

Welcome Page

Located in the heart of beautiful downtown Chatsworth, Keep Chatsworth-Murray Beautiful (KCMB) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the beautification and preservation of the natural beauty in Murray County. Founded, organized and managed by Frank Adams, formerly of Keep Smyrna Beautiful in Atlanta and a native of Chatsworth, Keep Chatsworth-Murray Beautiful is going on its third year of operation. From its inception, KCMB has rapidly and steadily increased the number of both volunteers and visitors preventing litter, contributing to the beautification of our community and reducing waste.

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Located at the corner of Market Street and 1st Avenue



Hours of Operation:

Tuesday through Thursday – 8am to 4pm

Saturday – 8am to 12pm

Sunday and Monday - Closed

What is Keep Chatsworth-Murray Beautiful?

Keep Chatsworth-Murray Beautiful (*KCMB*) is a group of dedicated individuals with a personal commitment to choices and actions that preserve natural beauty, protect the environment, prevent blight, improve public lands and make our community a better, safer place to live. As an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful (*KAB*), we embrace litter prevention, waste reduction and community beautification through diverse programs, as well as educational initiatives. KCMB engages individuals and groups in a number of ways:

- The KCMB Board consists of 17 dedicated volunteers who work energetically to make things happen in our community
- Over 80 miles of county and state roads are picked up of litter each quarter by over 70 volunteer groups of citizens
- Volunteers read to our local elementary school students
- Murray County is the only county in the state to have recycling programs in place in all public schools
- KCMB is involved annually in "Bring One in for the Chipper" (Christmas tree recycling), Hands on Georgia, Conasauga River Clean Up, Annual Great American Clean Up and Ecumenical Earth Day

Our Mission

To engage individuals to take greater responsibility and pride in their community while becoming stewards of the environment.

Our Focus

Keep Chatsworth-Murray Beautiful strives to change behaviors and improve the community through:

Litter Prevention: Defining litter, identifying the cause, reducing it, organizing clean-ups and properly handling discarded waste in our community.

Waste Reduction: Reducing the impact of solid waste in our communities through integrated programs including source reduction and reuse, recycling and education about landfills, composting and waste-to-energy.

Beautification: Improving the visual aspects of our community through programs that beautify and naturally clean our environment including community gardens, restoring vacant lots, highway beautification and graffiti prevention.

Our Guiding Principles

As a leader in community improvement, KCMB is guided by these principles:

Education: This is the key to encouraging positive behaviors toward community improvement.

Individual Responsibility: Improving communities, their environment and quality of life all begins with personal responsibility – individuals becoming more engaged as citizens and stewards of the environment.

Public-Private Partnerships: Broad-based community alliances are essential to achieve sustainable community improvement.

Volunteer Action: By engaging volunteers we extend the reach of our education and multiply the impact of our actions.

How You Can Help

There are a variety of ways that you can help!

Join our great team of people who care! Become a member of Keep Chatsworth-Murray Beautiful.

Students and Seniors - \$5

Individuals and Non-profits - \$20

Family - \$30

Business - \$50

Sponsors - \$100

Sustaining - \$200

Patron - \$500

Benefactor - \$1,000

Or, become a volunteer!

Please complete the attached "Join our Great Team" document and return to:

Keep Chatsworth-Murray Beautiful

302 E Market Street

Chatsworth, GA 30705

Thank you for your support!

Membership and Volunteerism Matter

Aside from the obvious intangible benefits to your involvement, such as the beautification and cleanliness of your community, other benefits include the following:

- Official Member and/or Volunteer KCMB sticker
- Complimentary Recycling book
- Monthly Newsletters
- Public recognition in KCMB publications

Please consider becoming involved in this important initiative. All contributions are tax-deductible and proceeds are reinvested in the operating expenses of the organization, including new machinery and supplies to keep the organization functioning.

What We Do Recycle

Electronics

- Fax machines
- Copiers
- Printers
- Monitors (computer)
- Telephones
- Cell phones
- Microwave ovens
- Radios
- VCRs
- DVD players
- Tape players
- Computers

Paper

- Books (hardback and paperback)
- Magazines
- Newspaper
- Telephone books
- Office paper
- Shredded paper
- School paper
- Cardboard

- Corrugated cardboard
- Chip board (cereal boxes)
- Catalogues
- Manuals

Other

- Plastic (PET or PETE  and HDPE )
- Aluminum cans
- Glass bottles and jars (only)
- Bi-metal cans (tin)
- Anything made of metal
- School supplies (binders, paper, etc.)
- Printer cartridges and toners
- Used motor oil
- Clean Styrofoam peanuts
- Campbell soup & product labels
- Batteries of any type
- Eye glasses
- Box Tops for Education
- Eye glasses and lenses
- Cell phones
- Television sets (\$15 charge)

What We Do NOT Recycle

- Vinyl
- siding
- Vases, glass or ceramic
- Drinking glasses
- Pyrex dishes
- Ash trays
- Florescent bulbs or light bulbs
- Used filters
- Feed bags with plastic liners
- Plastic bags
- Plastic sheeting
- Plastic containers (other than PET or HDPE)
- Used paper products (Kleenex, napkins, paper towels, etc.)
- Used diapers
- Food waste or food contaminated products
- Shower curtains
- Window blinds
- Window glass
- Cigarette butts and ashes
- Trash cans
- Luggage
- Baby car seats
- Plastic kid toys
- Garden equipment
- Miscellaneous plastic products
- Styrofoam (other than clean peanuts)
- Yogurt cups
- Syrup bottles (plastic)

About our Founder

Keep Chatsworth-Murray Beautiful was founded by Frank Adams of Chatsworth, Georgia.

Originally from Chatsworth and one of eleven brothers and sisters, Frank attended Chatsworth Elementary and Murray County High School where he played football and basketball as well as being the president of his Senior class. He attended Lincoln Memorial University where he met his wife, Peg. Frank and Peg have been married now for 50+ years and have five children, eleven grandchildren and three great grandsons. Frank also attended Kennesaw State University where he was a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society.

Frank spent the majority of his career in the tire and automotive industry working in various capacities from salesman to Division Manager over stores in three states. In 1982 he joined Keep Smyrna Beautiful and in 1984 become president of KSB until he retired in 2001. For the last eight years of his tenure, Keep Smyrna Beautiful was rated the number one affiliate in the state of Georgia. In 1996 Keep Smyrna Beautiful was rated number two in the nation and Frank was named the National Chairman of the Year.

With the help of Tom Starnes and Jim Welch, Frank founded Keep Murray Beautiful and after six months, Jerry Sanford brought the city of Chatsworth on board.

Frank is active in the Lutheran church, where he has been a Sunday School teacher, Superintendent, Elder and President of the congregation. He enjoys reading, collecting stamps and crossword puzzles.

Service organization involvement:

- Jaycees
- Elks
- Rotary
- Smyrna Business Association
- United Way
- Adopt-a-Highway

Awards include:

- 2006 Murray County Volunteer of the Year
- 2007 United Way "Elaine Butler Award" for Outstanding Volunteerism
- 2007 United Way Community Volunteer Award
- 2007 Modern Woodman of America "Hometown Hero"
- 2008 Ecumenical Earth Day Community Caretaker Award
- 2008 Keep America Beautiful President's Circle
- 2009 Keep Georgia Beautiful 2nd Place Affiliate Award
- 2009 Keep America Beautiful William Nash Winner – Best New Affiliate
- 2009 Keep America Beautiful President's Circle

KCMB Staff

Frank Adams
Sandi Adams
Jesse Stinnett

KCMB Board of Directors

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