



Greening Up Woodfin

Early College of AB Tech classes go out to plant at Curbside Management Recycling Center in Woodfin monthly. They have planted 50 trees and shrubs along the fence along with hundreds of daffodils. Thanks to AvL Technologies for supporting our efforts in their new Woodfin community where they moved last year from the River Arts District. We will be planting trees at several sites around Woodfin in the winter. If you would like to volunteer please call - it's a great exercise program while improving the environment!



green the RAD

Constance Williams Gallery in-studio artists will sponsor a month of Asheville GreenWorks' Green the RAD beautification project with their December group show, "Art = Beauty" December 10 - January 11. Opening reception, Saturday, December 10, 1:00 - 4:00. "Because the River Arts District is an industrial area, Asheville GreenWorks saw the need to make it more user and visitor friendly, giving birth to the program, where we collaborate with partners to keep up neglected and underutilized outdoor spaces," said Constance when explaining how important the cooperation and sense of ownership and pride are to everyone.

There will be monthly events and planting projects. On December 9 FLS (Full Light Solar) will show their support for their new neighborhood by planting daffodils all the way from the Grey Eagle to their new digs on Clingman. Another neighbor, Sitework Studios, Landscape Architects, designed beautiful plantings all through Clingman with the City of Asheville and now the neighbors are stepping up to keep them beautiful.

Holiday Parade

AGW Board member Cindy Conner and husband David Campbell, owners of MMS who do our newsletter, were great sports to walk in the Holiday Parade with 10 Bag Monsters and an assortment of litter pickers! Fun had by all and maybe we got the message out about litter. The best part was we were near Santa but not behind the horses this year! We've marched in the parade every year since time began. Volunteer Coordinator Eric Bradford did a great job of cloning his popular bag monster and talking it up to friends and cohorts.



Treasured Trees



Treasured Tree owners David and Gay Cogburn are so proud of their White Pines. They think they are the tallest and most treasured in Biltmore Forest. We featured them in one of our Treasured Tree calendars a few years ago. Asheville GreenWorks is updating our records and reinvigorating the program after we discovered that the folks at the new Wells Fargo/old Wachovia Bank at Patton and Louisiana in West Asheville had no idea they owned a precious English (Cypress) Oak that had been designated in the 1980s by Dr. Lowell Orbison. They removed it along with two cherry trees we planted with AB Tech students 25 years ago to erect a huge red sign. They have promised to replace the trees and we are asking them to help us plant trees all along Patton Avenue as an Arbor Day celebration next Spring - we'll keep you posted. In the meantime, if you have a Treasured Tree near you please be in touch so you can help us treat it with respect once again. There are about 200 individual trees, 10 streets and 8 preserves in our Treasured Tree list that are all around Asheville and Buncombe County. The program was modeled on "Champion" tree programs, is not a legally binding designation, but instead an educational, pride program to make people more aware of and appreciate their trees.



Dear Asheville GreenWorks friends and neighbors,

We're all so proud and glad to be living in Asheville! Buncombe County! Western North Carolina! - one of the most beautiful places on earth!

Let's all appreciate the volunteer efforts that have gone into protecting and improving on what we all may take for granted - over 38 years of diligent effort. Walk down any street in downtown Asheville, drive on our major roadways or go to any school or park grounds and you will take in the beauty of the trees and landscaping we planted over the years. In fact Asheville will receive the Tree City USA award for the 32nd year. Besides plantings, tons of materials have been recycled that would have landed in the landfill and miles of streets have been adopted for cleanup.

This has been a very rewarding year for our beautification and cleanup efforts. But as you can imagine, we have so much more to do.

For this reason we are asking you to consider giving generously to our funds to beautify and cleanup. Our members are the lifeblood of our organization. As a member, your gift keeps us moving steadily toward our ultimate vision: to deeply affect the community with our work and educational programs. Together we can make Asheville and Buncombe County a place that all who visit or live here will recognize for its cleanliness and natural beauty.

Know that whatever you can give, you are deeply appreciated. On behalf of the staff, volunteers and our wonderful Board of Directors, we want to wish you a gratifying holiday season filled with many opportunities to celebrate all of the blessings of life in these beautiful mountains.

All the best,

Louise Baker

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The South Rotary Club that meets at the Hilton have adopted Lake Julian Park. They brought their families out in October to plant over 100 flowering shrubs and restore the landscape around the fishing pier. Next project is restoring the much used playground.



Bag Monster, aka Eric Bradford, meets Gene Elliston, former City Councilman and Eagle/Market leader, at the Goombay Festival this Fall.



High School student and great worker Colin Stone, our 2011 Volunteer of the Year, clearing kudzu at the McDowell Bridge up St. Dunstan's Circle with visiting Davidson College students - heroes one and all!



Yuck - graffiti! Greenman Ale and realtor Russ Towers asked us to clear out graffiti at their digs. We have supplies available and can help get it off fast. Recent removals include Lexington Ave near the LAB Brewery, the Jewish Community Center and Rosebud Video on Charlotte Street, all along Haywood Road in West Asheville and the River Arts District. We are pushing for more enforcement, but in the meantime trying to tame the frustration with brawn. This is an excellent partnership between business owners and volunteers.



Sunday, November 6 was a glorious day - 20 volunteers planted sycamore and elm trees to shade the Wedge Brewery out by the railroad tracks in the River Arts District, just one of many projects to beautify and greenup our new 'hood. It's the first time we've ever planted while being serenaded and offered delicious beer. Thanks to Tim Schaller, Wedge owner, for pulling us all together. We've formed "Greening up the River Arts District" a cooperation of artists, property owners and Asheville GreenWorks to raise funds for more trees and flowers where there once were piles of trash.

All contributions to Asheville GreenWorks are tax deductible.

Asheville GreenWorks Contribution Form

Consider making a donation in honor or memory of a loved one. You can help plant trees or support other clean and green initiatives - one way or another, we really need and appreciate your support of our green initiatives. Thank you for your consideration.

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