



KMB'S

NEWS YOU CAN USE

FEBRUARY 2024

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MLK Neighborhood Improvement Project

With the help of several organizations and volunteers, KMB successfully improved the safety and appearance of ten homes in Columbia's MLK neighborhood. See page 1 for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our **Save The Date** portion provides our volunteers and partners with a list of dates for fun events and plans that the *Keep the Midlands Beautiful* team has coming up!

FEBRUARY

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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MARCH

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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HUGE & EXCITING NEWS!

MLK NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Over the course of our 3-day MLK Neighborhood Improvement Project, over 100 volunteers dedicated their time to make a difference in the lives of 10 homeowners and in the MLK neighborhood.

The goal for this project was to improve the safety and appearance of homeowners' properties and encourage residents in the area to do the same for a safer neighborhood.

Our Program Administrator, Dave Hogan, did a phenomenal job planning and executing this event with the help of our sponsors and partners (more information on page 4).

We can not thank our volunteers enough for coming out to support this project by dedicating their time and effort to help out the community!



[WATCH HERE!](#)

OVER
100
VOLUNTEERS
HELPED BEAUTIFY
10 HOMES IN 3
DAYS!

SAVE THE DATE!

FEBURARY 10

AAH/AAS Quarterly Cleanup

Notify your Adopt-a-Highway or Street group members to schedule a cleanup for our quarterly cleanup weekend!

FEBRUARY 24

Spotless Service Saturday Event

From 9 AM - 12 noon we will be cleaning up Lexington County's HWY 378 near Southshore Marina. Click [here](#) to sign up.

MARCH 1- MAY 31

Annual Shoe Drive Event

Help us raise funds for our organization, keep shoes out of landfills and help people in developing countries by donating shoes and/or collecting gently worn, used, and new shoes! Click [here](#) for more information.

MARCH 19-20

Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Class

Learn how safe & attractive properties reduce crime in our **FREE** two-day class open to **EVERYONE!** Register on our website [here!](#)

MARCH 23

Paper Shred Event

Lexington County residents may bring up to five (5) boxes or bags of paper to Leesville College Park, 423 College St., Batesburg-Leesville, 9 AM - 12 noon. Click [here](#) for more information

MARCH 30

Spotless Service Saturday Event

From 9 AM - 12 noon we will be cleaning up the Town of Irmo's Kinley Creek. Click [here](#) to sign up.

APRIL 13

Spotless Service Saturday Event

From 9 AM - 12 noon we will be cleaning up Farrow Rd. in Columbia. Click [here](#) to sign up.

APRIL 20

Paper Shred Event

Richland County residents may bring up to five (5) boxes or bags of paper to the Columbia Place Mall, 7201 Two Notch Rd, Columbia, SC 29223, 8 AM - 12 noon. Household Hazardous Waste, scrap metal, and tires also accepted. Click [here](#) for more information!

EXCITING EVENTS

UNLOCK SAFER LIVING

TAKE THE CERTIFIED 'CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN' CLASS!

Learn design strategies to deter crime, increase safety, and add value to your property. Register for our FREE Crime Prevention class by **March 8th!**

For more information call (803) 733-2526 or email tsander@kmbc.org.

FREE CLASS

CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

Taught by
ESTHER WAGNER
PalmettoPride

**TUE & WED
MAR 19 & 20
2024**

LEARN HOW TO MAKE YOUR PROPERTY SAFER, LESS ATTRACTIVE TO CRIMINALS, AND MORE VALUABLE.

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER BY MARCH 8
803-733-2526
<https://kmbc.org>

**KMB's Annual
SHOE DRIVE**

FUNDRAISER EVENT

HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR ORGANIZATION AND KEEP SHOES OUT OF LANDFILLS BY HOSTING A COLLECTION BIN FOR DONATING GENTLY WORN, USED AND NEW SHOES!

MARCH 1ST- MAY 31ST 2024

Any SIZE
Any STYLE

Visit kmbc.org or call (803)-733-1139 for drop off locations!

MORE THAN JUST FOOTWEAR

YOUR SHOES CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH OUR ANNUAL SHOE DRIVE!

For a limited time (**March 1st- May 31st**) you can donate your new, gently worn, or used shoes to our shoe drive which helps us raise funds for our organization and keeps shoes out of landfills.

For drop-off locations, or to become a host for a drop-off location, contact us at **(803) 733-1139** or email adiotalevi@kmbc.org

SOME OF OUR FAVORITE ORGANIZATIONS

WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO FOUR ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY AIDED US RECENTLY



SOUTHEASTERN FREIGHT LINES

Southeastern Freight Lines is a 2024 PLATINUM Level Sponsor. We greatly appreciate their support of our litter prevention programs.

NUCOR

Nucor is a 2024 GOLD Level Sponsor. Without financial support of companies like this, we cannot continue and improve our mission to reduce litter, increase recycling, and enhance beautification.



CENTRAL SOUTH CAROLINA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Central SC Habitat for Humanity provided extensive expertise, crucial supplies, and a dedicated team of professionals who provided advice and supervision for the MLK project. They were instrumental to the success.

MELIUS FORUM

Melius Forum is a new group of young professionals holding leadership positions in the Columbia, SC area. Melius is the Latin word for improvement. This group partners with others to make a meaningful, lasting difference in the community in order to drive business growth. They successfully raised \$20,000 specifically for the MLK Neighborhood Improvement project.



WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RECOGNIZE MILLER-VALENTINE CORPORATION, HOME DEPOT, FIRST PALMETTO BANK & MWPGL MASONIC LODGE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS PROJECT.

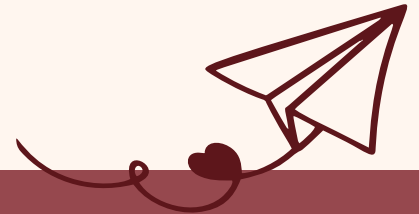
BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

NEW



Mike Griggs

We would like to recognize and welcome Mike Griggs to our Board of Directors! Mike is a dedicated Code Enforcement Officer with Lexington County's department of Solid Waste Management and is an incredible photographer! He also serves on KMB's Litter Task Force.



SHOW KMB & YOUR COMMUNITY SOME LOVE

DONATE



You can donate items to our organization such as laundry detergent, hand soap, dish soap, or paper towels for our office, or packaged snacks, bottled water, and Gatorades for our volunteers. We also accept cash donations. **We are a nonprofit so any and all donations are greatly appreciated!**

VOLUNTEER



KMB offers **several opportunities** for volunteers. You can form your own group for Adopt-a-Highway or Adopt-A-Waterway, help us remove litter through our Spotless Service Saturday events or borrow supplies to pick up litter anytime and anywhere on your own! Go to kmb.org for more information!

SPONSOR



Sponsor a KMB program or event for \$1,000 or more. Contact Traude Sander, our Executive Director for more information on how you can become one of our sponsors.
tsander@kmb.org
803-733-2526

HOW TO REACH THE KMB TEAM



(803) 733-1139

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



Email us at programs@kmbssc.org

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