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Lockhart Clean-Up Approaching

Community Participation Encouraged

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SEGUIN- The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA), the City of Lockhart Parks Department, and several Lockhart residents joined forces to organize the city's first "Keep Lockhart Beautiful" clean-up event. Scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008 from 7:30 a.m.-1p.m. The community-wide clean-up will occur in Town Branch, a tributary of Plum Creek that flows through Pecos Street Park, Navarro Springs Park and Walkway, Arredondo Park, Lions Park, and City Park.

"Town Branch is made up of flow from the Lockhart Springs and other springs in the area," said GBRA Director of Water Quality Service Debbie Magin. "It is because of this beautiful crystal clear water that settlers were drawn to the area and established the community of Lockhart."

Now an urban stream, the water quality and aesthetics of Town Branch is impacted by trash and debris. After seeing news of the recent Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority clean ups that took place in rural stretches of Plum Creek, Sonja Villalobos, a concerned Lockhart resident, contacted the Lockhart Parks Department to discuss a possible clean-up in her neighborhood park. "My daughters, Cielo and Serenity, wanted our family to clean-up Lions Park, but I realized it was more than one family could take on," said Villalobos.

The Lockhart Parks Department, GBRA, Villalobos and other community clubs and organizations have joined together to organize the Town Branch clean-up on September 20. Trash, bottles, debris and brush that have accumulated in the creek will be removed, and glass, plastic, paper and tires will be sorted for recycling.

Residents interested in the clean-up should contact Hillary Contreras at 512-644-0441 or hillaryrcontreras@yahoo.com by Sept. 5. Businesses interested in sponsoring this effort may contact Liz Sedlacek at 1-800-413-5822 for more information.

"The Lockhart parks are very clean and well-maintained by the city, so the clean-up will focus on the stream that flow through the parks," said Magin. GBRA Lockhart water and wastewater employees will clean the section of the creek downstream of the Larremore Wastewater Plant.

Other participating community organizations and businesses involved in the clean-up are; the Lockhart Lions Club, Lost Pines Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist, Lockhart High School Key Club and Student Council, Lockhart I.S.D. Schools, Pegasus Schools Inc., Lockhart Discipline Management Campus, the Boy Scouts of Lockhart, St. Mary's Catholic Church Youth Group, Plum Creek Watershed Partnership, Lawn Service by James, National Resources Conservation Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Department of Transportation and Caldwell County. An Environmental Fair will be set up at the Lockhart City Park Pavilion the day of the event with information on local recycling, water quality and environmental protection activities.

The GBRA was established by the Texas Legislature in 1933 as a water conservation and reclamation district. GBRA provides stewardship for the water resources in its 10-county statutory district, which begins near the headwaters of the Guadalupe and Blanco rivers, ends at San Antonio Bay, and includes Kendall, Comal, Hays, Caldwell, Guadalupe, Gonzales, DeWitt, Victoria, Calhoun, and Refugio counties.