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**\*FRIDAY\***

**City of LaGrange to Shut Down Half Day Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> to Pick Up Litter Throughout the City  
Community Members & Businesses are Invited to Participate**

**LaGrange, Ga. April 17, 2023** – The City of LaGrange plans to shut down business Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Hundreds of city employees will be going out into the community’s main thoroughfares to pick up litter.



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City Manager Meg Kelsey began this litter clean-up campaign in April 2018 hoping to send a message to the community that the City of LaGrange is serious about cleaning up the community and leading by

example. The April 2018 event was so well-received by employees, citizens, and elected leaders, the city began hosting monthly cleanups throughout the city. Since 2018, the city is proud to have partnered with many different community groups, businesses, schools, colleges, and individuals in leaving LaGrange better than we found it. The slogan was inspired by the comments by City Councilman Nathan Gaskin who said in a city council meeting, “My mom also told me to leave things better than I found it.”

On Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, community members and area businesses are invited to clean up the community. You can participate in three ways:

- You can show up Friday at 8:00 a.m. in front of LaGrange City Hall, 200 Ridley Avenue in LaGrange. We will have a quick ceremony and then leave from that location to pick up litter in the area.
- You can contact Parks Director Michael Coniglio, [mconiglio@lagrangega.org](mailto:mconiglio@lagrangega.org) to pick up supplies and pick up in your area
- You can schedule to partner with the City of LaGrange on another litter cleanup. Contact Parks Director Michael Coniglio at [mconiglio@lagrangega.org](mailto:mconiglio@lagrangega.org).

After the cleanup, city employees and volunteers are invited back to Sweetland Amphitheatre to have lunch before going back to work at 1:00 p.m. City offices will open at 1:00 p.m.

The City of LaGrange will be broadcasting live with the morning ceremony on its Facebook page [www.facebook.com/lagrangegov](https://www.facebook.com/lagrangegov).

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