteer appreciation event for our Beautification Committee members. Volunteers met at the KNCB office for breakfast and to plant an outdoor container garden to take home with them. All of the volunteers learned how to create a container garden and were excited to have a festive display to take home for the holiday season.

A special thank you to volunteers June Van Steyn and Michael Pound for organizing the event and instructing other volunteers on how to create an attractive container garden. KNCB provided the plants and pots courtesy of a PalmettoPride grant as a thank-you to our volunteers for all of their hard work throughout the year.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the KNCB Beautification Committee, send us an email at beautification@northcharleston.org or call 745-1073. The committee meets on Saturday mornings approximately five times per year.

Thank you for helping us make North Charleston *bloom with beauty!*



Back Row (L to R): Michael Pound, Nancy Gilbert, Carmen Hanlon, Orinn Williams
Front Row (L to R): June Van Steyn, Amy Pitts



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Volunteers pick up litter around their neighborhood

GET YOUR FREE LITTER PICKUP KIT!

Community groups are eligible to receive a free litter supply kit two times each year. Supplies include trash bags, gloves, and bottled water. These kits are available for groups who have a litter cleanup event in North Charleston. Groups must provide photographs of their event and a short summary after the event.



FALL GARDEN TIPS: FLOWER BULB BASICS

Fall is the ideal time to plant bulbs. Here are some important things to know before you start:

- **Timing:** Plant bulbs no earlier than mid-November.
- **Location:** Most bulbs need plenty of sun to grow.
- **Depth:** A general rule is to plant bulbs about 2-3 times as deep as the bulb is tall, but make sure to follow the instructions on the bulb's package.
- **Orientation:** Be sure the top of the bulb is facing upwards towards the sun.
- **Trimming:** Cutting back a bulb's foliage too soon in the spring can limit next year's blooms. You need to wait until the leaves are yellow before cutting them back.

Source: Riverbanks Garden Gossip, Autumn 2011

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BECOME A KNCB MEMBER

Join Keep North Charleston Beautiful today and help us make North Charleston *bloom with beauty*. Your membership will support many of KNCB's programs including Clean Cities Sweep, our educational gardens, the Flowerscape program, 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: Partner, Corporate, Small Business, Family, and Individual. If you are interested in becoming a member, visit our website at www.keepnorthcharlestonbeautiful.org or call us today at 745-1073.



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!

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

EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

December 3 (9am-1pm): Beautification Event

Join KNCB at the two educational gardens and the Flowerscape at Quarterman Park as we complete our holiday decorating and do general landscape tasks such as weeding, pruning, and planting bulbs. Please call 745-1073 if you are interested in volunteering.

Graphic Designer Needed

KNCB needs a volunteer to help with our graphic design projects! If you would like to help with designing brochures, fliers, and the KNCB webpage, please contact us at 745-1073.

