

No MOre Trash! Bash Scheduled for April



Spring into action this April and help clean up Missouri during the No MOre Trash! Bash 2009. The Bash is a month-long litter-prevention celebration that encourages people to help clean up Missouri's roadsides and streams.

"Littering really adds up as far as costs to our environment, our economy and the beauty of Missouri," said Joe Jerek, coordinator of the No MOre Trash! campaign for the Missouri Department of Conservation. "Wildlife is maimed or killed by litter, and it pollutes

our forests, fields, streams, rivers and lakes. Litter costs Missouri taxpayers millions of dollars each year in cleanup efforts. And it's just plain ugly. How often has that beautiful scenic view been ruined by trash someone left?"

Last year, thousands of volunteers from all across Missouri collected more than 84,000 bags of trash from Missouri's streams and roadways to help make the Bash a success.

MoDOT spends more than \$5 million to clear litter along highways throughout the state each year. The more than 3,900 Adopt-A-Highway and 3,500 Stream Team groups also spend countless hours during the year to help keep Missouri beautiful, but litter still accumulates in streams and along roads.

"We want people to realize littering isn't good for anyone," said Stacy Armstrong, MoDOT roadside management supervisor. "It costs Missouri millions of dollars each year – money that could be spent improving Missouri roads."

Those who report their activities will be recognized for their efforts with a lapel pin. Brochures to help you keep track of your cleanup or other activity will be mailed to all existing Adopt-A-Highway groups on or around March 1.

Get ready to clean and beautify Missouri's roadways once again. See you this spring!

For more information about the Bash visit nomoretrash.org. ■



Richard McAllister, super adopter, visits the State Fair to talk about the importance of not littering. Mr. McAllister keeps 100 miles of roadsides in Wayne County clean.

ADOPTER SPOTLIGHT

For more than 20 years, the Knights of Columbus in Missouri have partnered in the Adopt-A-Highway program. They have expanded AAH participation to 76 local Knights Councils, one of the largest AAH program participants ever.

The Knights of Columbus was formed more than 125 years ago as "an order of Catholic gentlemen committed to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism, respect for life and defense of the priesthood." During that time, they have been involved in bettering their lo-

cal communities. The Knights keep over 110 miles of highway clean and beautiful. They are active in their cleaning efforts in 41 of 114 counties statewide.

Stan Mengwasser, of St. Louis, is the Knights of Columbus' state chairman for AAH. He travels around Missouri informing local councils of the opportunity to adopt a highway, and reminds those councils that already have adopted to do quarterly cleaning of their roadways. The Knights of Columbus team up with youth organizations to give them a

hands-on lesson in recycling and keeping the environment litter free.

"A lot of times we try to get the [boy and girl] scouts involved who are doing service projects. It teaches the kids not to litter and throw things out the window of vehicles," Mengwasser said. "If you don't throw it out, they don't have to pick it up."

The Knights have many exemplary councils who more than do their share in roadside cleanup. The council of the Knights of Columbus in Jefferson City has been

Sponsor-A-Highway Kicks Off

MoDOT officially launched Sponsor-A-Highway on Sept. 17 in Kansas City. Sponsor-A-Highway, a sister program to Adopt-A-Highway, offers one more way to help clean up Missouri.

MoDOT Director Pete Rahn joined with representatives from Adopt-A-Highway Litter Removal Services of America, Inc., (AAHLRSA) to explain the importance of Sponsor-A-Highway at the event. Each year, MoDOT spends more than \$5 million picking up litter. Sponsor-A-Highway will help reduce this cost.

“The program does not cost MoDOT any money and will better serve Missourians by having cleaner and nicer-looking highways,” Director Pete Rahn said. “It allows MoDOT to use funds allocated for litter removal to improve Missouri roads.”

MoDOT has contracted with AAHLRSA, one of the country’s largest litter-removal companies, to administer Missouri’s Sponsor-

Sponsor-A-Highway

A-Highway program. AAHLRSA has facilitated the sponsorship of thousands of highway miles in several states. Under this program, individuals, groups or businesses financially support the litter removal from a stretch of highway in the Kansas City and St. Louis regional areas. In return, the sponsor gets their name and logo on a Sponsor-A-Highway sign. Sponsored sections are cleaned at least once a month, or more frequently, if needed. All of this is done at no cost to MoDOT.

Several companies have already sponsored one-mile stretches of highway; some are sponsoring multiple miles of highway in their region. In the St. Louis area, Emerson was the first company to sponsor part of a highway. UHY, LLP currently is sponsoring the most sections, with three one-mile sections. Cherokee-Lemp Special Business District sponsors two miles and THF Chesterfield Development, LLC sponsors one. In the Kansas City area, the first company to sponsor a stretch of local highway is Blue Springs Ford. They are sponsoring two miles of highway.

