

# THE PALS PRINTS

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## DIRECTOR'S NOTES BY SPENCER RYAN:

### "Your 2018 Success Story"

Let me begin with a question. What happens when statewide volunteers, cities, counties, state agencies, county commissions, schools, teachers and administrators, county PALS coordinators and other groups work together for a common goal to benefit our great state? Take a look at page 25 of this newsletter! The PALS statewide partnerships made these totals possible by sharing a commitment to not only believing in a cleaner, healthier, and safer Alabama, but becoming actively and personally involved in making that goal a reality. Your successes are not only remarkable, but continue to save the taxpayers of Alabama millions of dollars in cleanup costs annually.

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*I trust that this message finds each of you looking forward to time with your special families during this most special time of the year. I also pray that 2019 will bring each of you peace, happiness, comfort and joy for you and your families.*

As always, when I reflect on each passing year, I continue to be so very blessed by each one of you and the PALS family. I appreciate not only what you mean to Alabama PALS, but mostly what you have meant and continue to mean to me personally. The PALS family, as we know, is unique and not often seen in this everchanging world. PALS's uniqueness comes from trust, loyalty, friendship, commitment, and a common goal that each of us have for a clean and beautiful Alabama. That is a commitment that PALS will always continue to honor, and we look forward to 2019 with the pledge to make this year the most special year in PALS history.



In closing, the uniqueness of each of you is what I am most thankful for during this blessed time of year. Your friendship, kindness, support and genuine caring has blessed me once again in 2018. "Thank you" does not quite seem to be adequate words to express my sincere appreciation for what you mean to me and Alabama PALS. Thank you for allowing me to be associated with not only the most special organization that I know of, but also the most special people I have ever known. I am truly blessed.

On behalf of Jamie and Margaret, I wish you and your families a special and wonderful New Year!

## 2019 ALABAMA PALS MEMBERSHIP FORM

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☐ PALS Advocate: \$50

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### ALABAMA PALS MISSION STATEMENT

*"Alabama Communities Working  
Together for A Cleaner and  
More Beautiful Alabama"*

## THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

BY JEFF HELMS, CHAIRMAN, ALABAMA PALS

### ***In 2019, Alabama will celebrate 200 years of statehood.***

Two hundred years of innovation and art. Two hundred years of education and culture. Two hundred years of achievement and growth. And, two hundred years of turmoil and peace.

Through the centuries one thing endured – Alabama's natural beauty.

Although our state looks much different than the rugged frontier where native Americans farmed and hunted, the underlying aesthetic remains. Majestic mountains, flowing rivers, sugary beaches, fertile plains and towering forests are the resources that sustain our economy, inspire our artists, engage our visitors and nourish our souls.

Unfortunately, we too often take these treasures for granted. Abundance spills out of our homes, businesses, vehicles and lives. It mars the landscape and pollutes the environment.

As we celebrate Alabama's Bicentennial, let us honor our history by restoring and preserving the beauty of our state. Let our birthday present to Alabama be cleaner campuses, scenic roadways, pristine streams and unblemished lands.

As PALS volunteers, you're already custodians of Alabama's heritage and hope. You are stewards of our resources and mentors to a future generation with the potential to be less wasteful and more intentional.

This year, our challenge should be to make an even larger impact on our state through education, engagement and action.

What is your PALS Bicentennial goal?

Could it be 200 students in your Clean Campus program? Maybe, 200 bags of trash along your Adopt-A-Mile? How about 200 yards of clean coastline for your scout troop?

Even better, let's celebrate Alabama's birthday by recruiting 200 PALS volunteers in each county, talking to 200 friends about the PALS message or even donating \$200 to continue the PALS mission?

As I've said before, PALS will never succeed if our goal is litter collection. As energetic and dedicated as our volunteers are, we can't keep pace with those who carelessly desecrate our state.

Rather, we must prevent litter. We must educate future generations about the blessings of nature and the curses of pollution. We should endeavor to have cleanups yielding less trash. Our vision should be a state so pristine it inspires greater care by residents and visitors and brings a deep sense of conviction to anyone daring to spoil its beauty.

Alabama has been through a lot in 200 years. Boom and Bust. Bounty and Drought. Harmony and War.

She has survived, and is better for it. I pray we are a wiser, more loving people with a greater appreciation for our past and optimism for our future.

In this Bicentennial year, let us demonstrate these qualities in our communities through PALS and all we do.

—Jeff



## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

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On behalf of all Alabamians, Thank You for your support and commitment, and congratulations on your 2018 "Success Story".

The 2019 "Don't Drop It On Alabama" Statewide Spring Cleanup will be held on April 20-27, 2019. Coca-Cola United will once again be the Title Sponsor for the 2019 cleanup and have offered their 13 Alabama facilities as drop off points for the recycling of aluminum cans and plastics. As we push forward with adding the recycling component to the annual Spring Cleanup, please take this wonderful opportunity to add recycling to your respective cleanup efforts. Recycling bags will be provided, and the Coca-Cola facilities will accept all aluminum cans and plastics at these facilities to add to their facilities recycling stream. As always, PALS will provide ALL cleanup materials and supplies for all statewide cleanup, and materials will be available for pick up on March 15th. We look forward to another record breaking cleanup in 2019!

I want to take this time to once again congratulate our 2018 Governor's Awards and Clean Campus Statewide winners! It is always such a pleasure to have the opportunity and honor to personally recognize these dedicated and committed groups and individuals. A special thank you to each of you

And your groups that joined us for a record breaking awards program.

