

# KMB

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KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

## July 2018 NEWS

- "Georgia's Coast is Not An Ashtray" Cigarette Litter Campaign
- Busy Spring! Road Cleanups, Planting Projects and a new greenhouse for Todd Grant Outdoor classroom
- Abandoned Buildings Program Update & article in "Georgia Magazine"
- Annual Meeting and Cookout - looking back, looking ahead
- Fall Events Coming Up
- Supporting KMB - why it's important - do it TODAY!

### Georgia's Coast is not an Ashtray!

Cigarette butts are the most littered item in the U.S. and around the globe. Cigarette litter is also toxic waste that pollutes land and water and can be eaten by fish and other marine life, and even children. KMB and 13 other coastal organizations and state parks have joined together for a summer-long awareness and prevention campaign focused on the problem of cigarette litter with a message of "Georgia's Coast is Not an Ashtray." The campaign, funded by a grant from Keep America Beautiful, includes installing new cigarette receptacles in Darien and locations near water throughout McIntosh County, store window signs, pocket and car ashtray giveaways, public service videos, and a special "coaster" activity in bars and restaurants in the county on Friday, August 24. If you can help with some of these activities, please contact Julie at 912-289-1083 or [director@keepmcintoshbeautiful.com](mailto:director@keepmcintoshbeautiful.com). For more about why cigarette litter is a big problem, check out <https://www.kab.org/cigarette-litter-prevention/problem-and-facts>



### A Clean and Beautiful SPRING



KMB sponsored **litter pickups and planting projects** this spring as part of Keep America Beautiful's 2018 Great American Cleanup. In March and April, volunteers joined Hwy "Adopters" for Cleanups in Shellman Bluff, on Smith Rd. and on Blount Crossing Rd., **removing 1880 lbs. of trash (94 bags)**. Way to go!





**TWO BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS.....**

Also in April volunteers renewed the entrance planter at Fort King George Historic Site in Darien and installed native plant landscaping around the new Todd Grant Elementary School sign on Hwy 17.



**.....and new GREENHOUSE for Todd Grant Elementary**

The new Todd Grant Elementary School Classroom includes a greenhouse contributed by Keep McIntosh Beautiful, that KMB volunteers also helped assemble. Beginning this fall, the greenhouse will be used by all grades at the school and for McIntosh County 4-H projects. The Outdoor Classroom is a work in progress but already includes areas for math, reading, music, art, a weather station, and planting boxes along with the greenhouse. The project is being coordinated by TGES art teacher and long-time KMB Board Member Kelly McClellan and funded with a "Bright Idea" grant from Coastal Electric Cooperative.

**Abandoned Building Program UPDATE**

KMB was able recently to assist owners in removing two more buildings through its Abandoned Buildings Programs – a badly burned mobile home in Darien and a neglected property in the county. Before and after photos are below. For more information, an application or to help fund this program that is improving the appearance of our county, visit <http://keepmcintoshbeautiful.com/abandoned-building/>. The ABP program was also included in an article in the May issue



of *GEORGIA MAGAZINE* about the work of Keep Georgia Beautiful affiliates.



### Annual Meeting/Cookout

KMB members and volunteers gathered at Ashantilly Center June 28 for an Appreciation Cookout and Annual Meeting. KMB Board members setup, grilled and cooked and others brought lots of other good food for a great meal. Thanks to all who braved the weather to come out and who contributed some great ideas for activities in the coming year. Stay tuned!



### UPCOMING Fall Events

**Saturday, October 20, 8:30 - Noon**

**RIVERS ALIVE! Barrington Park/Altamaha River Cleanup**

*Volunteers needed*

Land and shoreline cleanup, beginning at Barrington Park, in western McIntosh County, paddle out into the beautiful Altamaha River. Snacks and all cleanup supplies provided, along with kayaks and life jackets, or bring your own. *Come join the fun! Go home with a free t-shirt and a good feeling!*

**Saturday, Nov. 10, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Community Recycling Event**

Bluestein Shopping Center (1225 North Way) in Darien  
Additional information soon.

**THANK YOU!** to our Adopt-A-Highway Volunteers for helping keep our roadsides clean, green and beautiful! *You are appreciated!* Volunteers can now adopt parks and other public recreational and beauty spots in Darien and McIntosh County in addition to sections of roads. This a great way to make a difference in the appearance of our county. To learn more about volunteering, contact Julie at [director@keepmcintoshbeautiful.com](mailto:director@keepmcintoshbeautiful.com)

### SUPPORTING KMB - why it's important - Do it TODAY!

You don't need to look any further than this newsletter for reasons to support Keep McIntosh Beautiful, but did you know.....

KMB is an independent, 501(c)3 non-profit affiliate of Keep America Beautiful and Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation, but receives no funding from either, or from our local government. The support of individuals, organizations and local businesses is VITAL to KMB's operation and activities such as our Abandoned Buildings Program that are benefit Darien and McIntosh County. Please renew your membership or join KMB today at [www.keepmcintoshbeautiful.com](http://www.keepmcintoshbeautiful.com). Learn about other ways to support KMB by CLICKING on the links below.

- [Renew your membership or join KMB TODAY](#)
- [Donate when you shop at Amazon Smile](#)
- [Donate your used vehicle](#)
- [Make an "End of Year" donation to KMB's Abandoned Buildings Removal Assistance Program for 2018](#)

*Thank you! Together, we are making a difference!*



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