Sponsors are recognized as an environmental supporter with civic pride and a sense of community responsibility. Sponsor-A-Highway does not replace Adopt-A-Highway. Instead, the two programs work together to make roads cleaner and safer. For more information about Sponsor-A-Highway, contact Suzanne Cox at 800-831-0821 or visit www.adoptahighway.net. ■



MoDOT Director Pete Rahn speaks about MoDOT’s Sponsor-A-Highway program.

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involved with the program the longest. The Helias Knights adopted 0.59 miles of Route 50 in Cole County in 1988. They have consistently cleaned their stretch of highway and set the bar for the Knights of Columbus AAH programs statewide.

One of the longest stretches of highway adopted by a Knights Council is located at the junction of Route H and Route 17 in Cole County. Mary’s Home Knights of Columbus Council 3267 adopted 3.89 miles of state highway in 1995. With almost four miles of roadway to clean, Council 3267 is challenged throughout

the year to keep this Missouri highway litter free.

Another group that deserves recognition for going above and beyond the minimum cleaning that MoDOT requires is Knights of Columbus Council 7199. They are responsible for 0.52 miles of roadside at Route 29 and Route 152 in Platte County. Each of the past three years they have exceeded the four clean up minimum that MoDOT recommends to adopters. This year, Council 7199 cleaned its stretch of highway five times. “I try to organize eight to 10 people once a month

from April to October. There’s always plenty of volunteers,” Council 7199 adopter representative Pete Lorenz said.

The Knights of Columbus are dedicated to the beautification of Missouri’s highways. They deserve many accolades for their environmental endeavors, which help keep our highways, cities, counties and planet litter free. You can find out more about the Knights of Columbus on their website www.kofc.org. ■

Trash Can Decorating Contest

It's time for students to put their art skills to the test while helping keep Missouri litter free.

The Missouri departments of Conservation and Transportation are teaming up to sponsor the No MOre Trash! "Yes You CAN Make Missouri Litter Free" Trash Can Decorating Contest for Missouri students in grades K-8.

The school that submits the grand prize entry will receive \$500 and a trophy, while \$100 prizes in each of the three categories also will be awarded.

Here are some things students and teachers need to know about the contest:

- Decorate a 30-gallon or larger trash can to be located in a prominent area of the school (cafeteria, gymnasium, ball field, etc).
- Each design must include the No MOre Trash! logo and a litter-prevention message or slogan. The No MOre Trash! logo can be downloaded at www.nomoretrash.org.
- Artistic media choices can include, but are not limited to paint, fabric, glitter, crayon, wax, paper, photos, etc.
- No entry fee is required. Only entries submitted by schools will be accepted. Schools may submit one entry in each competition category. The competition categories are grades K-2, 3-5 and 6-8.
- Entries will consist of a completed entry form and a photograph of the decorated trash can (photos must be in-focus, close-up views of the project). Digital photos are preferred, but hard copies will be accepted.
- Entries must be postmarked by March 16, 2009. No faxed entries will be accepted. Entries received after the deadline will not be considered. Entries may be sent to nomoretrash@mdc.mo.gov, or



Pictured here is the 2008 Grand Prize Winner Central Elementary in Union.

No MOre Trash!
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P.O. Box 180
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180

Entry forms and other details about the contest can be found by visiting www.nomoretrash.org.

MoDOT ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Litter Cleanup



5,521 MILES

3,908 ADOPTERS

SAFETY TIP

When making arrangement to get the new safety vests, make sure you also have caution flags and trash bags for your next roadside activity. An Adopt-A-Highway safety DVD is also available or it may be viewed from your own computer at www.modot.org/services/community/adoptahighway.htm



New Adopters

May 2008 - October 2008

May 2008

Abby Road Farm
 American Legion #467, In Memory of Tom Williams
 Barton County Memorial Hospital
 Bob & Janet Gruenloh & Family
 Boy Scout Troop #41
 Cargill Inc. Team Carthage
 Carlton E. Miller AKA Mastermind
 Cass Career Center Student Organizations
 Chandler Hill Vineyards
 Community Wide Jr. Pride
 Cowgrill Community Association
 Crop Production Services
 Dennis and Kim Walters
 Double H 4-H Club
 Faith United Methodist Church
 Family and Friends of Lillian Buschmann
 Festus-Crystal City Rotary Club
 First Assembly of God Church
 Flag Springs Church
 Florence United Methodist Church
 Four Rivers Career Center, Deca/Marketing
 Grand Oak Baptist Camp & Friends
 Hazel Creek, 1st Church of God Youth Group
 Helix Biological Science Club, Missouri S & T
 In Honor and Memory of Brittany Delozier
 In Loving Honor of Kara Kopetsky, Your Family and Friends
 In Loving Memory of Brenda "MA" Knox
 In Loving Memory of Dennis and Andrew Bauer
 In Loving Memory of James A. Bolen, Kevin L. Smith
 In Loving Memory of Jason F. Moore
 In Loving Memory of Jerry Watkins
 In Loving Memory of Jesse and Louise Shockley
 In Loving Memory of Laena Hallmark
 In Loving Memory of Logan Gray
 In Loving Memory of Marilyn D. Burnham
 In Loving Memory of Michael Shane Scott, Luther "Scottie" Scott
 In Loving Memory of Nick Neal
 In Loving Memory of Patrick Coffman
 In Loving Memory of Rob Stephens, the Stephens Family