As I have stated on many occasions, the teamwork and partnership during the Alabama Coastal Cleanup has enabled the Alabama Coastal Cleanup to become a beacon for other coastal states. The 2018 cleanup effort was once again proof of that statement. I want to thank our special partners at ADCNR/ State Lands/Coastal Section for their leadership and commitment for the Alabama Coastal Cleanup. I also want to give a special heartfelt thanks to our Title Sponsor, The PCI for their annual support of the Alabama Coastal Cleanup, as well as our dedicated and faithful Corporate Sponsors and Zone Captains. PALS is honored and blessed to partner 'with each of these special and dedicated entities.

In closing, I want to say a very special thank you to our most dedicated and supportive PALS board of director's, as well as our PALS Corporate Sponsors that make the mission of Alabama PALS possible. ALDOT, ALFA, Coca-Cola, The Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Vulcan Materials Company, Honda Manufacturing of Alabama, Alabama Farmer's Cooperative, and The Association of County Commissions of Alabama are the special group of sponsors that make the statewide programs of Alabama PALS a reality. I know that each of you share my appreciation for their support and faithfulness to your organization.

Congratulations on YOUR 2018 successes and I look forward to working with each of you as we continue in 2019!



Spencer Ryan  
Executive Vice President

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## ALABAMA ADOPT-A-MILE PARTICIPATION FORM

Please Complete and Return to The PALS Office  
340 North Hull Street / Montgomery, AL 36104

Name of Participating Group \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Group or Individual on Sign \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address of Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

State Highway Number \_\_\_\_\_ Federal Highway # \_\_\_\_\_ County Highway or Road # \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Sign: Mile Marker# \_\_\_\_\_ to Mile Marker # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Currently Participating

\_\_\_\_\_ Not Participating at This time and want sign taken down

\_\_\_\_\_ Participating But Sign Needs Replacing or Repaired

### Adopt-A-Mile Program Application for Highway Adoption - State/Federal

City \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant (Participating Organization) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Highway section(s) you propose to adopt:

(minimum of one mile)

State or U.S. Highway Number \_\_\_\_\_

Milepost Number \_\_\_\_\_ to Milepost Number \_\_\_\_\_

State or U.S. Highway Number \_\_\_\_\_

Milepost Number \_\_\_\_\_ to Milepost Number \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature of Applicant

Recommended for Approval:

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Engineer, Alabama Dept. of Transportation

### Interested in "adopting"

Fill out application form and mail to:

**Alabama PALS**

340 North Hull Street, Montgomery, AL 36104

Form/Application can be submitted  
online at [alpals.org](http://alpals.org)

### County Adopt-A-Mile Program Application for County Road Adoption

County \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant (Participating Organization) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Road section(s) you propose to adopt:  
(minimum of one mile)

County Road Number \_\_\_\_\_

Milepost Number \_\_\_\_\_ to Milepost Number \_\_\_\_\_

County Road Number \_\_\_\_\_

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Authorized Signature of Applicant

Recommended Approval:

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## MESSAGE FROM:

JAMIE MITCHELL – Clean Campus State Coordinator

Happy 2019!! The spring semester is always such an exciting time! As we watch winter fade and trees begin to bloom, we are reminded of how lucky we are to live in this beautiful state. It is the perfect time of year to introduce the Alabama PALS Poster and Recycled Art contests into your curriculum. Both contests give teachers and students the opportunity to have a conversation about waste, litter and recycling. These contests also involve many areas of study...from art to science to environmental studies to social studies...which is an excellent (and fun!) way to implement a cross-curriculum activity.

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### CLEAN CAMPUS PROGRAM PARTICIPATION FORM

Either fill out form and mail to Alabama PALS Attn: Jamie Mitchell

340 N. Hull Street, Montgomery, AL 36104 or apply online at [www.alpals.org](http://www.alpals.org)

Current Member? \_\_\_\_ Y or \_\_\_\_ N      Circle One:   City School      County School      Private School

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Participating School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email for Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Our school has reviewed the requirements for the Alabama PALS Clean Campus Program and is therefore applying to be a participating school in this statewide program.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Contact Person)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### PRINCIPAL PERMISSION

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Principal), give consent for \_\_\_\_\_

school to participate in the Alabama PALS Clean Campus Program for the 2017-2018 school year.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Principal) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## MESSAGE FROM:

JOHN COOPER

Director, Alabama Department  
of Transportation

I've stated before in this space that I'm fortunate to have grown up in Marshall County, just a few miles from Lake Guntersville State Park. It's one of the most spectacular areas of this beautiful state.

I'm proud to have grown up around Lake Guntersville, and my family's permanent home is still in that area. I'm also proud of ALDOT's efforts to keep Alabama clean and beautiful, and our partnership with PALS. Our partnership is a model for how state government can work with non-profit groups and volunteers to make our state better.

Litter poses a serious threat to Alabama's natural beauty. Together, ALDOT and PALS are making this program a huge success, removing hundreds of tons of litter from highways and natural areas annually. This effort helps keep our state beautiful and saves Alabama tax payers millions of dollars in clean-up costs. This is only possible with the dedicated volunteers who work diligently to ensure our roadways are clean.

As citizens, it's our responsibility to protect the environment in every way we can. This includes serving as an example for young people and teaching them to properly dispose of trash, as well as being a model of volunteerism by lending a hand with clean-up efforts.

On behalf of ALDOT, thank you for your commitment to our ongoing battle against litter. Together, we are making a difference!

