

## TRASH TALK

#### **VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER**



#### **Truck Totals**

**107,060lbs** in 2021 48,420lbs in March



#### Volunteer Totals

**23.880lbs** in 2021 **10,610lbs** in March

#### MARCH WAS AN AMAZING MONTH!

339 volunteers removed more than 10,610lbs of trash in March.

Greenville County crews removed 48,420lbs.

Together we removed 59,030lbs of litter from Greenville County in one month!

THANK YOU ALL FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT! TOGETHER WE WILL END LITTER IN GREENVILLE!

#### WATERGOAT

Join PalmettoPride, **Greenville County Rec and** Litter Ends Here as we launch a statewide pilot program on Earth Day!

Join us afterwards as we cleanup Oak Grove Lake!

You can find out more about what on earth is a WATERGOAT <u>here</u>

You're Invited to South Carolina's First Ever...

#### **VATERGOAT** Installation

at Oak Grove Lake

(Oak Grove Lake Rd, Greenville, SC 29615)

Earth Day: Thursday, April 22 @ 10am



#### What on is a WATERGOAT?

A barrier system that uses chain netting supported by a buoy line to prevent trash from traveling through water ways while still allowing water and marine life to pass.

Mark Maksimowicz, founder of WATERGOAT, will be on site to answer questions.

Please RSVP to Summer Gagnon at sgagnon@greenvillecounty.org

Litter Cleanup to follow installation: 11:30am - 2pm

















#### **Great American Cleanup**

#### Join the BMW Charity Pro-Am, PalmettoPride, Keep Greenville County Beautiful and Litter Ends Here for the Great American Cleanup on May 1st!

We will be cleaning S Batesville Road from 9am to 12pm. Volunteers will get a free t-shirt and the chance to win door prizes at the event.

More information can be found here

#### Friends of the Reedy River

#### JOIN FRIENDS OF THE REEDY RIVER FOR A CLEANUP AT YOUR HOME!

Get your family or your "quaranteam" together to do a cleanup in your chosen location, at a time that is convenient for you within the timeframe of April 17 - May 1! Your cleanup can be on land or water, in your neighborhood, park, trail, etc. - anywhere that there may be trash!

More information can be found here

## The spring cleanup is coming to your home! April 17 - May 1 LOWE

#### Simply Beautiful

#### Join Simpsonville City and Keep Greenville County Beautiful for their April 17th Cleanup Day.

Due to rain and hazardous conditions this event was rescheduled to April 17th for safety purposes. There is still time to signup if you would like to help. More information can be found here



#### SCDOT Cleanup of W Georgia Road

The Litter Ends Here crews and Greenville County Sheriff's Office Environmental Enforcement joined SCDOT's statewide litter cleanup on March 23rd. Together we removed 1,180lbs of trash from a section of W Georgia Road.







### SCDOT REMOVED 232,445LBS OF LITTER FROM THE STATE DURING THIS EVENT!!!!!

#### Adopt A Road

## Reminder, May 15th is the next Adopt a Road cleanup date!

We are excited to see this program continue to grow. Five more roads were adopted in the month of March and more are in the works. 57 county roads in Greenville County are now adopted!





THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MAKES
THIS PROGRAM A HUGE SUCCESS!

#### Slater-Marietta

## The Slater-Marietta Community came out full force with their March cleanup!

This is one of several cleanups they hosted this year. In March, the Slater—Marietta

Community removed a truck load of litter from their roadways!

Thank you to all of these volunteers for their year-round efforts!!









#### **Veritas Preparatory School**

## Thank you to Veritas Preparatory School for including Litter Ends Here as part of their "Service Day" in March.

More than 84 students and their parents joined the effort to end litter in Greenville County. It was so fun to watch all the wonderful pictures of these families roll in. We love seeing kids learn about the harmful effects of litter through doing litter cleanups.















#### Gail and David Haggarty

Gail and David Haggarty have been very active Litter Ends Here team members for years. In March they decided to take it up a notch by using the Nextdoor App.

They introduced several new people to the program and even lead weekly cleanups with the new volunteers.

Together these groups removed

1,640lbs of litter in March and the beginning of April!













#### **Taylors First Baptist Church**

#### Thank you to Taylors First Baptist Church for hosting their "Love Taylors Day"

These wonderful volunteers removed more than 1,060lbs of trash from E Main Street in Taylors.

They also spruced up the area with mowing and leaf removal. What a difference!









#### Greenville Spinner Bicycle Club

# Thank you to the Greenville Spinners for their cleanup of a number of roads surrounding the Donaldson Airport!

This group of 26 volunteers removed a whopping 800lbs of litter from a number of roads that needed it.

Portions of Lost Swamp
Road , Antioch Road, Blakely
Road and Perimeter Road
were all cleaned thanks to
their efforts!







#### Welcome To The Team!

The Cardoso Family recently joined the Litter Ends Here team and during their first cleanup of Howard Road they removed over 180lbs of trash.

This picture was taken by a very proud Rafael Cardoso, who took this picture of his wife who is 7 months pregnant as she works to make the world a better place!

**Congratulations to the Cardoso Family!** 

#### More Upcoming Events





The City of Greer and Keep Greenville County Beautiful are hosting a virtual city-wide cleanup the first week of April.

Sign up at https://www.cityofgreer.org/FormCenter/
Neighborhood-Services-8/April-Virtual-Litter-Cleanup-83





Celebrate Earth Day with a litter cleanup! Join Keep Greenville County Beautiful from April 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> for their Earth Day Weekend Cleanup.

Sign up here: https://forms.gle/RPRXnkvmETipd1qA8





The City of Greenville and Keep Greenville County

Beautiful will co-host an Electronic Waste Recycling and

Shredding Day on Saturday, April 24, 2021, from 10 a.m. to

1 p.m., at the City Public Works facility, 475 Fairforest Way.

#### **BE THE CHANGE**

If your church, business, neighborhood, or organization would like to organize a group cleanup in your area the Litter Ends Here program is here to help.

Email Summer Gagnon at sgagnon@greenvillecounty.org