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City of LaGrange to Shut Down for Second Year and Hundreds of Employees Will Pick Up Litter Throughout Community, Public & Businesses Invited to Participate

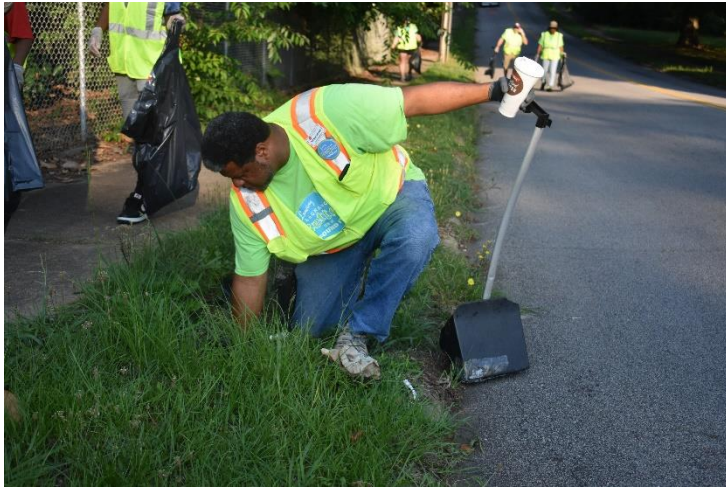
LaGrange, Ga. April 3, 2019 – The City of LaGrange plans to shut down business for a second year on Friday, April 26th from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and all non-essential employees will go out into the community’s main thoroughfares to pick up litter.



The City began its “Leaving LaGrange Better Than We Found It” campaign in April 2018

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 seriously about picking up litter in the community.

The April 2018 event was so well-received with employees, citizens, as well as our elected officials, the City began hosting monthly cleanups throughout the city.



Councilman Nathan Gaskin at the LLBTWFI June 2018 pickup

“It has been an eye opening experience for me to participate in these clean-up events. Getting out into the community, working side by side with employees and residents and beautifying the community has been a very rewarding experience,” said City of LaGrange City Manager Meg Kelsey. “We hope that everyone will consider joining us by adopting a spot. Dedicating even an hour or two is extremely helpful in not only cleaning up the environment but also communicating the importance in being litter free.”



LLBTWI October 2018 event with LaGrange Youth Council members

On Friday, April 26th, area businesses and the community are invited to join city employees in the litter pick-up event. After cleaning up the community, there will be lunch served on Lafayette Square in downtown LaGrange.

LaGrange Mayor Jim Thornton, Troup County Commission Chairman Patrick Crews, West Point Mayor Steve Tramell, Hogansville Mayor Bill Stankiewicz, along with Keep Troup Beautiful began discussions in early 2018 about addressing litter in the community and decided to focus on education efforts in the community.

City Manager Meg Kelsey wanted to send a message to the community that the City of LaGrange is serious about cleaning up litter and rolled out the city's campaign, "Leaving LaGrange Better Than We Found It."



City Councilman LeGree McCamey, former Councilwoman Norma Tucker, & Mayor Jim Thornton April 20, 2018

The City of LaGrange closed non-essential business the morning of April 20th, 2018 and more than three hundred employees picked up trash throughout the community. The effort was so popular with employees, the city continues to hold monthly litter clean-up events.

The City of LaGrange will once again shut down non-essential services Friday, April 26th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The City will open back up for business at 1:00 p.m. Police and Fire services will remain open all day.

The City is invited all citizens and businesses to join us in participating in the City's "Leaving LaGrange Better Than We Found It" campaign April 26th. If you would like to join us on this day or any other day, please contact Katie Mercer Van Schoor at kvanschoor@lagrangega.org. If you would like to host your own litter cleanup please contact Keep Troup Beautiful at www.keeptroupbeautiful.com or (706) 884-9922.

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