– John



# PALS 2019 POSTER CONTEST

## GUIDELINES:

- Theme: "Let's Go Green in 2019"
- K-6th (Two categories K-3rd and 4th-6th)
- Standard White Poster or Foam Board  
(May be split in half)
- All mediums acceptable
- Back of Poster **MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

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Student Name:

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Current Grade:

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Phone Number & Email for Parent:

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School:

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Point of Contact at School:

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Phone Number & Email of Point of Contact at School:

**\*\*We really need ALL of this information!!\*\***

ALL posters are **due in the office by Friday, April 26th, 2019.**

## WINNERS:

- **First Place: \$200 & Award**
- **Second Place: \$25 & Award**
- **Third Place: \$25 & Award**
- **Honorable Mention: Award**

**All winners will be recognized at our annual Governor's Awards Luncheon in November 2019**

## Send posters to:

Alabama PALS  
Attn: Jamie Mitchell  
340 N. Hull Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

*Please contact Jamie with any further questions at:  
(334) 263-7737 / Jamie@alpals.org*

**Winners will be notified by May 13th. If your poster is not chosen, you may pick it up at the PALS office no later than May 31st**

# 2019 POSTER RECYCLED ART

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The theme of the **poster** contests this year is **"Let's Go Green in 2019!"** Remember to have your own contest at the school first, then send in only your 1st and 2nd place winners for statewide judging. There are some new judging guidelines that may be helpful to your students when planning their posters and for judging at the local contests. Be sure to have your winners include ALL contact information requested on the backside of their posters. Entries are due April 26th, 2019.

The theme for the **recycled art** contest this year is **"Make a Scene in 2019!"** Pieces may be 2-D or 3-D and may be a scene from Alabama countryside, a cityscape, a scene from a movie, etc. Originality and creativity are key! The project should be made entirely from recycled materials other than a small amount of fastening materials. As with the poster contest, *please only send in your school's 1st and 2nd place winners to the statewide judging.* You may either deliver the pieces or enter digitally. Be sure to have ALL contact information

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included with entries. Entries are due April 26th, 2019.

The PALS office will notify each winner, school and PALS county contact. Winners will be recognized and presented with their respective awards at the Annual Governor's Awards Luncheon in November 2019.

In closing, I would like to thank every school that is enrolled in the Clean Campus Program for your commitment to teaching students how to be lifelong stewards of our beautiful state! It is my pleasure to travel around the state and meet each of you and all your amazing students! If your school is not currently enrolled, head to [www.alpals.org](http://www.alpals.org) to sign up! The Clean Campus Program is FREE to all Alabama public, private, city and county schools thanks to the generosity of ALFA, the Alabama Farmer's Cooperative and Coca-Cola. Please call or email me with any questions regarding the Clean Campus Program or our contests at (334) 263-7737 or [jamie@alpals.org](mailto:jamie@alpals.org).

– Jamie

## PALS 2019 RECYCLED ART CONTEST GUIDELINES:

- Theme: "Make a Scene in 2019" (e.g. cityscape, farm scene, scene from a movie, etc.)
- 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades
- May work alone or with one friend
- Piece may be 2-D or 3-D and any size, as long as it can be easily moved.
- Art must be made entirely of materials that are eligible for recycling or that would be otherwise considered trash, except for a small amount of fastening materials such as screws, bolts, wire, welding, glue, tape and twine.
- Pieces will be judged on clarity of theme, originality, visual impact and overall design.
- Please include the following information with each submitted piece:

### MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

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Student(s) Name(s):

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Current Grade:

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Phone Number & Email for Parent & parent

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School:

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Point of Contact at School:

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Phone Number & Email of Point of Contact at School:

**\*\*We really need ALL of this information!!\*\***

- **Art pieces due by mail, delivery or email by April 27th, 2018**

### WINNERS:

- First Place: \$200 (to be divided if working with a friend) & Award
- Second Place: \$25 & Award
- Third Place: \$25 & Award
- Honorable Mention: Award

**Winners will be recognized at our annual Governor's Awards Luncheon in November 2019**

**ALL Recycled Art projects may either be mailed into the PALS office OR photos of your project may be submitted by email to [jamie@alpals.org](mailto:jamie@alpals.org). If mailing/delivering your project, send to:**

Alabama PALS, Attn: Jamie Mitchell  
340 N. Hull Street, Montgomery, AL 36104

*Please contact Jamie with any further questions at:  
(334) 263-7737 / [jamie@alpals.org](mailto:jamie@alpals.org)*

**Winners will be notified by May 13th. If your piece is not chosen, you may pick it up at the PALS office no later than May 31st**

## Celebrating Anti-Litter Advocates

Students from across the state are recognized for the PALS Poster and Recycled Art Contest.

by *Jamie Mitchell*

**T**he Annual Alabama PALS Governor's Awards luncheon is right around the corner! It will be held Nov. 7 at the Marriott Capitol Hill in Prattville at noon and will recognize outstanding anti-litter advocates throughout the state. In addition to recognizing individuals and businesses, we also give awards to outstanding schools that participate in the Clean Campus Program. The school that receives the "Clean Campus Scrapbook Contest Award" will receive a \$1,000 scholarship!

Our Governor's Awards are also a time to recognize the winners of our annual Poster and Recycled Art Contests. The first-place winners from each category will receive a \$200 check at the luncheon! In total, PALS recognizes around 20 students throughout the state in our contests. This year's first place

winners in each category are as follows:

**First-Third Grade Poster:** Peyton Crager, Fruitdale School, Washington County

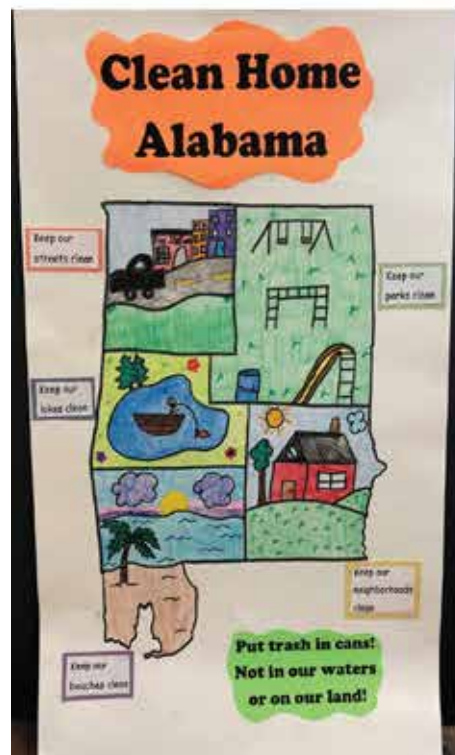
**Fourth-Sixth Grade Poster:** Sara Roy, Gwin Elementary, Jefferson County

**Seventh-12th Recycled Art:** Hannah Fuller & Nikita Rozanova, Arab High School, Marshall County

A full list of winners can be found in the most recent Alabama PALS Newsletter or online at [www.alpals.org](http://www.alpals.org).

