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Keep Burleson Beautiful earned the Keep America Beautiful President's Circle Award during the KAB's 2014 National Conference. The President's Circle Award recognizes exemplary performance made by certified affiliates of the national nonprofit in building and sustaining vibrant communities.

Keep Burleson Beautiful (KBB) met the national organization's standards of merit by conducting an annual Community Appearance Index (visually assess the overall appearance of communities through indicators such as litter, illegal signs, graffiti, abandoned/junk vehicles and outside storage), calculating the affiliate's cost/benefit ratio, and administering activities in the areas of litter prevention, recycling and waste reduction, and beautification and community greening.

"The City of Burleson has an engaged community that works very hard to keep Burleson a clean healthy place to live and to help their neighbors," David Lenartowicz, environmental specialist for the City, said. "The entire city should be extremely proud of all of these and other citizens who contributed to helping each other and their community. Their hard work inspires others to want to give and volunteer."

The people behind this award include KBB board members Pat Dexheimer, Donna Hollowell, Donna Confessore and Lenartowicz. Their achievements include:

- During the City's Arbor Day ceremony in 2013, KBB helped give out approximately 400 tree seedlings.
- First Baptist Church had approximately 200 volunteers working on homes of citizens who needed help (they had over 1,600 man hours on these projects)
- Seventh-day Adventist members walked trails from Old Town to Oak Valley Park (30 members, 150 man hours)
- Rotary Club (20 volunteers, 105 man hours) participated in the United Way Day of Caring
- KBB had two community cleanups that included 786 volunteers, 1,572 man hours, 12,160 pounds of litter and saved the City more than \$53,400
- Adopt-A-Spot program attracted 24 volunteers who worked 64 man hours
- City inspectors conducted 13,026 construction site inspections

- And, a Household Hazardous Waste event brought in more than 10,750 pounds of recycled material, 399 participants, and 27,200 pounds total collected (household hazardous waste, electronic recycling and paper shredding).

“Our affiliates are providing real solutions to local problems caused by litter, graffiti, illegal dumping and other community blight by engaging volunteers of all ages in its effort to create a vibrant community,” Keep America Beautiful President and CEO Jennifer Jehn said.

Keep Burleson Beautiful is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the health and prosperity of the city through litter prevention, solid waste minimization, education, and beautification. KBB is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that has a close affiliation with the City of Burleson. KBB works with the City to provide community clean-ups and to educate residents on litter prevention and environmental issues.

If you would like more information, or to join KBB, go to the City website, [www.burlesontx.com/kbb](http://www.burlesontx.com/kbb).