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Register Now for KOB's Annual Spring Cleanup!

2019 SPRING CLEANING

Cleanup: Friday, March 22 - Monday, April 22
Volunteer Appreciation: Saturday, April 27 at
Lawndale Park from 9 a.m. to Noon.



Register by April 19

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to make Odessa a better place to live, work and play in!

**The 2019 Great American and DMWT Cleanup is made possible
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MEET KOB'S NEW EVENTS COORDINATOR

**We are so excited to welcome Alma Angeles to our
TEAM!**



Alma Rosa Angeles was born in Pachuca Hidalgo, Mexico. Her hobbies include reading, gardening, traveling, spending time with her family as well as volunteering.

She is a proud mother of an 11 year-old son named Cezar who also has learned the importance of volunteering. Alma graduated with an Associates in Arts General Studies from Odessa College as well as a Certificate of Technology Management Skills from Odessa College. She graduated with honors as a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Alma completed the Leadership Odessa Program in 2018.

She was a Correctional Officer for Texas Department of Criminal Justice before becoming employed with the City of Odessa. She has been employed with the City of Odessa for almost six years. Alma is also a Certified Code Enforcement Officer.

Alma is passionate about Making a Difference in our community!

MEET KOB'S NEW MEMBER

We are so excited to welcome Detra White to our Team!



Detra White was elected to serve Council District 3 on November 6, 2018 and was sworn in to the Council seat on November 28, 2018.

Detra was born and raised in Odessa, living the majority of her life in District 3. She attended Alamo Elementary, Bowie Jr. High, Odessa High School, and Odessa College.

She began working for the City of Odessa, Personnel Department (Human Resources), in March 1978. After 12 ½ years in Personnel, she transferred to Odessa Fire Rescue in September 1990. She was promoted to Fire Marshal in 2000. Detra's career with the City of Odessa provided the opportunity to work with every City department, as well as developers, contractors, and businesses. Detra served on various Committees and Boards, including the Texas State Fire Marshal's Association. She retired in September 2013.

Detra and her husband have been married for 38+ years, they have three grown children, one grandson and three step-grandchildren. Her husband is retired from the City of Odessa Police Department.

Detra loves Odessa, and she will work hard for the citizens of Odessa while serving on the Odessa City Council.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS/EVENTS

Friday, March 22 - Monday, April 22 - Join us during our one month, Don't Mess with Texas (DMWT) Spring Cleaning Campaign. Register and pick the day for your cleanup activity. If you need to schedule cleanup activity outside this month, please contact us at (432) 335-4686. Be part of the solution and show your #Odessapride.



Friday, March 22 - Monday, April 22 - KOB is challenging businesses, organizations, churches, individuals/families to Adopt a Spot or Adopt a Block in their neighborhood. We provide sign and cleaning supplies.

Monday, March 25 Noon - Students from Odessa High, Permian High, and New Tech are participating in the KOB Crosstown Rivalry Cleanup up Challenge! The challenge is a friendly competition that encourages students to keep their campuses clean and litter free. This year, New Tech is joining the competition. Students will be focusing not only on keeping campuses litter free, but will also be recycling plastic bottles.



Monday, April 22 - Friday, April 26 - New Tech will be working on a beautification project in front of the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility. Students will be painting, plant native plants, and re-purpose bulk items to use as decorations.

Thursday, April 25 6-8 p.m. - KOB and UTPB-First Five Parents as Teachers Program are partnering to provide a beautification project to parents and their children. This will take place in front of the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility.

Saturday, April 27 9 a.m. to Noon

We celebrate the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to come together to tackle tough challenges, and build stronger, safe, and beautiful communities. Volunteer Appreciation Day will take place at Lawndale Park. Join us to celebrate your passion and commitment!

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Odessa Hispanic Chamber of Commerce** - introduced "Plogging" to their first 5K run, Cover Odessa in Color. Plogging is the act of picking up litter while running. Combining going for a jog with intermittent squatting, plogging offers exercise benefits while supporting your community and the environment. It was great to take part of such an awesome event!
- **Sweeps** - Odessa Code Enforcement has been doing sweeps to help clean up our alleyways and to deter illegal dumping. Illegal dumping has become a huge problem with the growth of our City. Code Enforcement is creating public awareness of the problem by having neighborhood alleyway clean ups in each of the 5 city districts followed by a block party. During the Winter Sweep, 17.8 tons of bulk were collected, great job to all departments involved, Code Enforcement, Solid Waste, and Streets Division!

SAVE THE DATE

- **Adopt a Block** - After, the sweeps, Keep Odessa Beautiful invites all of our citizens in our community to Adopt-A-Block. This begins with one neighbor taking the initiative and our community deciding to make a difference. Anyone can participate: individuals, families, churches, businesses, schools and other groups and organizations. Meet your neighbors, strengthen your community connections and overall choose to be "part of the solution." Get together with your community Adopt-A-Block all supplies will be provided!!
- **Planet Troopers** - Kids ages 8-12 years old are invited to join Planet Troopers and help keep our City parks litter free.

Date: Saturday, June 15
Time: 9 to 11 AM
Location: McKinney Park

Date: Saturday, June 22
Time: 9 to 11 AM
Location: Sherwood Park

Date: Saturday, July 13
Time: 9 to 11 AM
Location: Floyd Gwin Park

COMING SOON

- **Odessa Pride Star of the Month** - Recognizes citizens who contribute to the overall aesthetics and health of our city by maintaining exceptionally clean and beautiful properties. Nominations for the program are open to the public from June through October of each year, and our volunteer judges recognize several "Yards of the Month" from all over Odessa with our signature yard signs.
- **Waste in Place Program (WIP)** - Summer workshops will be available at our education facility located at the HHW. Citizens will learn about recycling, litter prevention, beautification and waste reduction.
- **Tree Giveaway** - Trees are vital for sustainable community growth, economic vitality, and public health. They also:
 - beautify neighborhoods and public spaces;
 - increase property values;
 - lower energy consumption of homes and businesses;
 - boost consumer spending; and
 - encourage outdoor physical activity.

The 2019 Tree Giveaway is made possible with generous support from



Who We Are: Keep Odessa Beautiful, Inc. (KOB) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that empowers Odessans to prevent litter, recycle, and beautify our community.

What We Do:



Facilitate



Beautify



Educate

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