If your local school is not already a part of the Clean Campus Program, have them check us out online or give me a call at (334) 263-7737 to get connected. The Clean Campus Program is FREE to all Alabama public and private schools and strives to create life-long stewards of our environment through education. ■

*Jamie Mitchell is the PALS State Clean Campus Coordinator.*



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## Vincent Middle School JROTC Joins PALS

Vincent Middle School's Army JROTC has decided to become a part of the Clean Campus movement! We are so excited to have them onboard with us! Sergeant Major Mary Kyser runs the Army JROTC at Vincent and has encouraged her students to become actively involved in making sure their community and our state is litter-free.

These students also have the support of many community leaders. Shelby County resident Kathy Copeland is working with local businesses to help with their recycling efforts at the school. With strong community support as well as a

high level of commitment from the JROTC members, we believe this is going to be one hugely successful Clean Campus group!

I had the opportunity to meet with the group recently and was very impressed with their vision for the program. The student leaders take their jobs very seriously and want to do their part to bring awareness to the general population of the school, too. They plan to make posters and signs to put up around campus encouraging others to be mindful of litter and to recycle when they can. Way to go, Vincent Middle School Army JROTC!!

If your local school is not already a part of the Clean Campus Program, have them check us out online at [www.alpals.org](http://www.alpals.org) or give me a call at (334)263-7737 to get connected. The Clean Campus Program is FREE to all Alabama Public and Private Schools and strives to create lifelong stewards of our environment through education. ■

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*Jamie Mitchell is the PALS State Clean Campus Coordinator.*



# ALABAMA PALS CLEAN CAMPUS



Crestline Elementary



F.E. Burleson Elementary

## Three Hartselle Elementary Schools Join PALS

by Jamie Mitchell

**O**n a recent visit to Morgan County, I had the pleasure of meeting with THREE Clean Campus Schools in one day! Students from Crestline Elementary, F.E. Burleson Elementary and Barkley Bridge Elementary all had the chance to hear my 30-minute anti-litter message. Each school has made a commitment to keep their campus and community more beautiful by taking part in our program.

All three of these schools are impressive in their own ways. Crestline Elementary has a beautiful outdoor classroom with different stations for students to learn and stay engaged in environmental education. They have recently added chickens and a composting bin to their already-extraordinary outdoor space! F.E. Burleson has a most efficient cafeteria with recycling stations and an area to retrieve scraps for their composting



Barkley Bridge Elementary

bin. They also have a very fruitful outdoor garden! Barkley Bridge students are avid recyclers and love to make art and projects from recycled materials!

Each of these schools does their part in keeping Hartselle, Morgan County and Alabama a greener and cleaner place to live. If a school near you would like to join the Clean Campus Program, have them check us out online at [www.al-](http://www.al-pals.org)

[pals.org](http://pals.org) or give me a call at (334) 263-7737 to get connected. The Clean Campus Program is FREE to all Alabama Public and Private Schools and strives to create life-long stewards of our environment through education. ■

Jamie Mitchell is the PALS State Clean Campus Coordinator.



# PALS of Colbert County

## MUSCLE SHOALS-

Danny Allison of (PALS) People Against A Littered State, visited first and second grade students from Webster Elementary. He discussed and answered questions about litter. Allison has done this for over 25 years on his own time. He travels to any school, receives no compensation - all for his love of children. He has also been a past president for over 30 years for Colbert County PALS.

Danny Allison of PALS answering questions about litter.



All these items are made from litter, by first and second grade students from Webster Elementary School in Muscle Shoals.

Pencil holders, flags, eagles, Abe Lincolns and Statue of Libertys.

the Shoals Community Theatre Facebook page.

See MUSIC... on Page 17

James Leblanc Abraham Howe



## ANTI-LITTER

Danny Allison of (PALS) People Against A Littered State, visited extended day students from Webster Elementary. He discussed and answered questions about litter. Allison has done this for over 25 years on his own time. He travels to any school, and receives no compensation - all for his love of children. Allison was also president of Colbert County PALS for over 30 years.

Above" Danny Allison of Colbert County PALS answers questions about litter from extended day students at Webster Elementary School. Courtesy Photo

[www.kidsvilleneu](http://www.kidsvilleneu)



# ALABAMA PALS SPRING CLEANUP







Elmore County

# Counties lead communities to clean up

The "Don't Drop It On Alabama" Spring Cleanup made a huge impact across the state this year, and once again, counties were right in the middle of the action.

Altogether, the cleanup netted more than 380 tons of trash, according to organizers at Alabama PALS (People Against a Littered State).

County governments have been actively engaged in the event for many years, and ACCA helps coordinate communication between PALS and counties.

