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MONTGOMERY CLEAN CITY COMMISSION

NEWSLETTER



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If we were to ask the members of the Clean City Commission what drew them to volunteer in this area, we are certain most would say they want to make a difference in the community—or simply want their city to be clean and look better.

Recently, I took on the task of trying to get a large store to help with the cleaning and upkeep of the rear of their building. It's been an ongoing issue, with illegal dumping suspected in the area.

During the week of the Fourth of July, our Chairman, AL Grove, joined the effort. He submitted a complaint and photo to 311. By the end of the week, the sanitation department responded and cleaned up the mess. ADEM has also promised a "No Dumping" sign.

Did anyone notice? Check out the Community Shoutout section!

Montgomery continues to shine, thanks to neighbors who care. From litter pickups to reporting dumping, small actions have a big impact.

Let's keep moving forward—together we're stronger.

Community Shoutout: Carriage Hills

- **Angie Hester**, Carriage Hills (via Nextdoor.com):

"Hello everyone. First off, I'd like to say thanks to the person responsible for cleaning up the horrible mess behind Office Depot on Vaughn Rd. I had to take a second look...lol it was an eyesore."



Top 5 Ways You Can Help Keep Your City Beautiful

- **Pick up litter** on streets and sidewalks to beautify the environment.
- **Keep your home clean**, contributing to a better-looking neighborhood.
- **Plant trees or greenery**—even a small sidewalk garden can improve the area.
- **Organize clean-up events** and workshops to maintain public spaces.
- **Create community gardens** in unused spaces to foster pride and connection.

Inspired by "How to Make Your Community a Beautiful Place to Live" – Reef Guardian



Planting for Change

Project Spotlight

Submitted by Chelsei Martin

Let's Refresh Jackson Hospital – July 12!

We're rolling up our sleeves on Saturday, July 12 for a community beautification day at Jackson Hospital, and we want YOU to join us!

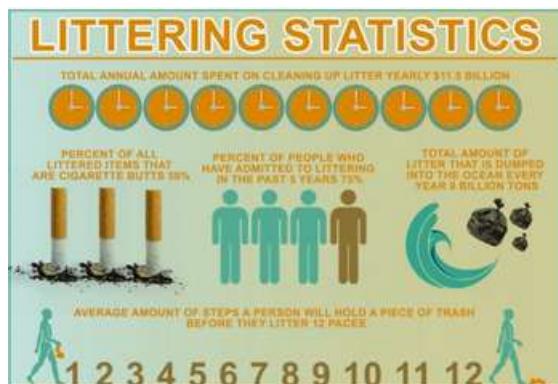
The Montgomery Clean City Commission is teaming up with volunteers to spread pine straw, plant flowers, paint the gazebo, clean up the grounds, and refresh flower beds—all in one big morning of service and fun.

⌚ 9:00 AM – Volunteer check-in

🛠 10:00 AM – Work begins

🍴 11:30 AM – Lunch provided by Church of the Highlands

Grab your gloves, bring a friend, and help us make Jackson Hospital shine! Let's show what community pride looks like—one flower bed at a time.



● How We Can End Litter

The facts on litter are sobering. According to our most recent Litter Study, there are more than 50 billion pieces of litter on the ground. That's 152 pieces of litter for every American.

But there is good news. In the past ten years, littering along US roadways is down 54%!

And last year alone, over 64,000 clean-up events were held in the US, resulting in over 146,600 ACRES of parks, public lands, waterways, trails and playgrounds cleaned.

Together, we can clean up 50 billion pieces of litter! Do your part by joining the #152PickUpChallenge.

Read more here: <https://kab.org/litter/>

A Message from the Chairman of MCCC

Although we're appointed by the City Council, the members of the Montgomery Clean City Commission proudly serve as volunteers dedicated to making our city cleaner and more beautiful. It's an honor to give back in this way.

We're grateful to Mayor Steven L. Reed, our City Council, community leaders, and residents like you who support our mission every day.

Since 1976, MCCC has partnered with local, state, and national organizations—including Keep Alabama Beautiful, ALDOT, ADEM, and Keep America Beautiful—to improve Montgomery through education, cleanup, and environmental stewardship.

But our most important partner is you. Long-term progress depends on community involvement.

As we approach America's 250th birthday in 2026, MCCC is joining the Great American Cleanup—and we're asking you to pledge to pick up just 25 pieces of litter. Small actions lead to big change.

Want to do more? Host a cleanup or invite a Commissioner to speak at your next neighborhood meeting. We're here to help.

Together, we can keep Montgomery clean, healthy, and thriving.

—Al Grove, Chairman

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● **Mulberry Street Gets a Fresh Look** by Commissioner Ken Ward

The Montgomery Clean City Commission has launched a new beautification project along Mulberry Street, reviving a key corridor in the city. Building on improvements made in 2012, the project includes restored signage, new street trees, pedestrian trash bins, and a community litter cleanup.

The signs are currently being refurbished, cleanups are scheduled for later this summer, and trees will be planted in the fall and winter when weather conditions are more favorable.

Funded by Montgomery City Councilman Andrew Symanski, the effort aims to enhance both the appearance and environmental quality of the area.

"This is about enhancing a part of Montgomery that has long been important to the city's identity," said Commissioner Ken Ward. "We're creating a cleaner space that residents and business owners can be proud of."

The Commission invites all residents to join the upcoming cleanup events and help maintain these improvements.