

## **Keep Lockhart Beautiful/Mike McGregor Receive Keep Texas Beautiful Award/Grant Results**

(Lockhart, Texas) – Keep Texas Beautiful recently announced [Mike McGregor](#) as a winner of the 2014 O.P. Schnabel Senior Citizen Award, one of the awards it bestows to honor those who protect the Texas environment and support the organization’s mission to make Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation. At the same time they received notice that the Governor’s Community Achievement Award application scored for second place.

The O.P. Schnabel Senior Citizen Award recognizes volunteers who demonstrate positive dynamic and selfless public-spirited leadership in enhancing the Texas environment during their lifetime." Each year, Keep Texas Beautiful acknowledges deserving individuals, businesses, community groups, civic organizations, media, government entities and law enforcement officials for their commitment to an array of environmental issues, including litter prevention and community beautification, volunteerism, illegal dumping enforcement and education.

Besides Mike’s tireless volunteering throughout the community, he has contributed countless hours to the organization and programs of Keep Lockhart Beautiful including the recent application for the Governor’s Community Achievement Award (GCAA). Mike led a team of volunteers from the Keep Lockhart Beautiful Board in coordinating and gathering documentation to submit the application. This is the second application submitted by the City of Lockhart and this year was awarded Second Place. For more than two decades, Keep Texas Beautiful, in partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), has awarded the prestigious Governor's Community Achievement Awards (GCAA) to ten Texas communities with the best grassroots environmental programs in the state each year. The competition distributes \$2 million in funding from TxDOT across the ten communities, with the amount based on population size. The funds are used for landscaping projects along local rights-of-way, and for a city our size under 15,000 the award is for \$160,000. Mike commented, “We knew we had some gaps in our application, and now we can add that to our program of work making us even more competitive next year.”

Award winners will be recognized at KTB’s Annual Conference. A full list of winners and award descriptions, as well as information about the conference can be found at [www.ktb.org](http://www.ktb.org).



**Keep Texas Beautiful**, a statewide grassroots environmental and community improvement nonprofit, strives to educate and engage Texans to take responsibility for improving their community environment. KTB and its more than 360 affiliates work with government, businesses, civic groups, and volunteers to ensure that every Texan has the opportunity to make Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation. For more information on programs and events, call 1-800-CLEAN-TX or visit [www.ktb.org](http://www.ktb.org). To participate or to volunteer in Keep Lockhart Beautiful email [ecodev@lockhart-tx.org](mailto:ecodev@lockhart-tx.org) or call Lockhart City Hall.

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