



PICK UP A PARK DAY

SEPTEMBER 27, 2014 - 9:00 - 12:00 NOON - PRATTVILLE PARK

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Hello Fellow Volunteers!

A big thank-you to each and every one of you for helping make “Pick up a Park Day such a success!

What follows is an excerpt from our publicity release - wanted to share the news!

Youth Leadership Autauga County members are pleased to announce the results of their most recent Fall project - **“Pick up a Park Day” - which was held September 27th at Pratt Park.** The YLAC goal was to promote Governor Robert Bentley’s declaration of 2014 as The Year of Alabama Parks. Members focused on spreading the word about the importance of responsible litter disposal with a focus on litter pickup in public green spaces - removing debris and improving the landscape. YLAC members gathered at 9:00 a.m. at Pratt Park for registration and distribution of supplies, and then spent the next three hours joining with other recruited community volunteers to pick up litter throughout Prattville and Autauga County.

YLAC is proud and thankful to have been able to welcome additional volunteer support from PALS (People Against a Littered State), St. Marks’ Episcopal Church Youth Group, Prattville High School Future Business Leaders of America, Prattville High School Beta Club, Prattville Christian Academy Students, East Memorial Christian Academy, Marbury High School Students, Autauga Academy students, and many other community volunteers.

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A special thank you is also extended to the following people who worked in conjunction with PALS to extend "Pick up a Park Day" to their local parks. Thank you Mayor F. B. Ward of Autaugaville, the Autaugaville Town Council members and the 1981 Autaugaville School Alumni who covered pickup in Autaugaville, and Marchelle Henderson who assisted with pickup at Old Kingston Community Park.

Additionally, Our hardworking local Parks and Recreation Department workers also performed park maintenance and lawn cleanup efforts during the week. All of the parks were freshly cut, which certainly aided volunteers in being able to spot and pickup litter. Thank you Parks and Recreation workers.

We would also like to thank our cosponsor - PALS - People Against a Littered State - without whose support, our event would not have been possible. Mr. John O'Driskell, PALS President, provided much needed organizational support as well as providing the bags used in cleanup.

We are also extremely appreciative of the following donors -

- * Alabama Power (thru PALS) - Donation of litter-pickers
- * Advanced Disposal - Donations of bottled water
- * PASS - Peers are Staying Straight - Mrs. Tracie Cheeley
- loan of Pavilion for use at registration
- * Prattville Lawn- Donations of bottled water and candy

A total of **71 volunteers picked up 98 bags of litter** in the following **parks, public areas and adjacent roadsides throughout Prattville and Autauga County:**

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Pratt Park, Farmers Market Lot, Pratt Park Creek Area, Prattville Kindergarten School, Prattville Library, Public access area behind stadium and police department, Newton Park, Spinners Park, Cooters Pond Park, Wilderness Park, Overlook Park, Jasmine Trail, Bell Park, Mac Gray Park, David Whetstone Sports Complex, Upper Kingston Park*, North Highland Park*, Kiwanis Park*, and Spring Hill Park*. (*volunteers performed trash pickup on Monday 9/ 22 /14 also), Autaugaville Park, and Old Kingston Community Park. **A total of 258 volunteer hours were donated to the event.**

We feel Youth Leadership Autauga County accomplished our goal of highlighting our wonderful local parks and showing our appreciation of these green spaces by spreading the word about the need for litter control, and taking a hands on effort to “put litter in it’s place.”

Thank you Prattville and Autauga County for supporting the efforts of Youth Leadership Autauga County!

If you would like to participate in future events to control litter in Prattville, please contact Brandon Perdue at (334) 224-7811. Local youth looking for opportunities for leadership and community activism are encouraged to call and register as a member of the newly forming YOUTH PALS group. High School students looking to strengthen and diversify their portfolio of volunteer impacts (for college admissions competitions) are especially urged to apply.

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