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Montgomery Youth Wins National KAB Award

In February 2015, after months of preparation and organizing, Ken Ward held the Dream Marches On Youth Day of Service, in which over two hundred young people, and some not so young people, joined together to clean up along the Voting Rights Trail. All of this was in preparation for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of this historic Voting Rights March. For his efforts Ken was awarded the Keep America Beautiful Youth Recognition Award at the 2016 KAB Conference. This award is given to young people who have demonstrated excellence in leadership in their community through improving and beautifying their community. We are so proud of Ken and his accomplishment and are proud to have had a part in this endeavor.



Ken Ward receiving his KAB Youth Recognition Award at the KAB 2016 Annual Conference

Free Paper Shredding Event

Friday, April 8, 7:00 til 1:00
Garrett Coliseum, South Parking Lot
5 bag/box limit

Sponsored by

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Volunteers Gather to Bag Seedling For Arbor Week Tree Giveaway

On Monday, February 22, volunteers from Montgomery Trees, MCCC, Alabama Power Company and students from the Montessori School at Hampstead gathered to bag over 2400 trees to be given away at the Capitol Seedling Giveaway and other venues in celebration of Arbor Week in Alabama. MCCC thanks everyone who gave of their time to this valuable project.



NEW TREES FOR NORMAN BRIDGE ROAD

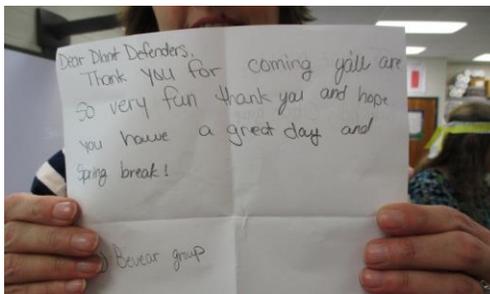
Drive past the Normandale Shopping Center, along Norman Bridge Road, you may notice a fine row of newly planted trees. You can thank MCCC's newest board member, Ken Ward, for getting them planted. Once again, Ken's commitment to a cleaner, more beautiful Montgomery is on display. With an Alabama Power Good Roots grant and a grant from Wind Creek, Ken purchased the trees. Montgomery's Urban Forester, Russell Stringer, and the City of Montgomery planted the trees on Thursday, December 3, 2015. Home Depot donated 14 bags of pine mulch to protect the young trees as they mature, which volunteers distributed on Saturday, December 12, 2015. Next time you drive past, be sure and check them out! Thanks, Ken, for all you are doing for Montgomery.



Blue Planet Defenders Update

Pintlala and TS Morris Elementary students have been having a wonderful time learning about water and nonpoint source pollution through the interactive educational/environmental club, Blue Planet Defenders. BPD is an educational partnership between MCCC, the City of Montgomery, and the Alabama Clean Water Partnership aimed at putting the spotlight on clean water and what the students can do to help keep it clean. Recently students got to “rain” on a wetland that they had built to see how rain carried pollution into the water, built a watershed in a bottle to study how plants, rocks and other natural elements help slow the flow of water through a landscape, and even created a collage featuring animals, fish and plants that make watersheds and waterways their home.

The BPD’s will be wrapping up for the year shortly with a fun filled event where education and fun happen in equal measure. Pintlala Elementary will be having a field day with educational and fun activities. TS Morris’s wrap up event is still in the planning stage.



Pintlala Elementary 5th graders enjoying learning and having fun as they do. One of the BPD’s even wrote the facilitators a fan letter!



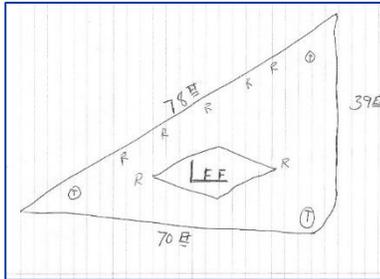
5th graders at TS Morris had a blast learning about keeping their drinking water clean.

Lee High Beautification Project Continues

MCCC and Bridge Builders continue to work to create a garden to grace the front of Lee High School. After digging up tree stumps and layers of compacted dirt and debris and replacing it with good top soil, the Bridge Builders begin the process of planting crepe myrtles and Knock Out roses. As spring progresses, planting will continue as the soon-to-be garden spot takes shape. Once the garden is complete it will be a source of pride and beauty for Lee High School and the surrounding neighborhood.



Removing old soil full of roots and debris



Simple sketch of garden plan



Putting in the new soil



Bridge Builders planting Knock Out roses and crepe myrtles in the garden space in front of Lee High School. Monkey grass will also be an element in the space.



MCCC Mascots, Froggles and Terry, make an appearance in the New Year's Day parade.

MCCC Out & About

MCCC was proud to be a part of the Martin Luther King Day of Service again this year. This year's crew picked up lots of litter.

