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Haileyville and Hartshorne Recognized as Oklahoma Clean Communities

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in partnership with Keep Oklahoma Beautiful (KOB) will recognize Haileyville and Hartshorne, under the leadership of the Twin Cities Revitalization Project, as Oklahoma Clean Communities during a special ceremony scheduled Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. Justin Few, Haileyville alumni and 2013 KOB Affiliate Champion, will be among the ceremony's distinguished speakers. The ceremony will be held at the Hartshorne City Hall, 1101 Penn Avenue in Hartshorne.

The Twin Cities Revitalization Project has been instrumental in facilitating clean communities in the Haileyville and Hartshorne areas. They have helped to recycle over 3,000 tires as a result of a recent tire collection event. They have also implemented a recycling program and plan to continue offering biannual community cleanups and workdays. The Twin Cities Revitalization Project participates in community improvement workshops and Fresh Paint Days through KOB. They also participate in the Great American Cleanup, ODOT Trash-off and promote rainwater collection.

DEQ and KOB recognize entities that participate in at least one tire collection event annually and other environmental service projects. DEQ encourages entities to coordinate a community-wide cleanup of used tires. DEQ's Tire Indemnity Fund will pay to haul off old, unused, or abandoned tires. Tire piles can be an eyesore and attract unwelcome pests, such as mosquitoes and rodents. After cleanup is complete and all criteria for other service projects are met, a community can be recognized as an Oklahoma Clean Community.

More information on the Used Tire Recycling Program is available at <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/lpdnew/TireRecyclingPrg.htm> or by contacting Ferrella March at ferrella.march@deq.ok.gov or 405-702-5175.

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