

## March/April 2009 KAB Council Report

### Current Topics and Projects:

\*Downtown improvements began with plantings on cleanup day. Monica Sebesta headed up that project. BSA Troop 525 helped. Mr. Bowman also helped us out by having the planters watered for us.

\*Spring Citywide Cleanup was April 4<sup>th</sup>. We gave away lots of trees and t-shirts and hot dogs. Thanks to Council members Santos, Church, McDaniel and Dykes and Mayor Henry for helping us out. The addition of the trees, plantings and Master Gardeners added to the confusion, but made it a truly "GREEN" event. Participation was at a little over 300. We pre registered 307. Tires seemed to be the big item this year. We took in approximately 400. If you look at statistics.....400 tires could produce more than 2 million mosquitoes in a season. We collected 300 lbs. of recyclables, 7 tons of garbage, 2.8 tons of heavy trash/yard debris and 2 sixteen foot trailers of white goods. Mr. Heinemeyer and his guys were invaluable to us. Once again we owe him or thanks.

\*For the first time since I have been doing the Cleanup, my board attended a workshop to prepare for the Cleanup. Each person took a part of the duties.....food, t-shirts, registration, maps, tree giveaway, plantings.....and took the lead. They worked long hours after putting in many hours at their own jobs. The success of the Cleanup lies with them. Please thank them when you get the chance. They really took ownership this year and everything went well.

\* Ewaste collections were exceeded successful. Commissioner Sebesta and a couple of Dow employees manned Angleton's drop off site. Pct. 2 provided the trailer and transportation costs for us and the surrounding area. We contributed over 30,000 lbs. of electronics for recycling to the over 90,000 lbs. collected that day.

\*The Keep Texas Beautiful conference is June 8 – 11 at the Houston Marriott Westchase in Houston this year. If there is anyone that would like to go to any of the sessions or ceremonies ( I have been elected to the Board of Directors of KTB for a two year term to begin the second week of June 2009) please let me know.

\*The 2008 GCAA landscaping award to expand the "2004" plantings is in the final planning stages. Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful is planting the same "pattern" of landscaping that we have on 288B. The plantings will begin at 523 and stretch to 2004. Lake Jackson also donated mulch for our part of the project. This allowed us to add several more islands of trees and additional wildflower areas to our original design. Thanks to the City of Lake Jackson, Craig Nesbit Director of Public Works.

\*Now reports and Keep America Beautiful applications are coming up.

Respectfully submitted by Jamae Bowman 04/14/09