United by a common purpose, Spring Cleanup activities can vary a good bit from one county to another. Here are a few highlights from 2018:



Crenshaw County



Houston County



Tuscaloosa County



Mobile County



Jefferson County



Sumter County



Jefferson County

- Extending the week-long event, Covington County adopted a resolution designating April as a cleanup month.
- One commissioner in Crenshaw County personally sponsored a PALS Pick-up Contest, with cash prizes of \$100, \$200 and \$300 to the top three winners.
- In Elmore County, cleanup crews were organized by county commissioners, schools, a high school ROTC program, Lake Jordan Home Owners & Boat Owners (HOBO), Boy Scouts, the YMCA and others.
- In Houston County, Commissioner Brandon Shoupe branded efforts as the Houston County Spirit of Service Day.
- One of the many projects in Jefferson County was a Day of Service on the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. In just one day, a massive roadside cleanup in the Village Creek Watershed brought together more than 350 people who collected 8.5 tons of material.
- In Mobile County, the county's environmental enforcement department marked the occasion with special collections opportunities at the landfill and recycling center. More than 800 vehicles dropped off items, adding more than 350 tons to the landfill and collecting tens of thousands of pounds of recyclables.
- In Sumter, Commissioner Marcus Campbell spearheaded roadside cleanups in District 2, hauling in 155 bags of trash, plus mattresses, tires and boards.

If your county would like more information about participating in this annual event, please contact Marcia Collier, ACCA Coordinator of Insurance Services, at 334-263-7594 or [mcollier@alabamacounties.org](mailto:mcollier@alabamacounties.org).



# ALABAMA PALS SPRING CLEANUP

## PALS volunteers pick up 123,440 pounds of litter this year in Jefferson County Wenonah High School Wins Litter Quitter Campaign

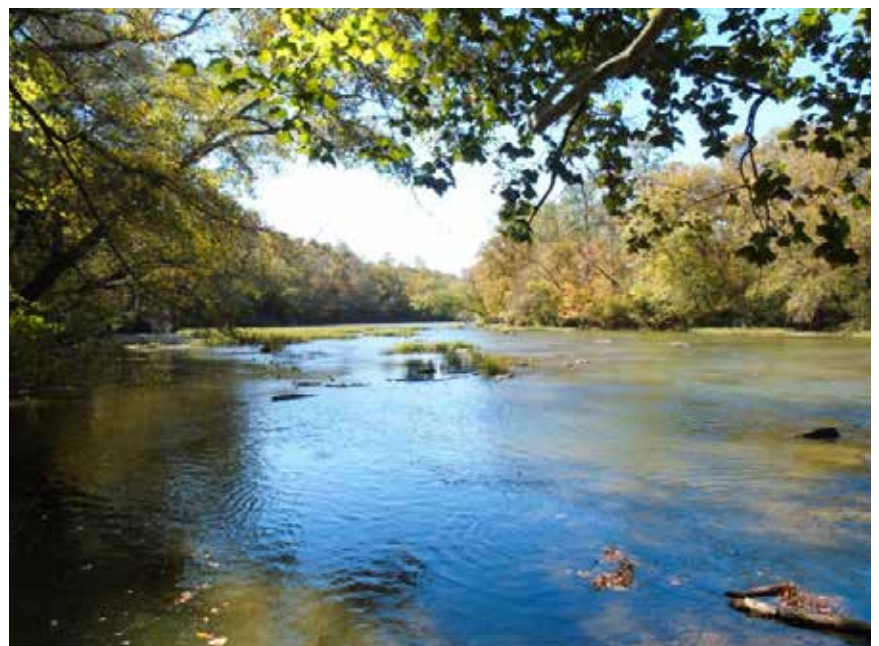
**Bham Now Trash:** Over 61 tons of trash has been picked up in Jefferson County so far this year. There's a lot of taxpayer money being spent on cleaning up after litterbugs in the Birmingham and Jefferson County areas so ALDOT (Alabama Department of Transportation) has launched the Trash Costs Cash campaign that is aimed at preventing people from dumping litter on neighborhood streets and major roadways.

**Bham Now ALDOT:** PALS volunteers pick up trash along highways and waterways. Over 61 Tons of Trash Cleaned Up in Jefferson County

Jefferson County works with PALS, (People Against A Littered State) and during the first eight months of this year county-wide volunteers have cleaned up litter along roadways and waterways in incorporated and unincorporated Jefferson County. These 53 volunteer cleanups have resulted in 61.72 tons of litter cleanup up from our rivers and roads. That's 123,440 pounds, by 1,831 volunteers spending 7,324 volunteer hours.

**Cahaba River** – *Photo from Cahaba Environmental Center*

The waterways cleanups have taken place in Bankhead Lake, Cahaba River, Shades Creek and Village Creek/Bayview Lake. Jefferson County also participated with other organizations and the City of Birmingham in the Valley Creek Watershed Video competition. Ten area high schools competed in the '**Litter Quitters**' campaign by uploading Youtube videos about not littering for likes and the video with the most likes would win the competition. The winning Litter Quitter video was by Wenonah High School took first place followed by Oak Grove High in second and Fairfield High in third. Wenonah High School's video was turned into a :15 TV commercial on local Birmingham channels.



Cahaba River – Photo from Cahaba Environmental Center

# 2019 “Don’t Drop It On Alabama”

## Spring Cleanup Contact Information Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

***We are interested in RECYCLING aluminum CANS and Plastic Bottles during the 2019 Spring Cleanup if Dropoff Point is Available.***

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Have Questions \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE send Completed Forms To:  
Alabama PALS  
340 North Hull Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

## Dates to Remember.....

- ✓ **January** Spring Cleanup Materials Ordered  
PALS Newsletter Mailed
- ✓ **March 20** PALS Board of Director’s Meeting
- ✓ **March 15** Spring Cleanup Materials Ready for Pickup
- ✓ **April 20-27** 2019 “Don’t Drop It On Alabama”  
Statewide Spring Cleanup
- ✓ **April** Poster and Recycled Art Entries Due In PALS Office
- ✓ **July** PALS Board Meeting  
PALS Newsletter Mailed
- ✓ **September 19** 2019 Alabama Coastal Cleanup Materials And Supplies  
Distribution Day
- ✓ **September 21** 2019 Alabama Coastal Cleanup
- ✓ **October 20** PALS Governors Award Nominations Due
- ✓ **November** PALS Governor’s Awards Program



## A New Community Organization in Mobile County

Catherine Simmons is the leader for The Fernland Road Community Action group. The group has held two community clean ups this fall. The volunteers are doing an awesome job removing litter and rubbish from the Mobile County right of ways. We got a late start but we got 40 bags of trash and some tires. we did Fernland Road, Tom Waller, and Waxton.

