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The Sept. 22 Burleson Trash Bash drew in the largest number of participants the City's environmental services division has ever had for a litter pickup event. The 375 participants removed 7,000 pounds of litter and debris during the two-hour event.

They also contributed an estimated 750 hours of volunteer service which is equivalent to one full-time employee picking up trash every day during a 40-hour work week for 18.75 weeks. That is an estimated value of \$16,005 of service to the Burleson community.

"Thank you to everyone who participated in the Burleson Trash Bash," said Bianca Chafin, the City's environmental programs specialist. "Your service to our community helped make Burleson cleaner and more beautiful."

Volunteers came from the Center for Cultural Interchange, American Heritage Girls Troop, three Cub Scout packs, three Girl Scout troops, Graceview Baptist Church, and Joshua Independent School District (Elder Elementary, Staples Elementary, Plum Creek Elementary, and North Joshua Elementary). Individuals and families also volunteered. The Keep Burleson Beautiful officers and board members, the Mayor's Youth Council, and the Burleson Police Department's Citizens On Patrol helped run the annual event. A follow-up pizza lunch at Warren Park was made possible by donations from United Cooperative Services and contributions from Villa Dianna and Domino's Pizza.

The City of Burleson and Keep Burleson Beautiful host the Burleson Trash Bash each September and host the Great American Cleanup Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off each April. The goal of the cleanup events are to pick up what others have left behind in the city's retail corridors as well as in drainage channels that run through residential neighborhoods. Each event is a two-hour commitment on a Saturday morning. The Trash Bash is a regional event sponsored by the Trinity River Environmental Education Society (T.R.E.E.S.) and Keep Texas Beautiful. For more go to www.burlesontx.com or call Executive Director Bianca Chafin at 817-426-9842.