

CLEANUP

VOLUNTEERISM

RESTORE

TOGETHER

COMMUNITY PRIDE

BEAUFORT COUNTY
ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY
NEWSLETTER

LOCAL IMPACT

2024

PARTNERSHIP

PRESERVE

BEAUTIFY

STEWARDSHIP

PROTECT



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY NEWSLETTER 2024



Beaufort County Litter Supervisor Spotlight Jesus Rodriguez



My name is Jesus Rodriguez, and I'm honored to be your Litter Control Supervisor and Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator for Beaufort County. My wife, Shavonne, and I moved to Bluffton from New York 2.5 years ago. When we're not tending to our three children, pet parrots Malo, Mendo, and Vida, you can find us enjoying the outdoors, taking walks, or simply sitting outside and appreciating nature.

We love South Carolina and are drawn to the area's natural beauty and slower pace of life. I'm passionate about my work and believe that every action in life, no matter how small, has a purpose.

I'm excited to serve our community and contribute to the long-standing tradition of KBCB's Adopt-A-Highway program.

In the coming year, I'm focused on several key areas to enhance our program:

- **Improved Communication:** We'll be strengthening our communication with our volunteers through various methods such as emails, events, newsletters, and recognition programs.
- **Enhanced Safety:** We're committed to improving safety and awareness for our volunteers as they clean up county roadways. Your time and dedication are invaluable, and we want to ensure your well-being.

Remember, litter affects us all. Let's work together to keep our beautiful county clean and healthy

- Jesus Rodriguez



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY DATA



POUNDS

2024

56,749

2023: 35,835

BAGS

2024

3,814

2023: 2,389

VOLUNTEERS

2024

2,357

2023: 1,563

VOLUNTEER HOURS

2024

2,928

2023: 2,377



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY DATA BY MONTH



JANUARY

27 Events
252 (Individuals)
Volunteering
298 Hours Reported
327 Bags of Trash Collected
5,025 Pounds of Trash

FEBRUARY

19 Events
174 (Individuals)
Volunteering
206 Hours Reported
416 Bags of Trash Collected
6,240 Pounds of Trash

MARCH

30 Events
277 (Individuals)
Volunteering
319 Hours Reported
528 Bags of Trash Collected
7,920 Pounds of trash

APRIL

20 Events
194 (Individuals)
Volunteering
414 Hours Reported
200 Bags of Trash Collected
3,000 Pounds of Trash



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY DATA BY MONTH



MAY

30 Events
286 (Individuals)
Volunteering
349 Hours Reported
386 Bags of Trash Collected
5,625 Pounds of Trash

JUNE

19 Events
142 (Individuals)
Volunteering
195 Hours Reported
271 Bags of Trash Collected
3,915 Pounds of Trash

JULY

13 Events
71 (Individuals)
Volunteering
75 Hours Reported
120 Bags of Trash
Collected
1,800 Pounds of Trash

AUGUST

30 Events
232 (Individuals)
Volunteering
254 Hours Reported
411 Bags of Trash Collected
6165 Pounds of Trash



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY DATA BY MONTH



SEPTEMBER

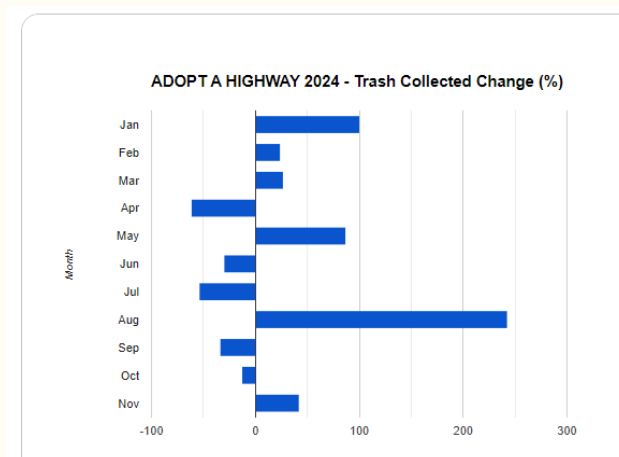
22 Events
157 (Individuals)
Volunteering
173 Hours Reported.
269 Bags of Trash Collected
4,035 Pounds of Trash

OCTOBER

21 Events
204 (Individuals)
Volunteering
234 Hours Reported
233 Bags of Trash Collected
3,495 Pounds of Trash

NOVEMBER

17 Events
159 (Individuals)
Volunteering
195 Hours Reported
332 Bags of Trash Collected
4,980 Pounds of Trash

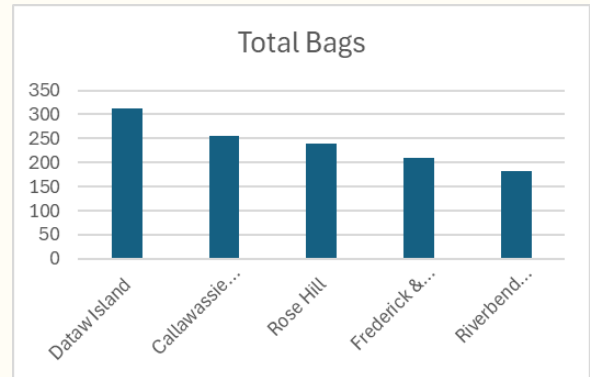


VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION



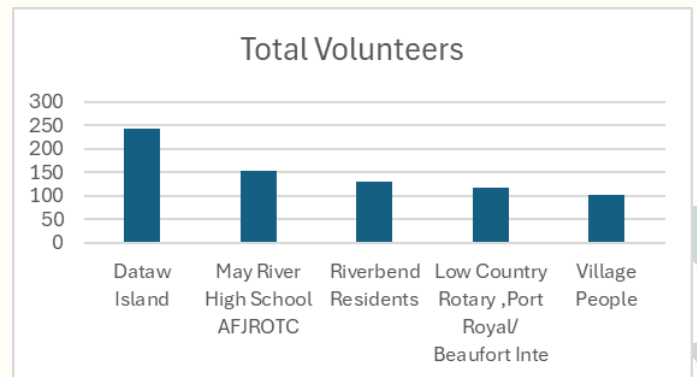
Top AAH Groups Bag Collection

- 1) Dataw Island
- 2) Callawassie Island Ecology Comm.
- 3) Rose Hill
- 4) Frederick & Frederick Architects
- 5) Riverbend Residents



