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Nearly 100 Participate in Litter Cleanup and Arbor Day Celebration at Jones Street Park

LaGrange, Ga. March 7, 2020 – The City of LaGrange hosted its monthly litter cleanup at Jones Street Park today. The Bell Line community as well as LaGrange College were partners for this month's event.

The group picked up litter around the neighborhood as well as spread mulch around the playground and pine straw around bushes and trees in Jones Street Park. WellStar West Georgia Medical Center also provided wellness checks.



Nearly 100 people participated in Saturday's cleanup

The group also held an Arbor Day ceremony. Arbor Day is a holiday that encourages the community to plant and care for trees. The City of LaGrange has celebrated the annual Arbor Day event for nearly fifteen years. The City has been recognized as a Tree City USA for the last 19 years.

Nearly a hundred people participated in the City of LaGrange's monthly litter cleanup with LaGrange College in November. LaGrange College adopted the city's litter cleanup campaign as its Service Saturday project this school year. Each semester, LaGrange College students gather on a Saturday morning for a time of dedicated service in the community.



Bell Line community members participate in Saturday's litter cleanup

The city's monthly cleanups are family-friendly, free and open to the public. The city provides safety vests, trash bags, gloves and water.

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 serious about cleaning up our community. This initial event was so successful the city decided to begin hosting monthly litter pickups.

The next event will be the annual city-wide cleanup Friday, April 24th, 8:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Hundreds of city employees will be picking up litter throughout the community. This year, instead of one day the city will spend a week leaving LaGrange better than we found it.

If you are a business or group that would like to partner with the City of LaGrange on any of these events 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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