More than Sixty Participate in City Cleanup, 3500 Pounds of Trash Collected

LaGrange, Ga. February 27, 2021 - More than sixty people participated in the City of LaGrange’s litter cleanup including the LaGrange Police Department, LaGrange Fire Department, Berta Weathersbee Elementary School, First Presbyterian Church, the Sierra Club as well as volunteers from the neighborhood and community.

Participants collected approximately 3500 pounds of trash. Crews
collected trash in the area around Forrest Avenue, 4\textsuperscript{th} Avenue, Murphy Avenue and the surrounding streets.

City Manager Meg Kelsey wanted to send a message to the community that the City of LaGrange is serious about cleaning up litter and rolled out the city’s campaign, “Leaving LaGrange Better Than We Found It.” The City of LaGrange closed non-essential business April 20, 2018 and hundreds of employees picked up trash throughout the community. It was so successful with employees and the community that the city decided to hold monthly litter cleanups.

The public is always welcome to participate.

The city will be hosting the following litter cleanups in the future:

- Saturday, March 6th, 8-10AM at Calumet Park, 109 Union Street. Community Partner is the Calumet Park Neighborhood Association and LaGrange-Troup Chamber Leadership Troup Class of 2020-2021.
Friday, April 23rd, 8AM-1PM, City of LaGrange employees to pick up litter throughout the community. Businesses and organizations are invited to participate.

The City of LaGrange is proud to be a sponsor of Chattahoochee Riverkeeper’s “Sweep the Hooch” event scheduled for Saturday, March 27th, 9:00 a.m. – Noon. To learn more about this event and to sign up to participate, go to https.chattahoochee.org/sweep-the-hooch/.

If you are a business or group that would like to partner with the City of LaGrange on any of these events or if you’d like to host your own litter cleanup, please contact Katie Mercer Van Schoor at kvanschoor@lagrangega.org.

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