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BEAUTIFY CAROLINA FOREST ADDS GARDNER LACY ROAD TO LITTER REMOVAL AREA

Volunteers with Beautify Carolina Forest expanded their litter pick-up area to Gardner Lacy Road this past weekend during their monthly litter removal in Carolina Forest. “We’ve been hoping to expand to Gardner Lacy Road for some time now”, said Richard Skrip, president of Beautify Carolina Forest who coordinates the monthly litter pick-up. “Through social media and email blasts, we’ve expanded our outreach to residents that live in Clear Pond and other communities adjacent to Gardner Lacy Road”

Interest in helping to clean-up our community of Carolina Forest continues to increase and a greater than normal volunteer turnout this past Saturday allowed the expansion of trash pick-up in Carolina Forest. Twenty-three volunteers picked up nearly 80 bags of trash and other debris this past weekend. “The great turnout allowed us to send a crew to Gardner Lacy Rd. Unfortunately, there was so much trash along that roadway that the crew could only clean a portion of the roadside”, said Skrip. Twelve bags of trash, a fender and house siding were just some of the items removed from along the eastern most section of Gardner Lacy Road. The western section, closest to 501 could not be completed. Three crews of two people each are needed to clean the entire stretch of Gardner Lacy Road, from 501 to Clear Pond. Volunteer turn-out always dictates the number of roadside areas cleaned.

Full trash bags were left alongside Carolina Forest roadways, along with construction debris, tires and signs for the county litter crews to retrieve on Monday. “We continue to break a record for trash and debris collected”, said Skrip. “This month’s collection is unusually heavy because last month’s trash pick-up was cancelled due to the hurricane. However, disrespectful and careless people are to blame for the mess we clean up every month. I’m hoping we can increase enforcement and change behavior, thereby limiting the amount of roadside trash and debris left alongside our roads. A more comprehensive approach to solving our trash problem must be put in place”, said Skrip.

Area roadways cleaned by Beautify Carolina Forest volunteers include: Carolina Forest Boulevard, from Highway 501 to River Oaks Drive; Gateway Drive, from Carolina Forest Boulevard to the Golf Course; River Oaks Drive, from Carolina Forest Boulevard to International Drive; and International Drive, from River Oaks Drive to Highway 31. Other roadways we would like to include are Postal Way, from Carolina Forest Boulevard to Gardner Lacy Road and International Drive, from River Oaks Drive to the road end. We also coordinate with Dale Keyser, from Berkshire Forest who cleans River Oaks Drive, from Carolina Forest Boulevard to Augusta Plantation Drive. So far this year, over 700 bags of trash and other debris have been removed from Carolina Forest roadways.

If you would like to participate in our monthly roadside clean-up and other beautification projects or submit a beautification idea, visit the Beautify Carolina Forest web site at www.beautifycarolinaforest.org, or our Facebook page, Beautify Carolina Forest. Donations can also be mailed to: Beautify Carolina Forest, PO Box 50411, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579, or made through Paypal on our web site or Facebook page. With your help, we will continue to beautify Carolina Forest!