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Town of Oaks Recognized as an Oklahoma Clean Community

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in partnership with Keep Oklahoma Beautiful (KOB) will recognize the Town of Oaks as an Oklahoma Clean Community during a special ceremony scheduled for June 25, 2014 at 2:00 pm. The ceremony will be held at the Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 318 W. Main Street in Oaks.

In addition to numerous community tire collection events, the Town of Oaks has participated in many environmental service projects, including the Annual Trash Off Day. Oaks has recently started a community spring cleanup of abandoned houses and roadside trash. Oaks hosts household hazardous waste collection events and alternative transportation days. Additionally, the town actively reaches out to the community by promoting rainwater collection, providing education about residential energy conservation, protecting habitat by designing, building and distributing bird and butterfly houses, encouraging litter/debris removal, flower and tree plantings and green space restoration.

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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