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Pasco County Shows Community 'Cleanup' Pride

~~Great American Cleanup volunteers collect nearly 60 thousand pounds of trash~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- Pasco County residents came out in full force to participate in the 2016 Great American Cleanup on Saturday, April 16th. Hundreds of volunteers helped pick up trash throughout Pasco County in several areas, including Crystal Springs Preserve, Lacochee, Dade City, Hudson, New Port Richey, Werner-Boyce Salt Springs State Park in Port Richey and Anclote Gulf Park in Holiday.

This year, 484 volunteers picked up 29 tons of trash – equaling 58,000 pounds. They also picked up tires, car bumpers – even a metal filing cabinet. “It’s a shame that it’s necessary to keep having these cleanups,” said Kristen King, Keep Pasco Beautiful Coordinator. “Yet it is reassuring to see so many people who care and take pride in their community. A lot of the litter in our environment is unintentional, which is something we can all help address. Make sure your trash cans have lids, secure loads when hauling and remove trash from the bed of pick-ups so items don’t fly out. It’s also helpful to keep a trash bag in your vehicle.”

Many groups walked around picking up litter, but some volunteers used air boats. ‘Friends of the Anclote River’ had a group of kayakers who picked up 20 bags of trash throughout the river.

The Great American Cleanup is hosted by Keep Pasco Beautiful and funded through corporate donations. The success of the event is due to the collaboration and assistance of Pasco County Departments such as Recycling and Education; Road and Bridge; Parks and Natural Resources; and Libraries.

To find out how you can volunteer with Keep Pasco Beautiful call (727) 856-7252 or e-mail kking@pascocountyfl.net.

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