



Grand Lakes: March 28, 2020

Grand Lakes Litter Pickup hosted by the Grand Lakes Green Committee

Info for Volunteers

When/Where: Saturday, March 28, 2020, 9am-11am, meet at and return to Alexander Elementary. Please arrive promptly at 9am so we can give the safety briefing, instructions, and distribute materials.

The project: Throughout Grand Lakes (GL), litter is concentrated along the main roads and around retail centers. Very little litter has been observed in the GL green spaces or along the bayou. The project will pick up litter along Peek and Fry (in the medians, along the curb, and litter caught in landscaping), as far as GL extends, and INSIDE the GL fenced, landscaped, and wooded areas along 99. To avoid safety issues, we will not pick up litter OUTSIDE the fenced area along 99. A map of areas to be cleaned is attached.

Participation: Participation is open to individuals, families (see age guidelines below), and scout groups. Participating scouts will receive a "Don't Mess with Texas" patch. We will conclude our event back at Alexander Elementary with a snack and some drinks to celebrate all your hard work!

Safety & Adult Supervision: We are asking volunteers to adhere to the Texas Adopt-A-Highway safety guidelines regarding age and adult supervision. Those guidelines are as follows: *"All children must be supervised. The suggested ratio is at least one supervisor for every three children under age 15. At least one adult must be present for minors ages 15 to 18. Children under the age of seven (7) may not participate in the program."* (<http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/volunteer/adopt-a-highway/safety-tips.html>). Scouts, please also follow all guidelines required by your scout organization. **Children (under 18) must have a liability waiver signed in order to participate** - link [here](#). Please bring the waiver the day of the event or email a scanned copy to grandlakesgreen@gmail.com prior to the event.

We have consulted with the Fort Bend County Sheriff's office regarding safety. We will provide reflective safety vests for those volunteers working along the roadways. Safety vests must be returned to a committee member at Alexander Elementary at the end of the event. We will also mark the beginning/end of our event with signs to notify traffic, per their recommendation. **Most importantly, your safety is in your hands. Do only what you feel is safe!**

What to Wear: Volunteers should wear long pants, light or bright shirts that are visible to traffic, close-toed shoes, and sun protection (e.g. hat, sunscreen). If you'll be working in the wooded areas wear long pants, long sleeves, boots or tennis shoes, and work gloves (garden or leather gloves) due to dense trees and bushes in these areas. We also recommend you bring a full water bottle for hydration.

Supplies: Trash bags and plastic gloves will be provided. Instructions regarding trash disposal will be given at the event.

The Bigger Picture: Our event will take place around the time of "The Don't mess with Texas Trash-Off", which is the single, largest one-day cleanup event in the State and serves as Texas's signature event for the Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest community improvement program, held annually from March 1 through May 31. The "Don't mess with Texas Trash-Off" is also part of TxDOT's litter prevention program, which includes [Don't mess with Texas](#), [Adopt-a-Highway](#), and a grassroots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful." (source ktb.org)

Questions? Contact grandlakesgreen@gmail.com We're look forward to a safe, impactful, and fun event for all!

