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## **City of LaGrange Partners with St. Mark's Episcopal Church for Monthly Cleanup**

**LaGrange, Ga. December 9, 2019** – Roughly seventy people participated in the City of LaGrange's monthly litter cleanup Saturday, December 7th. St. Mark's Episcopal Church was the city's partner for this event.



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City employees, Mayor Jim Thornton, City Councilman Nathan Gaskin, LaGrange Youth Council members, St. Mark's church members as well as United Methodist Church Boy Scouts Pack 21 and community members all helped to pick up litter along the first segment of The

Thread behind St. Mark's and along the roadways connecting North Greenwood Street.

The litter cleanups are always family-friendly, free and open to the public. The city provides vests, trash bags and gloves.



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City Manager Meg Kelsey began this litter cleanup campaign in April 2018 hoping to send a message to the community that the City of LaGrange is serious about cleaning up our community.

This initial event was so successful the city decided to begin hosting monthly litter pickups.

The City of LaGrange is proud to be recognized by the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation for this initiative. The city recently won a first place award for litter prevention at the 2019 Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation Awards.

If you would like to participate, here is the schedule through April 2020:

**JANUARY** – Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 8-10 a.m. at Weathers Honda parking lot, 1808 Vernon Road (McKeen Realty, Partner)

**FEBRUARY** – Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 8-10 a.m. at Piggly Wiggly parking lot, 505 Greenwood Street

**MARCH** – Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 8-10 a.m. in Jones Street Park (LaGrange College, Partner)

**APRIL** – Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. City employees to pick up trash throughout the community

The public is always welcome to participate.

If you are a business or group that would like to partner with the City of LaGrange on any of these events please contact Katie Mercer Van Schoor at [kvanschoor@lagrangega.org](mailto:kvanschoor@lagrangega.org).

If you would like to host your own litter cleanup please contact Keep Troup Beautiful at [www.keeptroupbeautiful.com](http://www.keeptroupbeautiful.com) or (706) 884-9922.

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