



# AUGUST 2023

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# HUGE & EXCITING NEWS!

## ***FUN*** ***THINGS TO DO***

***SEPTEMBER***



**23**

## **Volunteer & Partner Appreciation Event**

Don't miss our annual event in a new format! We're having our first ever beach party! Bring your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers and join us at the Lake Murray beach for **FREE** food trucks, swimming, corn hole, face painting and fun. Register at <https://kmbssc.org>.



## **"LITTER TRASHES THE MIDLANDS AD"**

KMB's Communications & Marketing Coordinator, Marissa DiMaria, produced a 45-second video featuring 10 mayors from Lexington and Richland Counties to discourage residents from littering. The video uses the motto adopted from PalmettoPride by all of our Litter Task Force members and adapted to each organization: "Litter Trashes the Midlands; Don't Do It!"

View the video on our website, <https://kmbssc.org> and share it!

## **MLK Neighborhood Beautification Project**



We received a \$10,000 grant from Keep America Beautiful and assistance from Walmart for a beautification project in Columbia's Martin Luther King (MLK) neighborhood. Palmetto Pride's certified trainer is providing a 4-hour version of the 'Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design' class for those who live and work in the neighborhood. Those who complete the class can then apply for mini-grants and request assistance from volunteers to improve the exterior of their properties. If you would like to help complete the projects (e.g. repair fencing and porches, paint houses, install landscaping, etc. in October and November, please contact Traude Sander at [tsander@kmbssc.org](mailto:tsander@kmbssc.org) or 803-733-2526.

# SAVE THE DATE!

**AUGUST 19**

## AAH/AAS Quarterly Cleanup

If you participate in our Adopt-a-Highway or Adopt-a-Street Programs, this is one of our four regularly scheduled litter pick-up weekends. We have over 300 groups so PLEASE remember to request your supplies at least a week in advance!

**AUGUST 20**



## Fireflies Community Game

Join the KMB team at the Fireflies game! Buy your tickets using this link to sit with us <https://www.fireflietickets.com/group/event/KMBSC23/> and get a free hat! Be on the field at 4 p.m. for a group picture and then stop by our table on the concourse for a prize.



**AUGUST 26**

## Paper Shred Event

Both Lexington and Richland County residents are invited to drop off up to five (5) boxes or bags of paper to be shredded on site at Irmo Community Park, 7507 Eastview Dr, Irmo, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. Driver's license is required as proof of residency. No business material accepted.

**September 8-9**



## Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

Our partners at Lexington County Solid Waste are offering a drop-off opportunity for household hazardous waste materials. If you live in Lexington County learn more here: <https://www.lex-co.sc.gov/departments/solid-waste-management/recycling>.

**September 16**

## Lakeside Litter Sweep

Join KMB, over 20 event partners and around 250 volunteers as we clean up Lake Murray's Shorelines and islands. Stay on surrounding boat ramps and roads, dive with a team, use your own boat, or sign up for a free ride on a pontoon boat to remove litter from islands all while having a great time and earning prizes. Register at <https://kmbssc.org>.



**October 8**

## Gervais Street Bridge Dinner

We are one of 11 of the 2023 Gervais Street Bridge Dinner beneficiaries. We encourage you to attend this iconic dinner on the bridge to support us and our efforts. Buy tickets here!

<https://www.gervaisstreetbridgedinner.com/tickets>.



# SOME OF OUR FAVORITE ORGANIZATIONS



Pictured above is from our 2021 Lakeside Litter Sweep with one of our sponsors, Aquafun Boat Rentals. Ken Jones Jr. and Chris Bellinger were a great help in collecting the trash bags off the islands that were collected by our volunteers!

We would like to especially thank the following organizations and businesses for their significant financial support of our annual Lakeside Litter Sweep cleanup event:



**Dominion Energy**



**Lexington County  
Solid Waste  
Management**



Keep a lookout for our banners all around Lake Murray regarding our 2023 Lakeside Litter Sweep event! Thank you to all of our partners who helped make this happen!

## KEEP THE MIDLANDS BEAUTIFUL

# LAKESIDE LITTER SWEEP

**SEPTEMBER 16TH 2023**  
8:30AM-12:30PM

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
4 LOCATIONS ON LAKE MURRAY

CELEBRATE THE END OF THE SUMMER WITH THE KMB TEAM BY CLEANING UP SHORELINES AND ISLANDS ON LAKE MURRAY! SUPPLIES, LUNCH, T-SHIRT, AND PRIZES WILL BE PROVIDED! CONTACT US TODAY!

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SCAN THE QR CODE FOR REGISTRATION!

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# BOARD SPOTLIGHT



**Sandra Dickerson**

Sandra Dickerson is Richland County's Coordinator of Community Service. She is an expert in litter prevention and collection and serves on our new Litter Task Force.



**Fredrick Johnson**

Fred is a Senior Regional Operations Manager for Sonoco Recycling. He has extensive experience in recycling and sustainability and has served on two similar boards.



**Chad Thomas**

Chad is a Complex Store Manager for Walmart and a strong supporter of community groups. He has worked with Keep the Midlands Beautiful to lead litter cleanup events.

## HOW TO BECOME A KMB HERO!

### DONATE



As a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, we rely heavily on donations and **we need your help** to keep the lights on, the heat running and to provide supplies for our 5,500 volunteers who pick up litter each year. Please help us and donate by visiting [kmb.org](http://kmb.org) or mailing a check payable to "KMB" to our office location. We will provide a receipt upon request.

**We sincerely appreciate all donations and support!**

### VOLUNTEER



KMB offers **several opportunities** for volunteers. Groups can adopt a road or waterway. Individuals and groups can borrow supplies to remove litter from a variety of areas alone or at events! You can help us collect shoes, help at paper shredding events, and more! Learn more at [GET INVOLVED \(kmb.org\)](http://GET INVOLVED (kmb.org)).

# HOW TO REACH THE KMB TEAM



**(803) 733-1139**

Office Hours: Monday- Friday, 9 AM to 4PM



**Email** us at [programs@kmbc.org](mailto:programs@kmbc.org)

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