In Loving Memory of Zachary James Jones
 In Memory of Bill Haase From the Half Dollar Ranch
 JCI Industries
 Jeffrey W. Bruce, Attorney at Law
 Kappa Delta Rho, St. Louis University
 Knights of Columbus Assembly No. 13178, Vienna, Missouri
 Knights of Columbus Council 6983, Bethany Ladybug RV Park
 Lake Saint Louis Wal-Mart
 Lamons 4-H Club
 LSHS Air Force Junior ROTC Distinguished Unit
 Mid-County F.P.D. IAFF Local 2665, AFL-CIO Firefighters
 Mid-East Area Agency on Aging, Desoto Senior Center
 MO Job Corps OA/CTS, Cape Girardeau, MO
 Moberly Area Community College
 MoDOT North Central District Employees
 Reese Bucher

June 2008

325th Weapons Squadron
 Alzheimer's Innovation Center
 American Children's Safety Network
 American Legion Post #557
 Brittani Miglionico, Kristen Hoss
 Cabool High School F.F.A.
 Delta Waterfowl River City Chapter
 Faith United Methodist Church
 Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Degraffenreid Family
 Family and Friends of Lillian Buschmann
 Freedom of Road Riders Local 28
 G.C. Go-Getters 4-H Club, Harrison County
 Hannibal Community Supervision Center
 In Loving Memory of "Beef" Aurbrey E. Banderman
 In Loving Memory of Bonnie D. Walker, Forever your Family
 In Loving Memory of Brandy D. Tackitt
 In Loving Memory of Bryan C. Pottberg, Duty Honor Community
 In Loving Memory of Edward Kirk
 In Loving Memory of Keith McMullin, The McMullin Family

In Loving Memory of Landon Michael Eaton
 In Loving Memory of Lois McCaleb
 In Loving Memory of Ryan Paul Hart
 In Loving Memory of Terry and Michael Robison
 In Loving Memory of Wayne & Eloise Crowley and Lou Grayson
 In Memory of Honey and Papa, the Jones Family
 In Memory of Roberta & Harold Dooley, Family Members
 Jazzercise
 Kara's Kamping Grounds, LLC
 Kristen Hoss, Brittani Miglionico
 Laplata Lions, Helen Keller – Walter Evans
 Laureate Gamma Upsilon Chapter
 Leo & Debbie Halverson, Belly Acres Estate
 Mabe & Jenn
 Michael A. Bailey, Beloved Son-Brother-Uncle
 Missouri American Water
 Missouri Evans Scholars
 National Socialist Movement, Springfield Unit
 Pleasant Valley Fire Fighters Association
 Rosewood Farms Home of Grandpa Joe's Chocolates
 Shaw Nature Reserve Volunteers and Staff
 Shelter Insurance, Kari Bliss, Kent Mayfield
 Shriver Companies
 State Farm Insurance, Dave Hall Agent, Union, MO
 STL Scikotics Car Club
 Super 8 – Perryville
 The Brickkicker Home Inspection
 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
 The Hillhouse Family
 United States Navy Recruiting Station, Sedalia
 We-Avail
 Wellsville Betterment Foundation
 Won By One Community Center
 YMCA of Greater Kansas City Youth & Family Department

July 2008

Boy Scout Troop 760, St. Peters
 Cooper's Oak Winery
 Cowgill Community Association

New Adopters

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Highway 30 Towing
 In Honor of Joe and Sharon, Love your Family
 In Loving Memory of K.P.
 In Loving Memory of Nicholas S. Layton
 In Loving Memory of Ronnie E. Williams
 In Memory of Jessica Jo Lynn
 In Memory of Kevin Meyerhoff
 Roaring River Parks Alliance
 The Salmon Family to Honor Bill & Gail Salmon
 Theta XI
 Western Catholic Union Branch 314

