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First Presbyterian Montessori School Participates in Litter Cleanup Young Leaders Help to Kick Off City's Annual Event

LaGrange, Ga. April 19, 2022 – The First Presbyterian Montessori School participated in a litter cleanup event Tuesday, April 19th. This cleanup was held days ahead of the City of LaGrange's annual city-wide cleanup event Friday, April 22nd.



Presbyterian Montessori Teachers & Students & Parks Director Michael Coniglio

Parks Director Michael Coniglio talked to students about the importance keeping our community clean and picking up litter. The

students and teachers then joined Coniglio in litter cleanup in downtown LaGrange.



Students Participate in Litter Cleanup

The city will shut down non-essential business on Earth Day, April 22nd from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. to pick up litter throughout the main thoroughfares. Hundreds of city employees, elected leaders and community partners plan to participate in the city's annual event.



This year the city is asking the community to report dump sites for employees to clean up on Friday, April 22nd. The city will also be utilizing its new litter picker machine that picks up litter ten times faster than city staff alone.

City Manager Meg Kelsey began this litter clean-up campaign in April 2018 hoping to send a message to the community that the City of LaGrange is seriously about cleaning up the community leading by example. The April 2018 event was so well-received with employees, citizens and elected leaders, the city began hosting monthly cleanups throughout the city. Since 2018, the city is proud to have partnered with many different community groups, businesses, schools, colleges and individuals in leaving LaGrange better than we found it. The slogan was inspired by the comments by City Councilman Nathan Gaskin who said in a city council meeting, “My mom also told me to leave things better than I found it.”

“It’s been extremely rewarding to see our employees and our community come together for this annual event,” said LaGrange City Manager Meg Kelsey. “Since 2018, we’ve taken pride in leaving LaGrange better than we found it and leading by example. We invite everyone to join us.”

After the cleanup on Friday, city employees and volunteers are invited back to Sweetland Amphitheatre to have lunch before going back to work to open city offices back up at 1:00 p.m.

The city’s next scheduled litter cleanups include:

- Saturday, May 7th, 8-10AM in the parking lot of the Health Department, 900 Dallis Street. The city is partnering with DASH and the LaGrange Fire Department.
- Saturday, June 4th, 8-10AM in the parking lot of Hometown Family Medicine, 1698 Vernon Road. The city is partnering with Hometown Family Medicine and the LaGrange Fire Department.

If you would like to participate in Friday’s city-wide cleanup just show up in front of City Hall, 200 Ridley Avenue at 8:00AM.

For more information on this event or to partner for a future event contact Michael Coniglio at mconiglio@lagrangegea.org (706) 883-2055.

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