

Keep Blanco Beautiful Newsletter

Issue II



Fall Sweep

For the first time, KBB will be hosting a [Fall Sweep Event](#) sponsored by Keep Texas Beautiful. This event is similar to our annual Trash-off event in the spring and will focus on picking up litter around town. We will be posting more information about the event on our website shortly. If you or your organization are interested in forming a team for this event, please contact us. We are hopeful to start a tradition of hosting two trash-off events to help keep Blanco beautiful.

[Click here for more Trash-off details](#)

Join KBB's New Cigarette Litter Prevention Program

Are you tired of seeing cigarette butts littered along the sidewalks and streets? Join Keep Blanco Beautiful's (KBB) Cigarette Litter Prevention Program (CLPP). KBB has partnered with [Keep America Beautiful](#) to begin implementing this program. The project's goal is to decrease the amount of cigarette butts around town by providing more receptacles/personal ashtrays and educate community members. "...the most effective ways to address cigarette butt littering include increasing the availability of ash receptacles and portable ashtrays, decreasing the amount of existing litter through clean-up activities, and educating the public with motivational messages that target individual responsibility and obligation," according to KAB's [website](#). Education will be a major component in KBB's CLPP. KBB would like to add more receptacles around town. Pocket ashtrays and portable auto ashtrays will also be purchased and distributed in the future. A majority of the cigarette litter in town is along the roads so the auto ashtrays should help reduce the amount. KBB is hopeful to have a cigarette butt litter free historic district by May 2020 but needs the help of the community! Let's join together to create a cleaner, greener, more beautiful town! Please contact Retta Martin at (830) 833-4720 if you are interested in joining the CLPP. Must be 18 or older.



Have you checked out our website lately? There are lots of pictures and cool information available!

[Click here to visit our website](#)

Updates on Restoration of the Byars Live Oak Tree

We're fortunate to have a 500-700 year old live oak tree in our beloved town, the Byars Live Oak Tree. Earlier in the year, KBB contracted [ArborCare and Consulting of the Guadalupe River Valley](#) to help with the restoration of the tree. Everything went well and the tree is looking healthier already! Check it out!



Education Chair STILL Needed

KBB is still searching for an Education chair. The Education chair is responsible for educating school children regarding litter and waste handling practices. He/she also educates officials, teachers, semi-professional staff, clerical and maintenance staff regarding cleanliness techniques; and recognition of outstanding class/school/staff. We are also always looking for new members to join the other committees as well. Our committees include: Beautification, Civic/Neighborhood, Education/Schools, Fundraising/Finance, Law enforcement/Municipal, Public Awareness, and Recycling. Please let us know if you are interested in [joining us!](#)

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