



Assign-A-Highway

Welcome Aboard Marion County

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With the new year comes new territory. As part of our efforts to grow the Assign-A-Highway program we are delighted to announce that our neighboring county, Marion, has now joined with us to clean-up our northwest section of Alabama. This new leg of the pilot will include not only working with the circuit and district courts like we already do in Winston, but also branching out to work with the municipal courts as well. We are currently in talks with several cities throughout Marion County regarding their municipal court participation.

April will bring our first opportunity to be in

circuit court in Marion county and we look forward to working with new participants there and launching our clean-up

that, but we are excited about seeing the trickle down effect that we anticipate in all of the Northwest Alabama region.



efforts in Marion.

Working together is the key to improving our communities and we are proud of the combined effort of Winston and Marion Counties. Not only



Special points of interest:

- Official start of program in Marion County Circuit Court
- Working with Municipal Courts in Marion
- Strengthening in Winston with new uses of program

The City of Guin Makes First Move

The City of Guin has become the first municipal court to elect to make use of the Assign-A-Highway program. On March 15th the Mayor and town council of Guin voted to approve their participation in the program. Their municipal court is held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month and

their municipal judge is the Honorable Matt LeDuke. I was contacted by Judge LeDuke on March 16th and we worked out a way that he could begin using the program that day. As a result, the City of Guin netted the program its first two participants in Marion County and at the city level. Since

then I've been able to meet with the City Magistrate and the participants. Areas to clean have been assigned and the first clean-ups have already taken place. Kudos to the City of Guin!

More Good News...

A New Twist



We were recently approached by the Honorable Judge Lee Carter to put a new twist in the program. As has been mentioned in previous newsletters, Judge Carter presides over the drug court program in Marion and Winston counties. We already work with them to provide an avenue of community service for those in the program. However, Judge Carter was recently forced to sanction some of the participants with a weekend in jail. But, he didn't just want them to sit in jail all weekend he

wanted them out picking up trash through the Assign-A-Highway program. By working closely with the Sheriff's



Department on not only locations to clean but logistics and supplies, we were able to not only make it happen, but to make it a success. Four participants worked through the weekend to collect over 800 pounds of trash. However, this is not our only measure of success. We received several comments from citizens who could tell an immediate difference in the areas that were cleaned. So once again thanks to Judge Carter for his innovative use of the program. Also, thanks the

Business as Usual

Well, it's business as usual in Winston County. In the first quarter of this year we have already collected over 6000 pounds of trash. If we continue the rest of the year at that minimum number we will of course exceed last year's total trash removal in Winston.

Office Space: We are now settled in to a new office space that is located inside the Winston County Courthouse. It's a great space and it is working well for our staff and participants. If you need to find us we are just down the hall from the Circuit Clerk's Office.

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Winston County Assign-A-Highway...a program that utilizes the manpower of probationers to keep our county roadsides litter free. Fostering such a program speaks of pride in our community and will generate tourism and enhance industrial recruitment. Also, cleaner roadsides lead to better water quality with the reduction of trash and debris flowing into our streams and lakes.