We had a young guy that was doing Community Service through Bridge he had to men with him (his counselors) they said they are always looking for community service work. I will contact the person at the Bridge to schedule sometimes for them to pick up trash at Nelson Rd.







Paul Noblitt with Noblitt Auto sent us this picture of his adopted mile. He picked up 4 trash cans only 1/8 of a mile into cleaning this week. Please, please don't litter!! Alabama is way too beautiful to be littered up with our trash!! Thank you for your hard work, Paul!!

## ADEM Recycling Grant Application Information

Has your county, city, or school dreamed of having a recycling program but just wasn't sure how to fund it or where to start? If so, please check out ADEM's Alabama Recycling Fund Grant Program. For more information, visit [www.adem.state.al.us](http://www.adem.state.al.us) and click on the "Forms" tab to find the application. *March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for applications*, and municipalities or a similar government entity need to be the lead applicant but can include equipment/bins for local schools or neighborhoods. They are looking to fund more infrastructure projects (ie. Funds for recycling trailers or bins, etc.) rather than education/outreach, so keep that in mind when applying. For any questions about the program, please contact one of the following people:

**HAYLEY BENSON –**

**e: [Hayley.benson@adem.alabama.gov](mailto:Hayley.benson@adem.alabama.gov)**

**p: 334-271-7948**

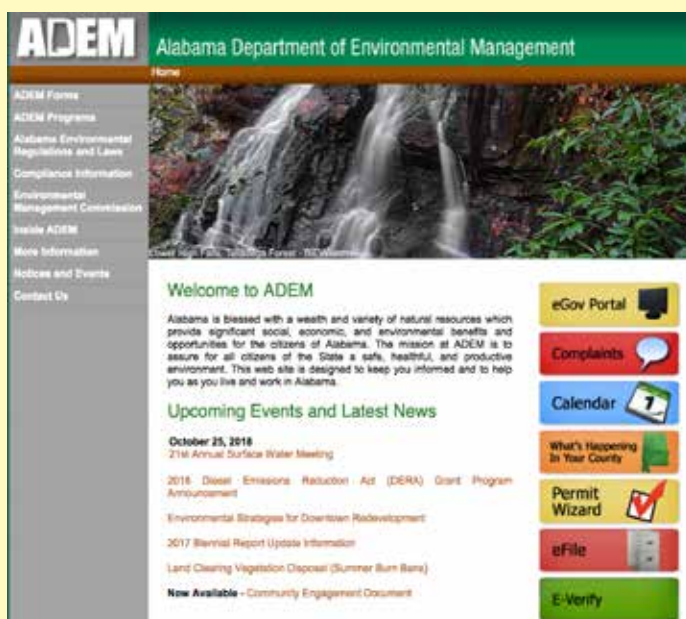
**BLAKE SCHMIDT –**

**e: [blake.schmidt@adem.alabama.gov](mailto:blake.schmidt@adem.alabama.gov)**

**p: 334-271-7993**

*For more information on recycling trailers, visit <http://protainer.com/index.php/products/pro-gravityrecyclingtrailers> for pricing, etc., to help with your grant application.*

**Good luck! Keep us posted if you are the recipient of an ADEM Alabama Recycling Fund Grant in 2019!!**





## COCA-COLA "DON'T DROP IT ON ALABAMA" SPRING CLEANUP AWARD:



ELMORE COUNTY SPRING CLEANUP



CULLMAN COUNTY



JEFFERSON COUNTY



**ADOPT-A-MILE AWARD:** SOUTHSIDE HIGH, AIRFORCE JROTC AL-961



**JUDICIAL CATEGORY:** JUDGE JOY BOOTH, AUTAUGA COUNTY, (NP) JUDGE LOUIS C. COLLEY, AUTAUGA COUNTY



**VULCAN VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD:** RAYMOND AND KATHY MCGOUGH, CRENSHAW COUNTY



**DON HINES MEMORIAL AWARD:** CHERRIE HANEY FROM CULLMAN COUNTY

## CORPORATE SPONSOR RECOGNITION:

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SHARON DELMAR



COCA-COLA, LINDA SEWELL



ALABAMA FARMER'S  
COOPERATIVE, JIM ALLEN



VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY,  
CAROL MAXWELL

## PALS PARTNERSHIP AWARD:



ADCNR/ STATE LAND/ COASTAL SECTION



ASSN. OF COUNTY COMMISSIONS  
OF ALABAMA, MARCIA COLLIER



ALABAMA BROADCASTER'S  
ASSOCIATION



# PALS AWARDS

## ALFA/AFC CLEAN CAMPUS AWARDS:



1<sup>ST</sup>: PARKSIDE SCHOOL  
CULLMAN COUNTY



2<sup>ND</sup>: PINEY CHAPEL ELEMENTARY  
LIMESTONE COUNTY



3<sup>RD</sup>: CULLMAN PRIMARY SCHOOL  
CULLMAN COUNTY



3<sup>RD</sup>: BEAR EXPLOATION SCHOOL  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

