Greetings,
In an effort to keep you updated on KTnB activities, I would like to share with you the following information.

**Outreach Efforts**

**A Summons to Memphis**
On Friday, June 6, Assistant Director Pamela Willingham and I attended "A Summons to Memphis", a speaking series presented by Memphis Magazine. This forum, held at the Holiday Inn on the University of Memphis campus, beckoned leaders throughout the city of Memphis together to hear the successes and challenges of other leaders in the state and country on how to keep moving forward. This year, that leader was Nashville Mayor Karl Dean. Introduced by Memphis Mayor AC Wharton, Mayor Dean agreed that Memphis and Nashville shared more similarities than differences and later proclaimed the three T's for a successful city: talent, technology, tolerance... before ending, he added a 4th T - transit.

**Lipscomb Pitts Breakfast Club Radio Show**
Judge Larry Potter and I had the honor of being featured guests on the [Lipscomb Pitts Breakfast Club Radio Show](#) yesterday, June 10. I was invited by Jeremy Park, the show's host, to share information about KTnB. Hopefully listeners will become more engaged and involved with our mission. The show was recorded, and will air Saturday, June 14, at 1 p.m. on News Radio 600 WREC (AM600). You can also listen to the show after it's airing by clicking [HERE](#).

(From left) KTnB Board President Judge Larry Potter, KTnB Executive Director Missy Marshall, and Lipscomb Pitts Breakfast Club's Jeremy Park at WREC AM600.

**Visits With Affiliates**
Training with Keep Williamson Beautiful

KTnB’s Howard Cobbs and Edmond McDavis III traveled to Franklin on Friday, May 30, to meet and train new Keep Williamson Beautiful (KWB) Director Jennifer Gosciniak. KWB Board Member Wendy Dunham also attended the training session. Cobbs and McDavis were both impressed by Gosciniak’s knowledge of her job responsibilities. We gladly welcome Jennifer to the KTnB Family!

(from right) Keep Williamson Beautiful’s Jennifer Gosciniak and Wendy Dunham take notes as Howard Cobbs trains them at Williamson County Solid Waste Department on May 30.

Notes and Reminders

2014 Great American Cleanup Wrap-Up Reports Due

The 2014 Great American Cleanup (GAC) Wrap-Up Reports are now due! We have received GAC Planning Forms from every county in the state! Please fill out your 2014 GAC Wrap-Up Report online today (click HERE) to make your hard work official. So far we have received Wrap-Up Reports from 23 counties! Each organization that fills out the form by Friday, June 13, 2014, will be entered in a drawing to win a Troy-Bilt Backpack Gas Leaf Blower ($249.99 value) courtesy of Troy-Bilt, a 2014 GAC Sponsor. Also, don’t forget to send pictures from your GAC activities to info@keeptnbeautiful.org so that we can proudly share your work on our Facebook and Twitter pages! Contact Stine Moss-Cooperwood (901-678-4160) or Edmond McDavis III (901-678-4775) if you have problems with filling out your report.

TWRA Announces Availability of 2014-15 Grant Dollars to Assist With Habitat Protection Program

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) recently announced the availability of grant dollars to assist cities, schools, community organizations, civic groups, watershed organizations, and conservation groups, etc., with stream clean-up projects and planting projects during the 2014-15 fiscal year. Five grants, at $1,000 each, are available for each of TWRA’s four regional Aquatic Habitat Protection projects (a total of $5,000 per region). The funds will be obligated as grants, so the grantee must have a nonprofit tax number. The projects are to be completed, the money spent, and a report submitted by June 30, 2015. TWRA will accept project proposals through June 15, 2014. The grant money could be used to buy supplies such as rakes, work gloves, and garbage bags. Also, it could be used to pay disposal fees for solid waste and tire removal or to provide promotional items like project advertisement or T shirts and refreshments for volunteer support. For more information on how to apply, click HERE.

Lowe’s/KAB Community Improvement Grants

In 2014, Lowe’s is once again sponsoring the Lowe’s/KAB Community Improvement Grants. The program will award $765,000 in grants to KAB affiliates and participating organizations for community improvement projects to be completed in 2014. Deadline is June 25, 2014. Apply at www.kab.org/grants.

2014 Waste Management/KAB Think Green Grant Application Now Open
Waste Management is again joining forces with Keep America Beautiful to encourage local solutions that showcase your environmental stewardship and community improvement efforts through grants from Waste Management. Five $10,000 grants will be awarded. Grant awards will recognize KAB affiliates’ most innovative or comprehensive programs and partnerships to improve and/or to increase recycling or recycling education in their communities. Applications are due by June 30, 2014. Visit [www.kab.org/grants](http://www.kab.org/grants) to apply!

**Dow/KAB Community Paint Donation Program**

2014 marks Dow's seventh year as a national sponsor of Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup. This year Dow is continuing to demonstrate its commitment to making a difference in communities through a generous donation of approximately 2,500 gallons of Sherwin-Williams Harmony Interior Latex Paint for KAB affiliates' community improvement projects. Apply at [www.kab.org/grants](http://www.kab.org/grants).

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**Meet KTnB Affiliate Director: Jeff Thomas**

Jeff Thomas

Jeff Thomas has been the Director of Solid Waste and Recycle for more than 25 years of service, with the Town of Jonesborough. He also serves as the Executive Director of [Keep Jonesborough Beautiful](http://www.keepjonesboroughbeautiful.org). In this role, Jeff is responsible for the overall coordination, communication, and engagement of the members of the community in the importance of beautification, waste reduction, litter prevention, and recycling.

He received his Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology and a Masters in Engineering Technology at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City. He has been married to his wonderful wife for more than 24 years. They have two beautiful daughters, ages 17 & 16. In his spare time, Jeff enjoys playing golf, playing chess, reading, and attending church.

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**Why is keeping Tennessee beautiful important to me?**

Keeping Tennessee beautiful is important to me because, we only get one chance in our lifetime to make a difference on this Earth, and I feel this cause is an opportunity to inspire our youth to become more responsible for where we live.

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Click [HERE](http://www.kab.org/grants) for archived editions of Open Line!