

March/April 2008 KAB Council Report

Current Topics and Projects:

*Attached is the press release announcing our 2008 GCAA. Couldn't be more pleased.

*TXDOT planting/project is underway. The project is to be complete by month's end. We talked with them about using the same planting plans for the next award and expanding toward 523 with an emphasis at that overpass. Then toward 220. The only addition will be bluebonnet seeds. We need more bluebonnets on those slopes along 288. Since we don't have to have a new design it should not take as long to get the next grant started.

*The 11th annual spring Citywide Cleanup was from 8:00 to 12:00 April 5th. We had 400 participants. Over 300 pre registered. Thanks to Mayor Henry, Councilwoman Church, Councilman Perez and Councilman Dykes for cooking and serving our volunteers. Spouses, children and grandchildren were in attendance. I felt like the event is an example of the best in people. Having multi generations participating in a true service project is a testament to the success of this cleanup and hope for future successful events.

*Angleton Aware and Holy Trinity Catholic Church had recycling presentations last week. Earth Day at Frontier elementary is the 22nd and we will be there!

*Also attached is the attendance sheet for KAB board members. I will be addressing attendance problems with them.

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Angleton Receives Prestigious State Environmental Award

Community One of Nine Governor's Community Achievement Award Winners

(Angleton, Texas) – Keep Texas Beautiful announced the City of Angleton as one of nine winners of the 2008 Governor's Community Achievement Award (GCAA) for outstanding community improvement on Friday, March 28. The honor recognizes Angleton with one of the most celebrated annual environmental and community improvement awards in Texas.

The nine winners, based on population categories, were selected by a panel judges to receive a share of a \$1 million landscaping prize from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Angleton will receive \$85,000 for a landscaping project along a local state right-of-way.

"Keep Texas Beautiful's mission is focused around helping people take responsibility for protecting and improving their environment, and that is exactly what these outstanding communities have done," Keep Texas Beautiful President Steve Hazlewood says. "Their hard work and dedication has helped illustrate how these environmentally-focused projects can help Texas prosper into a more beautiful and enjoyable place to live."

The winning communities were chosen for their achievements in seven environmental and community improvement areas including community leadership and coordination, education, public awareness, litter prevention and cleanup, illegal dumping enforcement, beautification and property improvement, and solid waste management.

Projects in 2007 contributing to the award are the completion of the Liberty Garden, working with area Cities and the County to complete the Brazoria County Environmental Center and establishing its own commingled blue bag curbside recycling program. Keep Angleton Beautiful, a City Council appointed advisory board, works closely with City administration and crews to produce an ongoing comprehensive environmental program.

The GCAA program has recognized outstanding communities for 39 consecutive years, with the Texas Department of Transportation providing prize funds since 1985. Angleton will formally receive its award on June 26, 2008 in Irving during the 41st Annual Keep Texas Beautiful Conference.

Keep Texas Beautiful, a statewide grassroots environmental and community improvement nonprofit, strives to educate and engage Texans to take responsibility for improving their community environment. KTB and its more than 350 affiliates work with government, businesses, civic groups, and volunteers to ensure that every Texan has the opportunity to make Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation. For more information on programs and events, call 1-800-CLEAN-TX or visit www.ktb.org.



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Fact Sheet Attached

WHAT: The Governor’s Community Achievement Awards (GCAA) are presented to communities in nine population categories for exhibiting the best grassroots environmental programs in the state. The Awards have been sponsored by Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) since 1969 and funded by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) since 1985. The winning communities share a \$1 million grant provided by TxDOT designated for landscaping along state rights-of-way in their communities.

The GCAA program is one of the most prestigious environmental awards presented to communities in Texas. The awards recognize community excellence in the areas of:

- Community Leadership and Coordination
- Education
- Public Awareness
- Litter Prevention and Cleanup
- Illegal Dumping Enforcement
- Beautification and Property Improvement
- Solid Waste Management

Landscaping Prizes By Population	
POPULATION CATEGORY:	PRIZE:
1. Up to 1,000	\$60,000
2. 1,000-3,500	\$65,000
3. 3,501-7,500.....	\$70,000
4. 7,501-17,500	\$75,000
5. 17,501-25,000	\$85,000
6. 25,001-50,000	\$95,000
7. 50,001-100,000	\$130,000
8. 100,001-250,000	\$155,000
9. 250,001+	\$265,000
TOTAL.....	\$1,000,000

WHEN: The Governor’s Community Achievement Award winners are announced annually in the spring. Recognition takes place each year during a ceremony at the Annual Keep Texas Beautiful Conference.

This year’s conference is June 24-27 at the Omni Mandalay Hotel at Las Colinas in Irving, Texas. The 2008 GCAA winners will be recognized on June 26, 2008 at a gala dinner.



G C A A F A C T S H E E T

MISSION: Keep Texas Beautiful's mission is to educate and engage Texans to take responsibility for improving their community environment.

ELIGIBILITY: The GCAA is open to all Texas communities. A program entered for competition may consist of more than one community, but one community may not have more than one GCAA entry. A community is defined as a region or regions with shared or adjoining boundaries whose beautification and litter abatement programs are administered by a common organization.