

'Keep Noblesville Beautiful' blitzes Riverwood neighborhood

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Ninety-nine volunteers, including over 30 members of Noblesville's 7th grade football team, helped 16 Riverwood residents remove trash and brush, make minor home repairs and landscape their properties as Keep Noblesville Beautiful (KNB) hosted its fifth annual "Neighborhood Blitz" recently.

"The drizzle didn't dampen the spirits of the neighborhood residents or our volunteers," said Cindy Haas, KNB's Blitz Chairman. "Everyone put on their rain gear and went to work, clearing over 60 yards of debris and 24 tires."

KNB is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing Noblesville's natural beauty through a variety of community outreach programs. With the support of local businesses, KNB coordinates street and highway clean-ups, tree and mulch give-aways, neighborhood trash removal and home repair, and property maintenance education.

In addition to the football youths, who showed they could clear brush and spread mulch as aggressively as they block and tackle, others assisting KNB volunteers on the Riverwood blitz included the White River Christian Church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the Faith Community Church and the Hamilton County Probation Group.

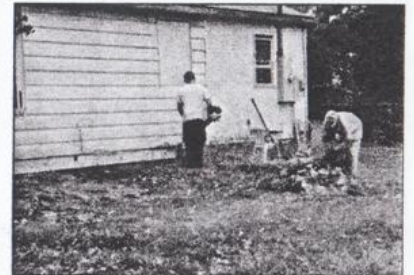
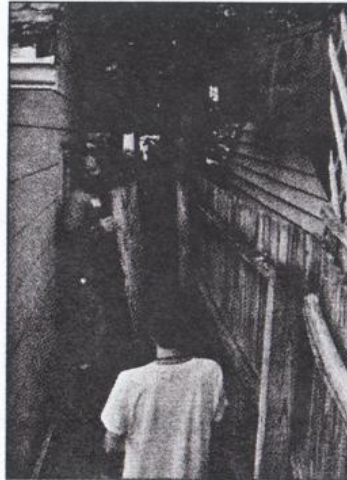
Also participating in the Sept. 11 blitz were the Hamilton County Highway Department, Hamilton County Master Gardeners and the Indiana Tree Stewards.

This year's volunteers and residents not only gave their time and effort, some gave their blood, as well. A bloodmobile from the Indiana Blood Center was on-hand, and collected 17 pints.

"There is an ongoing, urgent need for blood," said the Indiana Blood Center's Megan Hess. "We sincerely appreciate the contributions of everyone involved."

Blitz sponsors included Wal-Mart, Schwartz Trailer Sales, Sunbelt Rental, Home Depot, Perkins Family Restaurant, Culvers, Noble Coffee & Tea, Little Caesars, and the River Clean-up Organization.

For more information about this non-profit organization visit: www.KeepNoblesvilleBeautiful.org.



Photos by Jason Barnett

(Top) Riverwood resident Marvin Laws (left) joins KNB board members Mark Reuter, Glen Schwartz and Donna Parker in presenting their trailer load of trash. (Above) Donna Parker (right), a board member for Keep Noblesville Beautiful, works with an unidentified volunteer. (Left) Unidentified member of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints assists Pastor Patrick Probst of Faith Community Church.