

# Hit the road with Keep Noblesville Beautiful

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Keep Noblesville Beautiful (KNB) will kick off its season of work Saturday with clean up project on Indiana 37. Volunteers can meet at Our Lady of Grace Church, at the corner of 191st Street and Indiana 37, between 8 and 8:30 a.m. to pick up bags and safety vests before heading out to the roadway. There will be some gloves to share, but vol-

unteers are asked to bring their own just to be sure.

"KNB does this event four times a year to keep up with the trash that is either thrown on the roadside intentionally, or blown off of trucks," said Ann Lemna with KNB and one of those taking to the streets Saturday. "It is a benefit to the community to pick up the trash before the mowers come through and adds visual appeal

to our city on one of the busiest thoroughfares. Environmentally, it keeps the trash out of the drainage ditches which helps prevent clogging."

She said volunteers and members of KNB come out to such projects for varied reasons, mostly it's about taking pride in their community. At the same time, those helping get a close up look at the types, and volume, of



trash that ends up on the roadway.

The free mini-breakfast doesn't hurt either. Lemna said the job is usually done within three hours.

"(Volunteers) get to make a difference in the beauty of our city and

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they get to see what kinds of trash make it onto the roadway," she said. "The most interesting thing I have found is a complete gutter. The large Styrofoam drink cup seems to be the most common item that is thrown out of cars."

With Earth Day and similar activities this and next weekend throughout Central Indiana, the clean-up is an easy, and fun way, to be part of making a difference. Once you participate in cleanup projects like the on Saturday, you become more aware and take notice of roadside trash, Lemna noted.

She thanked Paul McGriff and the staff at Hamilton County Probation for their continual support of KNB projects and the Westfield Station of the Indiana Department of Transportation for supplies which make such clean-up efforts successful.

6. Keep Noblesville Beautiful is grateful to Mr. Paul McGriff and the staff at Hamilton County Probation for their assistance with our clean-ups.

For more information on Keep Noblesville Beautiful including upcoming events and how to join at [www.keepnoblesvillebeautiful.org](http://www.keepnoblesvillebeautiful.org).