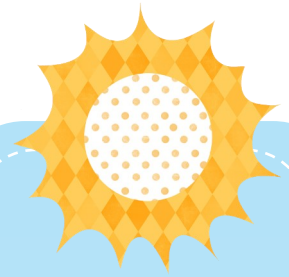




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Brazos Valley Earth Day

A big thank you to all of our Brazos Valley Earth Day Volunteers who braved the cold and windy day! We had 125 volunteers serve over 250 hours on April 22! Our Volunteers served as litter control and prevention, assisting with exhibitors, set up and take down, supervising with kids zone and information booths. More than 3,000 community members attended Brazos Valley Earth Day and without the hard work and dedication of our volunteers our the Brazos Valley Earth Day Festival could not have been such a huge success. Thank you again!



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Upcoming Dates

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| July—August Brazos Valley Children's Camp |
| 8/24—Texas A&M Volunteer Fair |
| 9/22—9/24 Texas Reds Festival |
| 10/21—Tree Sale |



Litter Toolbox

If you are looking for a self directed service project, Litter Toolbox is for you!

Keep Brazos Beautiful will provide you the supplies needed to facilitate your clean up and you can pick the time and location (or we can offer a suggestion)!

For more information contact Lacy at

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Keep Brazos Beautiful Annual Awards Luncheon

On May 17, 2017 Keep Brazos Beautiful held the annual awards luncheon. 10 community members were recognized at the luncheon for their work to keep our community clean, green and beautiful. Professor Geoffrey Booth Associate Professor at Texas A&M University in the Department on Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning spoke regarding the importance of beautification on our community. Thank you to all our winners! We appreciate all you do!

Good Neighbor Award—Nick Romer
N.E.A.T. Award—Rebuilding Together Bryan/College Station
Can Do recycling Award—Oldham Goodwin Group
Green Business Award—Texas A&M Transportation Institute
Environmental Educator Award—Dr. Craig Wilson
Keepers of the Kingdom Award—Lt. Reginald Walker
Keepers of the Kingdom Award—Sgt. Wayne Moore
Miller Youth Award—Harper and Maggie Cunningham
Community Stewardship Award—Charles Mancuso
Lifetime Achievement Award—Lloyd Wasserman

Be sure to visit our website at www.keepbrazosbeautiful.org to see pictures from the luncheon!

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Don't Mess With Texas

As you drive around our beautiful state you'll notice Texas has a big problem... LITTER! Below are some facts from our friends over at Don't Mess with Texas that may surprise you about the litter that collects on our roadways and scenic areas!

- * 1 in 4 Texans admit to littering in the past year. (That is over 7 million Texans!)
- * Each year approximately 435 million pieces of visible litter accumulate on our roadways.
- * Cigarette butts, food, organic materials, and small pieces of paper are the most commonly found litter.
- * 71% of the litter in our great state is microlitter.
- * Tobacco Trash is the most common litter in Texas.
- * Tire debris is the second most common form of litter.
- * A fine of \$500 can be imposed each time you litter. If your litter is more than 5 pounds you could be fined up to \$2,000.
- * If every person in Texas picked up two pieces of trash every month Texas highways would be litter free in just one year.
- * 62% of smokers admit to throwing cigarette butts out of their car windows.

Visit our friends over at www.dontmesswithtexas.org for more information about litter on our roadways and how you can help keep Texas clean, green and beautiful.



Kid's Corner

Do you have left over plastic bottles lying around?

Turn your old plastic bottles into funny planters!

What you'll need:

Scissors, plastic bottles, googly eyes, dirt, seeds

Make It

1. Cut the your plastic bottles about half way day down.
2. Using glue or a hot glue gun glue the googly eyes to your bottle. You can glue the bottle cap to the bottle as a nose or you can draw one on!
3. Make a mouth using recycled string or you can draw one.
4. Once your glue is dry fill your bottle 3/4 full with dirt.
5. Place your seeds on top of the soil and press them gently down and cover them slightly with dirt.
6. Water them per the instructions on the seed packet.

You can find this craft and more at [http://www.beautifulhomeandgardendiy.com/kids-chia-pet/!](http://www.beautifulhomeandgardendiy.com/kids-chia-pet/)

