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### Joint Litter Abatement Crew in St. Tammany Celebrates One-Year Anniversary

Pat Brister, St. Tammany Parish President, announced today, the one-year anniversary of the St. Tammany Parish full-time, joint litter abatement crew in partnership with the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office. In the one year since it's been in operation, 1,048 miles of roadways have been cleaned and 474,740 pounds of litter have been removed from the streets of St. Tammany.

"Our litter problem was growing, so we tackled it. This crew has made serious progress, and will continue to do it," said St. Tammany Parish President. "We would like everyone to look at these numbers and like we do, take pride in St. Tammany and our beautiful community by cleaning up when you see litter, and reminding your children and families to do the same."

The full-time Litter Abatement crew is a joint collaboration between St. Tammany Parish Government, Keep St. Tammany Beautiful, and the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office. The crews use two litter abatement vans as well as St. Tammany Parish Jail trustees, who deploy Monday through Friday, and execute cleanup operations assigned to them by the St. Tammany Parish Litter Abatement office.

Parish officials continue to encourage local businesses to come together and show their love for St. Tammany and to encourage residents and employees to keep their parking lots and business sites clean by urging the proper disposal of trash and debris. Littering is a crime under [state law](#), as well as a violation of [Parish Ordinances](#). State fines can range from up to \$250 per incident to up to \$1000 an incident for illegal dumping sites. Ordinance violations at the Parish level carry a fine of no less than \$250 for a first offense. Residents can learn more about the various initiatives through Keep St. Tammany Beautiful or sign up to volunteer, at [www.keepsttammanybeautiful.org](http://www.keepsttammanybeautiful.org).

To report litter violations please complete a Litter Prevention Form found on the Keep St. Tammany Beautiful website, [here](#). To request cleanup of a roadway in St. Tammany, please submit a Road Cleanup Request form found [here](#).

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*St. Tammany Parish is committed to sustainability through initiatives like [Keep St. Tammany Beautiful](#), launched in 2015, the implementation of green energy throughout our Parish-owned facilities, daily litter abatement crews, our Green Guide, elevated water quality standards, and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days. To learn more or to volunteer with Keep St. Tammany Beautiful, visit, [www.keepsttammanybeautiful.org](http://www.keepsttammanybeautiful.org).*