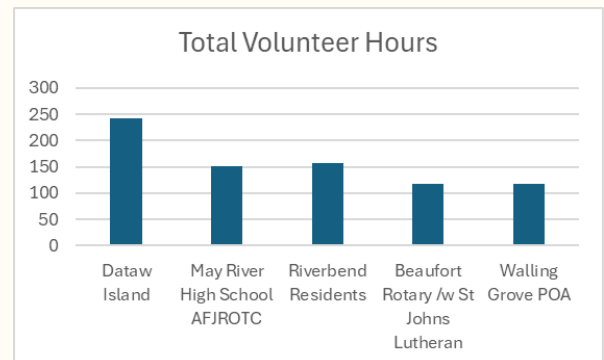
Top AAH Groups Total Volunteers

- 1) Dataw Island
- 2) May River High School AFJROTC
- 3) Riverbend Residents
- 4) Low Country Rotary ,Port Royal/ Beaufort Inte
- 5) Village People



Top AAH Groups Total Hours

- 1) Dataw Island
- 2) May River High School AFJROTC
- 3) Riverbend Residents
- 4) Beaufort Rotary /w St Johns Lutheran
- 5) Walling Grove POA



SAFETY TIPS AND BEST PRACTICES



HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TO AVOID

CLOSED COOLERS, DRINK BOTTLES WITH ODD COLORED LIQUID OR CONTAINERS CONNECTED WITH RUBBER HOISING

GAS CANS, CAR BATTERIES, OIL CANS AND ANTIFREEZE CONTAINERS

NEEDLES AND SYRINGES

CHEMICAL CONTAINERS

DEAD ANIMALS

UNIDENTIFIABLE, DENTED, OR LEAKING CONTAINERS

USED SANITARY PADS, CONDOMS, ETC.

PROPANE TANKS

CLEANUP SAFETY TIPS

WORK DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY

LEAVE PETS AT HOME

CHILDREN 13 & UNDER SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

AVOID HIGH TRAFFIC AREAS

WORK IN TEAMS

WEAR SAFETY VEST OR BRIGHTLY COLORED CLOTHING

WEAR LONG PANTS AND SUBSTANTIAL SHOES

WEAR GLOVES WHILE HANDLING MATERIALS

WEAR SUNSCREEN & INSECT REPELLENT

BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

DRINK PLENTY OF WATER

DON'T TRY TO MOVE HEAVY OR LARGE OBJECTS

WASH YOUR HANDS AFTER WORKING

DO NOT PICK UP HAZARDOUS WASTE MATERIALS



PROPER WASTE DISPOSAL



RECYCLING GUIDELINES

Key Changes to Recycling Guidelines:

1. **No Caps or Lids:** Remove all caps and lids from plastic and glass bottles before recycling. Caps and lids belong in household trash.
2. **Size Restrictions:** Plastic and glass items must be larger than a cup and no larger than a gallon. Examples of items include water bottles, milk jugs, and peanut butter jars.
3. **No Bagging:** Do not place recyclables in paper or plastic bags. Place them loosely in the recycling bin.
4. **Paper Size Requirement:** Recyclable paper must be larger than a standard envelope. Shredded paper belongs in household trash.
5. **No Crushing:** Bottles and cans should remain uncrushed so they are not mistaken or cause issues during the sorting process.

Recycling Contaminants, Do Not Recycle:

1. **Bulky Items:** Plastic items larger than a gallon should be put in the Class 2 "Bulky Waste" at the Beaufort County Convenience Centers.
2. **Film:** Plastic film and bags can be placed in the appropriate film containers in the sheds at the Beaufort County Convenience Centers.
3. **Food:** Food should be placed in your backyard compost bin or household trash.
4. **Bagged Trash/ Recyclables:** All recycling should be placed loosely in the recycling bin.



UPDATES AND REMINDERS



Adopt-A-Highway Information

Picked up 56,749 pounds of litter.

Closed out 104 litter/illegal dumping complaints.

374 litter pickups held.

Reminders

Adopt-A-Highway Online Submission Form

<https://www.beaufortcountysc.gov/solid-waste-and-recycle/adopt-a-highway/pickup-form.html>

Contact Info

Email: jesus.rodriguez@bcgov.net

Phone: 843-255-2817

Upcoming Events

E-Waste Event Dates 2025

February 8, 2025

E-waste Event Hours:
9 am - 1 pm

E-waste Event Locations

- Beaufort Site: 140 Shanklin Rd. Beaufort SC 29906
- Bluffton Site: River Ridge Academy – 3050 Raider Drive, Bluffton SC 29910





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Ancient Order of
Hibernians



Clean & Green
Brigade





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Distant Island



Gullah/Geechee Sea
Island Coalition



Habersham
Community





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KABC Bike Club



Saxonville Legacy Group



Sheldon Litter



Village People