## HONORABLE MENTION:



PEARL HASKEW ELEMENTARY  
MOBILE COUNTY



HANCEVILLE ELEMENTARY  
CULLMAN COUNTY



PRATTVILLE PRIMARY  
AUTAUGA COUNTY

## EDUCATION AWARD:



JENNIFER REYNOLDS



MINOR HIGH & MIDDLE SCHOOLS



DAR SCHOOL



ALPHA KAPPA OMEGA HEARTS & PHI GAMMA RHO  
FRATERNITY



PLEASANT GROVE HIGH



OAK GROVE HIGH

## RECYCLED ART CONTEST 7TH-12TH:



1<sup>ST</sup>: HANNAH FULLER & NIKITA  
ROZANOVA, ARAB HIGH



2<sup>ND</sup>: ZACH BROWN  
PIKE COUNTY HIGH



3<sup>RD</sup>: GEORGE ARD  
PIKE COUNTY HIGH



HONORABLE MENTION:  
DAISY SMITH, HUBBERTVILLE SCHOOL  
KELSEY FRANKLIN, TRINITY PRES.  
SCHOOL, (NP)



## POSTER COMPETITION K-3RD:



1<sup>ST</sup>: PEYTON CRAGER  
FRUITDALE SCHOOL



2<sup>ND</sup>: KARLEE POLLARD  
HUBBERTVILLE SCHOOL



3<sup>RD</sup>: GENE BALDWIN  
CRESTLINE ELEMENTARY

## HONORABLE MENTION:



HARPER JOHNSON  
TRINITY PRES. SCHOOL



AZARIAH HARRIS  
REFORM ELEMENTARY



APRIL GUEVARA  
PRATTVILLE PRIMARY

## POSTER COMPETITION 4TH-6TH:



1<sup>ST</sup>: SARA ROY  
GWIN ELEMENTARY



2<sup>ND</sup>: CARLY MORE  
PICKENS ACADEMY



3<sup>RD</sup>: ANNA BETH COOPER  
PRATTVILLE INTERMEDIATE



HONORABLE MENTION: KATELYN DAVIS, GOSHEN ELEMENTARY

HONORABLE MENTION:  
KOBYN JOHNSON  
HUBBERTVILLE SCHOOL &  
CHARLIE DUDLEY  
PRATTVILLE INTERMEDIATE (NP)

## SPECIAL AWARDS:

JANET ADAMS CLAYTON  
WALKER COUNTY, (NP)



REGINA EVANS, HUEYTOWN



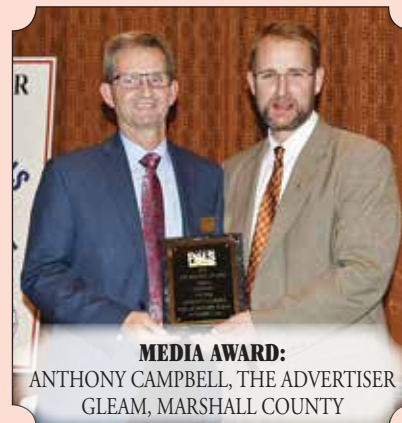
REV. DR. JONATHAN MCPHERSON,  
JEFFERSON COUNTY



VILLAGE CREEK HUMAN & EVIRON.  
JUSTICE SOCIETY



VIOLA BROADNAX, GRAYSON VALLEY  
COMMUNITY, JEFFERSON COUNTY



**MEDIA AWARD:**  
ANTHONY CAMPBELL, THE ADVERTISER  
GLEAM, MARSHALL COUNTY



# PALS AWARDS

## BUSINESS & INDUSTRY AWARD:



INTERNATIONAL PAPER, AUTAUGA COUNTY



PILGRIM'S PRIDE, MARSHALL COUNTY



WEBB WHEEL PRODUCTS, AFTERMARKET BUSINESS UNIT, CULLMAN COUNTY

## LAW ENFORCEMENT CATEGORY:



JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT



SHERIFF RICHARD STRINGER, WASHINGTON COUNTY



SHERIFF MATT GENTRY, CULLMAN COUNTY

## CITY AWARD:



CITY OF ARAB, 1960



CITY OF CULLMAN SANITATION DEPT.

## COUNTY AWARD:



JEFFERSON COUNTY ROADS & TRANSPORTATION DEPT



CULLMAN COUNTY PALS



MARSHALL COUNTY COMMISSION

## JEAN MCCRADY SERVICE AWARD:



DON BATES, THOMPSON ENGINEERING, MOBILE/BALDWIN COUNTIES



LIBBY RADLIFE, LITTER OFFICER, SHELBY COUNTY



# ALABAMA PALS COASTAL CLEANUP



## 31st annual Alabama Coastal Cleanup set for Sept. 15

*Posted by Lagniappe | Aug 30, 2018 | Community News | 0 |*

**SUBMITTED** — Alabama Coastal Cleanup, the state's largest one-day volunteer event, returns for its 31st year on Saturday, September 15th. Residents, visitors, businesses, and groups are organizing to pick up trash and recycle near one of over 30 coastal zone locations. The event runs from 8 a.m. to noon, rain or shine. Volunteers are needed on foot, on water, and at the zones to help recycle plastics and aluminum cans.

This year, the Alabama Coastal Cleanup is partnering with Earth Resources Recycling to recycle bottles and cans recovered from all the zones.

"Understanding the harmful effects of marine debris in the environment, and our dwindling resources, we are happy to offer recycling options to our volunteers for the second year," Angela Underwood, State Coordinator said. "In addition, we are asking participants to bring their own reusable water bottles to help cut down on the use of plastic. Bottled water will still be available in limited quantities."