August 2008

Always Loved, William, Alice & Ralph Rhodes, By Michael & Family
 American Legion Auxiliary & S.A.L. Post 366
 American Legion Post 21
 Associates of Aurora Walmart Supercenter #92
 Baptist Church Men
 CB Richard Ellis CBRE Cares
 Cooper's Oak Winery
 Davita Dialysis, In Honor of Our Patients
 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Nu Gamma Chapter
 Disciples of Christ Youth Group
 Dominion World Outreach Center
 Exchange Club of Joplin
 First Baptist Church Milian
 Higginsville Masonic Lodge #364 A.F. & A.M.
 In Loving Memory Lela (Nanny) Duncan Family & Friends
 In Loving Memory of Barbara Borgman
 In Loving Memory of Michael Patrick Murphy
 In Loving Memory of Norman Depue
 In Loving Memory of Ronnie E. Williams
 In Loving Memory of Sherrie Herron & Nicole Baston
 In Loving Memory of Vince Picone
 In Memory of Everett Collins Western, Dustin Kanyon G-Sons
 In Memory of Kendall Heckadon and Lucas Turner
 Joplin AT & T Pioneers
 Mesker Bros. Construction Inc.
 MO Rural Electric Co-op & MO Community Forestry Council

PCDC Phillipsburg Community Development Council
 Route 66 Redemption Riders CMS #A972, Halltown
 Shawnee Creek Horse Camp LLC, Family and Staff
 Skyline Cycles Inc.

September 2008

Alpha PSI Chapter of Gamma Sigma Sigma
 BPO Elks 2505
 Brunswick FCCLA
 In Loving Memory of Jessica Dawn Cato, by Family & Friends
 In Loving Memory of Jim Burch
 In Loving Memory of Mike York, MoDOT Service 27 Years
 In Loving Memory of Our Son, Steve Gutermuth
 In Loving Memory of Philip Pirnie
 In Loving Memory of Scottie McCoin, by Family & Friends
 Independent Living Center, Inc., Gallatin
 Johnson County Christian Academy
 Lathrop High School FCCLA
 Mohela Career & College Club
 Morgan CO. R-II Middle School Student Council
 Neosho High School Student Council
 North Kansas Exp. Walmart 86, Springfield, MO
 Northeast Missouri Health Council
 Richland JH/HS, Student Council
 Ruff Ryders of Kansas City, MO
 Sigma Nu Fraternity, University Missouri, RHO Chapter
 South Holt FFA
 The Dill Family
 The McKee Family

October 2008

Albany Middle School
 All Faith United Methodist Church
 Alpha Phi Omega National Co-Ed Service Fraternity
 Alpha Pi Sigma MCC-
 BR Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa

Alpha Tau Omega
 Clever Future Business Leaders of America
 First Baptist Church of Laurie
 First United Methodist Church, Odessa
 In Loving Memory of David A. Sergent
 In Loving Memory of Jake Maize
 In Loving Memory of James M. Davidson
 In Loving Memory of Jessie & Maxine Vannasdall
 In Loving Memory of Michael Butler & Rachele Craig
 In Loving Memory of Robert W. Moran
 In Loving Memory of Stacey R. Dobbs, Son, Brother & Friend
 In Loving Memory of William "Billy" Ray Fountain
 In Loving Memory of Wilma Malony
 In Remembered Joy of Billy E. Wallace Sr, Dorothy J. Wallace
 Kiwanis Club of Savannah, MO
 Lohman Lions Club
 Maplewood Homeowners Association
 Meramec (Arnold) Elks Lodge #2372
 Morganism's of Route Z
 Neosho High School Science Club
 Resident Government Association
 Robert-Donald-Myron White and Lola White Kegley
 S.I.S.T.A.H. NWMSU Chapter
 Shaw Nature Reserve Volunteers & Staff
 Short Creek Baptist Church
 South Callaway Middle School Student Council
 Student Success Center
 Venturing Crew #2397, Kearney, Missouri

Thank You New Adopters!

Roadside Review is a quarterly newsletter published by the Maintenance unit of the Missouri Department of Transportation. It is mailed to Adopt-A-Highway volunteers and other interested groups. After reading, please share this newsletter with others. Additional copies are available upon request.

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TALKIN' TRASH

New Adopt-A-Highway Safety Vests

As of Nov. 24, 2008, the Federal Highway Administration requires roadside volunteers, who help keep America's highways clean, to wear high-visibility safety vests. The new safety vests have reflective marking so volunteers are more visible to drivers. However, please continue to limit your roadside activity to daylight hours and avoid bad weather, extreme temperatures and peak travel times.

Besides being more visible, the new safety vests have several other benefits. They are made of a mesh fabric and are more comfortable and lightweight. They are adjustable in size from medium to 2XL. They are durable and washable, so please keep them handy for repeated use. The safety vest identifies the wearer as an Adopt-A-Highway volunteer.

Make arrangements to get the new safety vest free of charge before your next scheduled roadside activity by:

- Getting in touch with your local Adopt-A-Highway contact or,
- Calling 888-ASK MODOT (888-275-6636) and asking for the Adopt-A-Highway coordinator or,
- E-mailing aah@modot.mo.gov

Your safety is important!

Thank you for your efforts in keeping Missouri clean and beautiful. ■