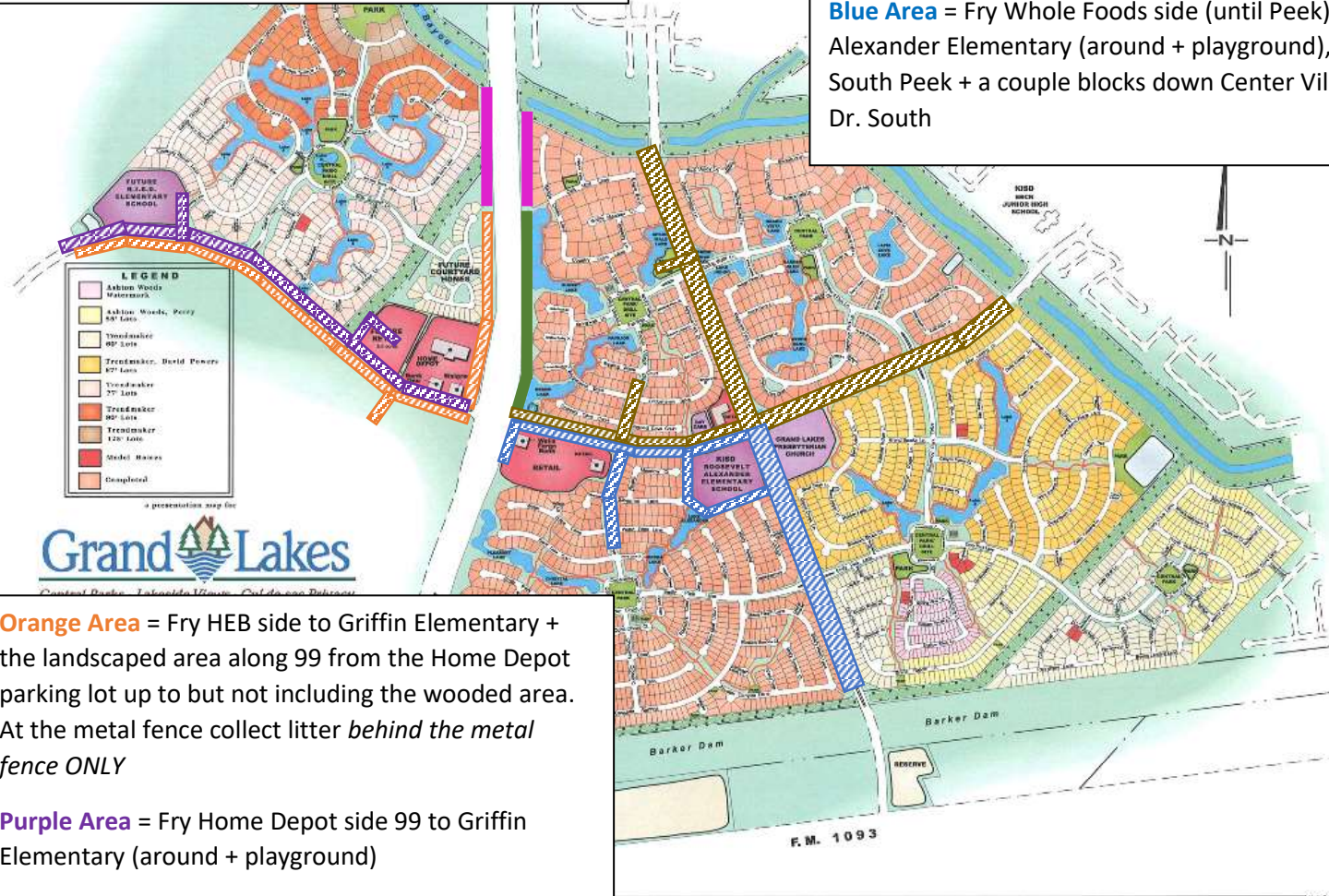
Litter Pickup Areas

Note: safety vests must be worn in the striped areas; solid areas are separated from traffic by metal fencing and thus will not require vests

Green Area = the landscaped area *behind the high metal fences ONLY* in P1N along 99 - from Fry road up to but not including the wooded area

Brown Area = Fry (north only) 99 to Peek, Fry (both sides) past Peek, North Peek (both sides) including the Rock Park + a couple blocks up Center Village Dr. North

Blue Area = Fry Whole Foods side (until Peek), Alexander Elementary (around + playground), South Peek + a couple blocks down Center Village Dr. South



Orange Area = Fry HEB side to Griffin Elementary + the landscaped area along 99 from the Home Depot parking lot up to but not including the wooded area. At the metal fence collect litter *behind the metal fence ONLY*

Purple Area = Fry Home Depot side 99 to Griffin Elementary (around + playground)

P1N Wooded, P4Patio Wooded = wooded areas *behind metal fencing ONLY*



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