Media Release
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 6, 2021

Nearly 120 Participate in Record-Breaking Litter Cleanup, Approximately 8,000 Pounds of Litter Collected in Calumet Park Neighborhood

LaGrange, Ga. March 6, 2021 – The City of LaGrange hosted a record-breaking litter cleanup *TODAY* Saturday, March 6th in the Calumet Park neighborhood. Thanks to community partners the Calumet Park Neighborhood Association, the LaGrange-Troup Chamber’s Leadership Troup 2020-2021 Class, Kiwanis Club of LaGrange, Ark Refuge, LaGrange Fire Department, and many volunteers – a total of nearly 120 people - were able to collect approximately 8,000 pounds of litter.

Approximately 8,000 pounds of litter were collected
Participants picked up litter from McGee Street to Daniel Street and Hines Street to Dix Street. Today’s cleanup is the largest participation and largest amount of litter collected.

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.

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

**Friday, April 23rd, 8AM-1PM**, City of LaGrange employees to pick up litter throughout the community. We are looking for community partners for this large community-wide cleanup.
If you are a business, group or an individual who 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.

**Media Contact:** Katie Mercer Van Schoor, City of LaGrange Marketing/Communications Manager, (706) 883-2055 or kvanschoor@lagrangega.org

To keep up with the latest news involving the City of LaGrange, go to [www.lagrangega.org](http://www.lagrangega.org) or follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/lagrangegagov, Twitter at @lagrangegagov, & Instagram at instagram.com/cityoflagrangega.

###