Dear Friends,

In these uncertain times, we must rely on the power of community. Working together towards a common goal at the local level will not only help each other, but also neighborhoods as a whole. It might be a simple act, but picking up litter makes an immediate and noticeable difference. It connects us to each other and makes us feel part of something bigger. While we can’t gather in large groups, individuals, families, and small groups can safely support our communities by picking up litter. Join us for Pick Up Pennsylvania from September 1 through November 30. Our actions impact each other and the local and global community. Thank you for considering others and making a choice to keep your community clean and beautiful!

Shannon Reiter
President

To contact an affiliate near you, visit keeppabeautiful.org and choose Get Involved.

Giant Food Stores, LLC

The GIANT Company
President Shannon Reiter, throughout Pennsylvania who understand that our environment is a shared responsibility.

I encourage you to seek out the doers in your community and volunteer with them. They are critical steps in deterring the behavior and educating the public about the harms associated with illegal dumping and ultimately helping to restore the natural beauty of our state.

To participate in the Surveillance Camera Loan program or to report a dumpsite, visit keeppabeautiful.org and choose Illegal Dumping on the Rise During Pandemic.

Illegal Dumping on the Rise During Pandemic: Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful (KPB) continues to partner with the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to reduce cigarette litter in 16 state parks with a $20,000 Cigarette Litter Prevention Program grant from Keep America Beautiful. The program, previously implemented at 28 state parks, documented reduction rates of up to 98 percent and included installation of ash receptacles, education, and distribution of portable ashtrays.

"With our smoke-free beach program now in place at all of our state park waterfront operations, we are seeing a more than 93 percent reduction in cigarette litter in these specific areas," said DCNR Secretary Cindy A. Dunn. "However, this type of cleanup still diverts park personnel from much more meaningful tasks they could be addressing. We welcome Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's continued support in combating this problem."

Cigarette Litter Prevention Program

KPB Continues Work with State Parks to Reduce Cigarette Litter

"We appreciate Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, GIANT and their families’ support for the beautification of the Heart of the Community Garden. Their volunteerism shows there is someone out there who cares about our common environment and the future of our state. This act of generosity ensured the garden was in shape for the Allison Hill Farmers Market held each Wednesday."

– Denise Krebs, Communications Manager for Tri County Community Action

The garden, located near a busy road intersection and next to the Allison Hill Farmers Market held each Wednesday, is a local landmark for community events and gatherings where residents come together to promote community development and environmental stewardship.

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania provides Litter Grabbers for Adopters

"We appreciate Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, the NSource Charitable Foundation, individuals and groups who have adopted roads and areas through the KPB adoption program will have access to litter grabbers. Litter grabbers provide an extra layer of protection from potentially hazardous items for the 300 adopters who continue to give back to their communities, even during a pandemic. Thank you Columbia Gas!"

Tire Collections Resume

Collections of scrap tires, a prime breeding place for mosquitoes that can carry West Nile Virus, are being offered this fall. To find one near you visit keeppabeautiful.org and choose Calendar of Events or contact your county recycling coordinator.

Last year, KPB affiliates collected over 21,000 tires from residents, emphasizing the continued need for convenient, affordable disposal options for hard to dispose items.

"Let everyone sweep in front of his own door, and the whole world will be clean."

– Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Donate Today! Your gift makes a difference in keeping our state clean and beautiful. Consider giving: monetarily, through volunteerism, an event sponsor, a planter, hosting a fundraiser, etc. Visit keeppabeautiful.org and choose Individual Giving or Business Partners, For Volunteer Opportunities visit keeppabeautiful.org.