

# KCB MONTHLY

FEBRUARY 2024



## Keep Cherokee Beautiful honored with state-wide award



We are pleased to announce that Keep Cherokee Beautiful (KCB) was awarded the prestigious 2023 Governor's Circle Award at a ceremony held on Feb. 8 at the Georgia State Capital building.

KCB members were on hand to accept the award, bestowed by the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation, which celebrates KCB's exceptional contributions to community beautification and environmental sustainability. The award specifically acknowledges our program's remarkable achievements in litter reduction, waste minimization, and community greening efforts.

We would like to extend our gratitude to all our dedicated members and volunteers whose hard work and commitment have been instrumental in the success of KCB. Click [here](#) to see additional event photos.

*(Pictured L to R: Lindsay Bridges Keep Georgia Beautiful Board President, Benny Carter Cherokee County Commissioner, District 3, Lisa Johnson KCB Board Member, Mark Preetorius KCB Chief Executive Officer and Natalie Johnston-Russell Keep Georgia Beautiful Executive Director.)*

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## Time to schedule Adopt-A-Mile cleanup events



The groundhog has spoken, and spring is right around the corner. Time to start thinking about those spring cleanup events.

Last year, Adopt-a-Mile groups collectively cleaned over 100 miles of Cherokee County roadways. This year we would like to increase this amount to 125 miles. This will require more groups to perform a minimum of 4 cleanups throughout the year.

When you clean your adopted stretch of roadway please submit the Post Cleanup Report. This ensures that Keep Cherokee Beautiful can track your contribution and document the event.

Keep Cherokee Beautiful will be conducting several cleanup events during the spring and we encourage everyone with an interest to come out and assist. It is only with the assistance of our volunteers that we can make a difference in our community and Keep Cherokee Beautiful.

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## Prepping Spring gardens

In February the weather is always questionable and seems to jump from arctic to semi-tropical within the same day but there are things you can do in February to improve your garden's potential for the year.

Here are some things you can do this month in your garden:

- Clean up debris: Remove dead leaves, weeds, and plant debris to prevent disease and pests.
- Prune ornamental grasses: Evergreen ornamental grasses can be tended to in February by removing dead leaves.
- Mulch: Mulch in February to help keep weeds at bay.
- Prune butterfly bush: The best time to prune butterfly bush is the



end of February or beginning of March. Tall varieties should be pruned back to knee height.

- Control weeds: Apply pre-emergent herbicides in February and March to prevent weeds from sprouting. Use post-emergent herbicides on weeds that have already sprouted. You can also pull weeds manually.
- Plant asparagus: Asparagus can be planted through the month of February.
- Rotate houseplants: Turn houseplants 180 degrees every two weeks to prevent uneven growth.
- Test your soil: Around February, test the soil to see if your yard, trees, shrubs or garden are missing important nutrients.

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## Paper products accepted at the Recycling Center

Not sure what types of paper products are accepted at the Cherokee County Recycling Center? Check out this helpful graphic below of paper items currently accepted at the recycling center.



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From the Recycling Center

We have the pleasure of engaging with our customers and learning about the different approaches folks have to Recycling and how it fits into their lives.

Meet Alex, a passionate advocate for environmental sustainability and a dedicated individual committed to a recycling and eco-friendly lifestyle. Alex's commitment to preserving the planet is evident in every aspect of his daily routine.

First and foremost, Alex is meticulous about waste management. He has set up a comprehensive recycling system at home, ensuring that paper, plastic, glass, and other recyclables are sorted and disposed of properly. Alex goes the extra mile by composting organic waste, creating nutrient-rich soil for a small backyard garden.

In terms of consumption, Alex is a conscious shopper. He prioritizes products with minimal packaging, opting for items with eco-friendly and recyclable materials whenever possible. Alex is also a strong advocate for the circular economy, often choosing second-hand or upcycled goods to reduce the demand for new resources.

Alex's dedication extends beyond his personal life to community involvement. He actively participates in local clean-up events, organizing and joining initiatives to raise awareness about the importance of recycling and sustainable living. Alex is always ready to share knowledge about reducing carbon footprints, conserving energy, and making eco-friendly choices with friends, family, and the community.

In addition to daily practices, Alex stays informed about environmental issues, policy changes, and advancements in sustainable technologies. He engages in conversations and collaborate with like-minded individuals and organizations to promote a greener, more sustainable future.

Alex is a living example of someone deeply committed to recycling and a sustainable lifestyle. His actions reflect a genuine concern for the environment, and he actively inspire others to join the movement towards a more eco-conscious way of living.

I am not Alex. Is Alex an example of where we all need to be for a perfect world? Only time will tell.

Troy Brazie  
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