

Keep Blanco Beautiful Newsletter

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Silver Star Status, AGAIN!

Keep Blanco Beautiful achieved Silver Star status with Keep Texas Beautiful for 2023! "To remain in good standing with KTB, community affiliates must submit a report, pay dues, attend training, and participate in a KTB-endorsed activity annually. In 2004, the organization introduced the concept of Silver Star recognition to reward those communities who sought to go above and beyond the established requirements. To achieve this Silver Star status, affiliates must share information on their mission and goals, answer questions about their partnerships and outreach to underserved populations, or participate in the Beautify Texas Awards or Governor's Community Achievement Awards programs. KTB will formally recognize Silver Star communities during the KTB Conference in Houston, TX, June 26-28, 2023."

Little Free Library

Bindseil Park now has a "Little Free Library," thanks to the Blanco Woman's Club and The Friends of Blanco Library. A Little Free Library is a free book-sharing box where anyone may take a book or

share a book. This library was painted by local Blanco artist, Becky Copeland. Come to the park to grab a book! Read at the park or home! Learn more about Little Free Libraries [here](#).



Volunteer with KBB!

Are you looking for a new organization to volunteer with? Join KBB! Our [committees](#) include Beautification, Civic/Neighborhood, Education/ Schools, Fundraising/Finance, Law enforcement/Municipal, Public Awareness, and Recycling. The beautification committee sets goals for landscaping projects, tree planting programs and initiatives, wildflower planting, and quality of life projects. This committee is currently meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday mornings in front of City Hall weather permitting to maintain the flower beds and pots around the courthouse square and in Bindseil Park. Our education committee educates school children regarding litter and waste handling practices and teaches officials, teachers, and staff about cleanliness techniques. The business and industry committee educates the business community and develops financial resources for programs. The civic/neighborhood committee focuses on developing special projects for local community and neighborhood groups and involving people in the projects and educating people about litter. The law enforcement/municipal committee serves as the “Gatekeeper” of the trash handling practices in the city and works with the local government agencies to educate citizens and enforce environmental codes and

ordinances. The public awareness committee informs the public and develops programs of recognition; this committee is also in charge of running the website and social media pages. Our recycling committee explores all solid waste options for the community and provides education to the general public about recycling. All of the committees help with the clean-up committee and the focus is on clean-ups and addressing the symptom, litter, rather than the problem, littering. Awareness and education and ongoing programs like Trash-Off and Adopt-A-Highway fall under this committee as well. No special skills are needed and volunteers do not need to live in Blanco to be a part of this wonderful organization. Join one of our committees today!

2023 GCAA Update

“For more than thirty years, [Keep the Texas Department of](#) awarded the prestigious Governor’s to Texas communities for their their communities beautiful.” KBB for the past six years without any year for the GCAA, however we did ever done and we are proud of this communities win 1st prize. Thank Beautiful! We're ready for the are interested in helping with this out to us.



[Texas Beautiful](#), in partnership with [Transportation \(TxDOT\)](#), has Community Achievement Awards outstanding overall efforts to keep has been applying for this award luck. Well, we didn't place 1st this place 2nd!! This is the best we've accomplishment. Only ten you, TxDOT, and Keep Texas chance to earn 1st in 2024. If you lengthy application, please reach

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