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## Blitz to hit Noblesville neighborhood

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The Times file photo by Steven Furlow

Volunteers work to clean up around a house during a previous year of the KNB Neighborhood clean up blitz.

The members of Keep Noblesville Beautiful (KNB) will join community volunteers and homeowners for its annual Neighborhood Clean-up Blitz in coordination with the Noblesville Street Department May 19. This year's effort will focus on the area bordered by North Street, Evans Avenue and 10th and 16th streets.

"There are always so many appreciative residents who can't believe all the work is done at no cost to them," said Susan Mayes, a member of KNB who is organizing the blitz. "All the volunteers who come together from various organizations is amazing."

And it isn't too late to volunteers to help.

The blitz runs 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine and Mayes said any amount of time given is greatly appreciated. Volunteers should dress appropriately;

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bringing gloves is helpful. If under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian is needed to sign a waiver form.

Volunteers can email [KeepNoblesvilleBeautiful@gmail.com](mailto:KeepNoblesvilleBeautiful@gmail.com) to get involved or simply show up at the registration table on the corner of 10th and Evans streets May 19. Food, drinks & tools are provided at the tent.

Last year KNB in cooperation with the Noblesville Street Department, City Hall, Hamilton County Master Gardeners and IDNR Tree Stewards assisted 36 homes in the designated area, pro-

vided removal of more than 240 yards of trash, filled a box truck from DAO Recycling with reclaimed materials and removed several old trees that were becoming hazardous.

KNB was assisted in organizing this event by the North Side Crime Watch group who canvassed the neighborhood to encourage homeowner participation.

"It's easier for residents to feel safe when they see a familiar face from the neighborhood at their door," said Brenda Cook of the Crime Watch team. "Residents can request outdoor

work such as pruning, removing old landscaping, weeding, mulching and some painting. Residents often ask about the cost and are surprised to discover that all services are free."

Volunteer groups participating in the Blitz include the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Noblesville High School National Honor Society, CERT Certified Emergency Response Team, and the North Side Crime Watch. Donations are being made by local businesses.

More information at [www.KeepNoblesvilleBeautiful.org](http://www.KeepNoblesvilleBeautiful.org).