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A KEEP PENNSYLVANIA BEAUTIFUL PUBLICATION

# Dear Friends,

If there is one thing we learned from 2020, it is that Pennsylvanians are not only willing, but eager, to reach out to those in need. In that same spirit, the residents of Pennsylvania demonstrated their willingness to roll up their sleeves to pick up litter that found its way, intentionally or not, to our roads, waterways and trails.

On March 1, we kick off our cleanup season with our Pick Up Pennsylvania initiative. Please join us, and thousands of Pennsylvanians who, like you, believe that a clean and beautiful community is a thriving community. The new year is full of opportunities – let's do some good together!

Gratefully,



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Shannon Reiter, President



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# **Prevent It**

## Surveillance Camera Loan Program

In 2020, the number of illegal dumps reported by the public to Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful (KPB) increased by a significant 212% over previous years. The increase could be a result of the temporary suspension of trash hauling and recycling services due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). It could also be a result of more people spending time outdoors and visiting remote areas, where dumping is more likely to occur. The reports identified illegal dumpsites in 50 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties. The KPB surveillance camera loan program helps identify offenders. Visit keeppabeautiful.org and choose Keep It, for more information.

## Road and Area Adoption Program Helps Mitigate Litter Cleanup Costs

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's road and area adoption program helps mitigate municipal litter cleanup costs. The program equips local residents, civic groups, businesses and other groups with the tools and resources they need to be stewards of their neighborhoods. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful provides a sign recognizing the volunteers' efforts and asks for municipal support to provide the sign post, install the sign and provide trash disposal options as needed. Help promote or participate in the program by visiting keeppabeautiful.org and choose Keep It.

# **Clean It** PICK UP PENNSYLVANIA - a community improvement initiative

Registration is open for Pick Up Pennsylvania 2021! From March 1 through May 31, participants with registered events receive free trash bags, gloves and safety vests provided by support from the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), PennDOT and Keep America Beautiful, as supplies last. DEP and Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association are sponsoring trash disposal, free or at a reduced rate, for registered program participants at participating landfills from April 1 through April 30, with prior approval.

Individuals, families, neighbors, students, civic organizations and local governments are all invited to coordinate or participate in litter or illegal dump cleanups, community greening and beautification, special collections and public education events. Anyone participating in Pick Up Pennsylvania can earn cash prizes for their nonprofit or charity of choice by entering the Pick Up Pennsylvania Video Contest. Visit gacofpa.org for details.

Participants are encouraged to observe the most recent local, state and federal guidelines and/or restrictions to reduce the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful thanks our sponsors for making our programs possible

2021 Pick Up Pennsylvania Sponsors

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# Keep It Recycling and Proper Disposal Education Grants

Every municipal or private recycling service, curbside or drop-off, has its own rules about what can be recycled. It's important for residents to know and follow them to avoid contaminating the recycling stream. To that end, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's affiliates, with support from the Richard King Mellon Foundation, created informational flyers, signs and videos to educate their residents on the services available to them. Videos highlighting recycling centers can be found at voutube.com/user/KeepPABeautiful.

## Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Names Volunteers of the Year

Gary Smith, a volunteer with Allegheny CleanWays since 2007, has worked with The Tireless Project, a riverfront cleanup program that launched a two-week Monongahela River cleanup in 2020 that collected 11,500 pounds of trash and 175 tires

# "I love working with Allegheny CleanWays because of their 'if not now, then when; if not us, then who' *approach to the work that they do!"* - Gary Smith

Charles Dean Hench joined Keep Perry County Beautiful's Juniata River Cleanup Crew in 2017 and continues to lend a hand for events like their CHEMSWEEP collection for the safe disposal of unwanted or unusable pesticides.

# "I enjoy the fellowship with other volunteers having a similar goal to improve our environment." - Charles Hench

## Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's State Partners Recognized Nationally

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation were awarded the Keep America Beautiful State Agency Partnership Award for their support of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful statewide programming and the 2020 Pennsylvania Litter Research Study.



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION





Westmoreland Cleanways and Recycling films recycling video

September 30, 2020

**TOTAL ASSETS** 

TOTAL NET ASSETS

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS

TOTAL NONCURRENT ASSETS

TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Volunteers of the Year, Gary Smith and Charles Dean Hench

\$458,508

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ALLOCATION **OF FUNCTIONAL** EXPENSES Fiscal Year 2019-2020 83% Programs and Services 14% Management and General

Fundraising For detailed information visit keeppabeautiful.org and choose About Us/Annual Reports.



Since 1990 Statewide Statistics 148,372,981 Pounds of Trash Properly Disposed 12,285,944 Pounds of Electronics Recycled 2,593,268 Invaluable Volunteers 1.016.715 Tires Properly Disposed 197,307 Miles of Road Cleaned PROGRES **PENNSYLVA** 

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