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INFORMATION:

Keep Charlotte Beautiful Accepting Letters of Intent for the 2016 Beautification Grant

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Keep Charlotte Beautiful is accepting Letters of Intent for its 2016 Beautification Grant, which provides Charlotte neighborhoods, schools, and nonprofit organizations up to \$5,000 for beautification projects in their communities. Keep Charlotte Beautiful is a volunteer board appointed by the Mayor and City Council that seeks to enhance the quality of life for Charlotteans by maintaining and improving the cleanliness and beauty of the city.

Letters of Intent from interested groups must include the following:

- Project description in 500 words or less.
- Project location, amount requested, tentative date when the project will take place, and entities involved.
- Why the group is applying for the grant.
- How this project will enhance applicant's community.

NBS staff advertised this grant opportunity via an email to Neighborhood Matching Grant subscribers, Community Engagement service area teams, a press release, and social media.

The Mayor and City Council members are encouraged to share this opportunity with their constituents. Eligibility is open to all Charlotte neighborhoods, schools, and nonprofit organizations. Keep Charlotte Beautiful Board members will review all submissions and invite finalists to submit a formal grant application. Special consideration will be given to organizations that agree to participate in Keep Charlotte Beautiful's Adopt-a-City-Street program.

Letters of intent must be received by 5:00 p.m. on January 4, 2016. Guidelines for submitting letters of intent along with scoring criteria and examples of previous winners can be found online at kcb.charmeck.org.

Changes to Solid Waste Services Coming During the 2015 Holiday Season

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The entire Solid Waste Services staff will observe the Christmas holiday from Friday, December 25 – Sunday, December 27 to allow employees to celebrate the holiday with their families. Collection days have been moved to an earlier day to accommodate this change. The grid below explains the 2015 Christmas collection day changes:

Normal Collection Day	Holiday Collection Day
Mon., Dec. 21	Sat., Dec. 19
Tues., Dec. 22	Mon., Dec. 21
Wed., Dec. 23	Tues., Dec. 22
Thurs., Dec. 24	Wed., Dec. 23
Fri., Dec. 25	Thurs., Dec. 24

This change is for the Christmas season only. Solid Waste Services will return to its normal schedule the following week.

Solid Waste Services began communicating this message on December 1, using multiple communication methods including, social media, advertisements, water bill and local media. Solid Waste will continue sharing this message through December 28.