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Community Joined Effort to Keep McAllen Beautiful *Greatest American Clean-Up & Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off Success*

Keep McAllen Beautiful (KMB) organized its annual Greatest American Clean-Up & Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at McAllen Municipal Park. Volunteers helped clean major streets, parks, schools, and hike and bike trails.

“Events like the Greatest American Clean-Up bring our community together. It’s not just about picking up trash, it’s about showing pride in McAllen, connecting with neighbors, and making our city a better place for everyone,” said Mayor Javier Villalobos.

More than 800 volunteers participated in the citywide cleanup effort, removing litter from streets, parks, trails and school campuses. Volunteers were assigned to designated areas and transported by shuttle, with supplies and refreshments provided throughout the event.

“We saw lots of new faces help clean our city, we’re so grateful to those who spent time with us on Saturday giving back to our community and making a visible impact,” said Committee Chair Normalynda Zepeda.

Building on last year’s turnout of more than 500 volunteers, this year’s event welcomed over 800 participants, reflecting a growing spirit of pride and service in McAllen as the city contributes to the nationwide momentum leading up to the 250th anniversary of the United States and advances the mission of Keep Texas Beautiful to create cleaner, greener communities for generations to come.

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About the City of McAllen

Founded in 1904 and incorporated in 1911, the City of McAllen has grown from a small agricultural community into one of the most vibrant and fastest-growing cities along the U.S.–Mexico border. Known as the “City of Palms,” McAllen serves as a hub for international trade, retail, tourism, and culture in the Rio Grande Valley.

Today, the City employs more than 2,600 dedicated public servants across 41 departments, delivering essential services to a community of more than 150,000 residents. City leaders remain committed to transparent governance, fiscal responsibility, and enhancing quality of life through innovation, infrastructure, and community engagement.

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