Each year, the Coastal Cleanup brings together more than 4,000 volunteers working across southern Alabama to better the waterways. Volunteers are needed at cleanup sites in Mobile and Baldwin counties. The event provides a t-shirt and basic cleanup supplies for active participants. For more information, to contact a cleanup site zone captain, or to sign up to participate, go to [www.AlabamaCoastalCleanup.com](http://www.AlabamaCoastalCleanup.com) or call (251) 928-9792. Keep up with the latest announcements by following Alabama Coastal Cleanup on Facebook.

The Alabama Coastal Cleanup is made possible by the generous support of 2018 returning Title Sponsor the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. Many other sponsors, some returning year after year, make this event possible including: NOAA, The Original Oyster House, Alabama Power Company, Bebo's, LuLu's, Ike's Beach Service, City of Gulf Shores, City of Orange Beach, Riviera Utilities, Utility Board of Gulf Shores, Baldwin EMC,

Flora-Bama, The Home Depot, MAWWS, Evonik, ExxonMobil, Republic Services, LogoBrander, Compass Media, Coast 360, Mobile Bay NEP, Baldwin County Sewer Service, Airbus, Volkert, Inc., and Bluegill.

The Alabama Coastal Cleanup is coordinated through the Alabama Department of Conservation & Natural Resources and the Alabama People Against a Littered State (PALS). It is part of the International Coastal Cleanup, an international effort to remove marine debris from coastal waters. Alabama joined this effort in 1987. The International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) is the largest single-day volunteer event for the marine environment.

### For more information contact:

- Angela Underwood, ADCNR, (251) 928-9792  
[Angela.Underwood@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:Angela.Underwood@dcnr.alabama.gov)
- Spencer Ryan, AL PALS, (334) 263-7737  
[spencer@alpals.org](mailto:spencer@alpals.org)

**What:** 31st Annual Alabama Coastal Cleanup

**When:** Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018, 8 a.m. to 12 noon

**Where:** 31 locations around Mobile, Baldwin, and other counties

**Go to:** [www.AlabamaCoastalCleanup.com](http://www.AlabamaCoastalCleanup.com) to find a zone nearest you

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/AlabamaCoastalCleanup/>

### Coastal Cleanup Participation Safety Tips

Here are a few safety tips to help "Get the Trash out of the Splash!"

- Drink plenty of fluids. Bring a reusable water bottle.
- Bring sunscreen, a hat and wear comfortable shoes.
- An adult should supervise children at all times.
- Be careful near sand dunes and other fragile ecosystems.
- Please do not attempt to remove dangerous or heavy items yourself. Mark the location and report back to the Zone Captain.







# ALABAMA PALS COASTAL CLEANUP



*Margaret from PALS and Kathy from LogoBranders holding up the giant recycling bag!*







# 2018 Alabama PALS Program Quick Facts

## 2018 Alabama Coastal Cleanup

Annual Partnership with ADCNR/State Lands/Coastal Section

5,500 + Volunteers in 2018

31 Cleanup Zones

Approximately 40,000 Pounds of Litter and Debris Reported

2,000 Pounds of Aluminum and Plastic Recycled

All Materials Supplied Through Alabama PALS

Recycled Aluminum and Plastics at all 31 Zones

## 2018 “Don’t Drop It On Alabama” Spring Cleanup

65 Alabama Counties Participated in 2018

Over 600 tons of Litter Reported to Date

Begin Plastic Recycling Effort in Trial Counties

Provided Approximately 200,000 Bags Statewide

## 2017-18 Alabama Clean Campus Program

500 + Schools Enrolled in Program

17 School On-Campus Programs During 2018-19 School Year To Date

Clean Campus Scholarships to Be Presented at 2018 Governor’s Awards Program

## Alabama Adopt-A-Mile Program Partnership with ALDOT

934 Total Miles Adopted Statewide

Federal Highways 218

State Highways 276

County Roads 439



# **2018 ALABAMA COASTAL CLEANUP SPONSORS AND PARTNERS**

## **THE POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS**

*Exxon Mobil • The Original Oyster House • Alabama Power • Bebo's • LuLu's  
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Association of County Commissions of Alabama*

*Thank You  
To Our Valued Sponsors and Partners!*





# THE ALABAMA ADOPT-A-BEACH PROGRAM

An Alabama PALS/ADCNR Coastal Program Partnership

## ALABAMA ADOPT-A-BEACH PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization/Group \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Beach Area To Be Adopted (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

**ADOPTION AREA PREFERRED** ☐ Mobile County ☐ Baldwin County

ADCNR/State Lands/Coastal Section • 3115 Five Rivers Blvd. • Spanish Fort, AL 36527

Alabama PALS • 340 North Hull Street • Montgomery, Alabama 36104

## ADOPT-A-STREAM APPLICATION FORM

Name of Participating Group \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Proposed Stream Crossing: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Location for Adopt-A-Stream Signs (Hwy #'s, Mile Markers, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Send Applications to Alabama PALS, 340 N. Hull Street, Montgomery, AL 36104

Application can be submitted online at [alpals.org](http://alpals.org)



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**Alabama PALS Newsletter**

*People Against A Littered State*

340 North Hull St.  
Montgomery AL 36104

# **2019 ALABAMA PALS**

## ***"Don't Drop It On Alabama"***

### **STATEWIDE SPRING CLEANUP**

### **APRIL 20-27, 2019**

#### **Materials Furnished**

Large Trash Bags • AD Slicks for Promotion • Reporting Forms  
Safety Tip Sheets • Window Decals  
Recycling Bags for Counties Participating in Recycling Effort  
All PALS Program Brochures

All Materials Will Be Ready for Pickup on March 15, 2019

We look forward to working with each of you and your respective counties as we make the 2019 **"Don't Drop It On Alabama"** Spring Cleanup the largest and most successful cleanup in Alabama history.

