

OCS PROGRAM RECEIVES STATE RECOGNITION

Operation Clean Sweep, City of Pharr's community clean up incentive program, including the Landscape Partnership Program will be receiving special recognition from **Governor Rick Perry** and the **Texas Environmental Excellence Awards** hosted by the **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)**. Each year hundreds of recipients from across the State of Texas compete for a chance to become environmental stewards for other environmental programs hoping to achieve the goals of Environmental Excellence and receive special recognition from Texas Governor Rick Perry at the annual TCEQ Banquet Awards Ceremony. The OCS program has helped remove over **12,284 tires** from city streets and alleys since last year including over **181 tons of trash and debris**. Join us for the next community OCS clean up program scheduled for **April 27 at the Pharr Police Station** from 8 to 12, South West Pharr area.



VIDA Volunteers



VIDA Volunteers Collecting Litter

Inside THIS Issue:

Operation Clean Sweep, (Keep Pharr Beautiful and the Landscape Partnership Program wins finalist award for the state Environmental Excellence Awards 2013.

Recycling Center (Public Works Dept.) receives Environmental Excellence award for the cities environmental education program, from Keep Texas Beautiful and Honorable Mentioned from the Governors Community Achievement Awards (TxDot)

Pharr Recycling Center unveils new "mobile" recycling trailer for special events.

Don't Forget...Earth Day is April 22, 2013
Hub Phestival to host Kids Nature area

WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE STAGE 2 WILL BE ENFORCED. Check out: www.Pharr-tx.gov for your watering days.

Join us for **Public Works Week Festival**, May 24 from 10 to 2pm at 1015 E. Ferguson Ave. Call for details!

KPB WINS AGAIN!

Keep Pharr Beautiful was recognized this Spring in the **Keep Texas Beautiful Awards** and the **Governors Achievement Awards** through the Texas Department of Transportation. Winners are listed below under the Government Category.

Government Category City - Over 50,000

Keep Texas Beautiful

First Place: City of Sugar Land

Second Place: City of Frisco,
Environmental Services

Third Place: City of Irving Public
Works Department

Honorable Mention: City of Pharr,
Keep Pharr Beautiful

*Congratulations to everyone
helping Texas and Pharr Go Green!*



RECYCLING CENTER UNVEILS MOBILE RECYCLING TRAILER



The Pharr Recycling Center recently purchased a mobile recycling trailer to be utilized for special events including PSJA school recycling programs. The mobile trailer was sponsored from a grant by the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council and the Solid Waste funding program through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The city plans to purchase an additional trailer in the future and hopes to increase recycling.



HUB PHEST TO FEATURE KIDS NATURE

The All-America City of Pharr's annual HUB Phestival 2013, will feature a family fun-filled nature program to enlighten your perception on the environment and all it encompasses. Check out the excellent educational exhibits, create a peanut butter bird feeder, hands-on arts & crafts, monarch butterfly crafting, live wildlife animals, KIDS nature games, plus, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Valley Nature Center, Pharr Boys & Girls Club, and the Texas Agrilife Extension with Master Gardeners including HEB's Kids Tent Area for all ages!

MOBILE RECYCLING DO'S & DON'TS



OFFICE PAPER



PLASTIC #1 & #2



ALUMINUM/TIN

PAPER/CARDBOARD



NEWSPAPER



FISHING POND

KIDS of all ages fish to compete for a chance to win a trophy

THE RAPTOR PROJECT

LIVE Birds of Prey perform awesome flight exhibits

GLADYS PORTER ZOOMOBILE

Featuring PHANTHOM the 13 foot Burmese Python

SANTA ANA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

An Ocelot's Journey – Live, KIDS One-Act Play

Learn about and taste Pharr Tap Delivers

Make rock Turtles and plant a sunflower with the

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