



2010 third quarter report

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Clean & Green Neighborhoods

KATIB provides cleanup supplies, including gloves and trash bags for neighborhood cleanups throughout the year. In the 3rd quarter, the organization supplied cleanups in several neighborhoods including;

>> **Adopt-a-Highway Litter Pickup, July 10, 2010.** Three neighborhoods, Lindridge-Martin Manor (Atl.), LaVista Park (DeKalb) and Woodland Hills participated in a cleanup from the I-85 overpass on Lindbergh to Briarcliff and LaVista.

>> **Friends of Washington Park, July 17, 2010.** This historic park located on the BeltLine, two miles from Downtown, was the first recreational facility made available to African Americans in Atlanta during segregation and remains a recreational centerpiece for neighboring communities.

>> **Atlanta Area Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, September 11, 2010.** Volunteers promoted environmental stewardship in the Morningside Nature Preserve. Working in the south fork of Peachtree Creek, they removed 33 tires, a very full garbage bag of broken glass to be recycled, filled one trash can and a station wagon full of items for recycling and proper disposal. The scrap tires were recycled courtesy of Liberty Tire Recycling.

Board Elections

Keep Atlanta Beautiful welcomed two new board members at the July 20th board meeting. Welcome Board Chair, Kevin Perry, Executive Director of Georgia Beverage Association in Atlanta, Georgia. Kevin is an active member of many boards focused on community improvement and recycling; he is a Board Member of the Georgia Recycling Coalition, President of the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation, and President of the Piedmont Heights Civic Association.

Tal Simpson is a native of Austin, Texas, but has lived in northwest Atlanta since 2005. In 2006 he took a job with the Georgia Power Company and has been heavily involved in the company's environmental remediation initiatives, most notably the Renew Our Rivers program.

Additional board elections include Corliss Claire, Vice Chair, Catherine Chase, Treasurer, and Alisa Chambers, Secretary. Keep Atlanta Beautiful's Board of Directors meetings are open to the public and are held on the 3rd Monday of the month at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 731 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30308.

Sponsoring Research

Keep Atlanta Beautiful sponsored University of Denver graduate student, Patrice Davis-Duncan on her thesis project to develop a household pharmaceutical disposal program for the City of Atlanta. The project surveyed residents' habits and understanding of risk factors involved in improper medication disposal and provided recommendations for the Department of Solid Waste Services.

KATIB also sponsored a research project by Spellman College Student, Karen M. Evans, to investigate Atlanta's Growing Scrap Tire Problem and identify what we need to know to combat the health, safety and environmental risks posed by scrap tires.

Graffiti Task Force

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs formed a Graffiti Task Force to support the City of Atlanta's ordinance on graffiti. The task force is comprised of representatives from City of Atlanta agencies and departments, Keep Atlanta Beautiful and GDOT, who have been meeting for the past several months gathering and collecting data to tackle the graffiti problem in Atlanta. The Graffiti Task Force is taking a four pronged approach in the abatement process of graffiti in our parks, at our recreation centers and neighborhoods across the city. The approach will address (1) Education and Prevention, (2) Intervention, (3) Enforcement and (4) Removal.

eScrap Recycling

In the 3rd Quarter, Keep Atlanta Beautiful welcomed Creative Recycling as the electronics recycling provider for the Grady-Midtown eScrap Recycling event held every third Saturday of the month. More than 9 tons of electronics were collected for recycling or proper disposal between July and September.