

Mt. Airy Business Improvement District 2018 Accomplishments and Plans for the Future

Accomplishments

Cleaning:

- Cleaning Germantown Avenue and the commercial side streets 6 days a week, collecting approximately 1,000 bags of trash annually.
- Regular reporting of graffiti and dumping to 311 to enhance cleanliness and safety.
- Removal ourselves, where possible, of graffiti and illegal signs.
- Cleaning 50 vacant lots in East and West Mt. Airy that are within two blocks of the commercial corridor.
- Annual mulching of the 220 tree pits along the commercial corridor and on-going weed removal.
- Installing 50 Big Belly Solar Trash Receptacles and decorating them with “Litter Critter” murals.

Greening:

- Annual planting and maintenance of 96 attractive flower baskets that last year won an award from Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
- Cleaning and greening of Pergola Park and Trolley Car Park.

Beautification:

- Installing 100 permanent Go Mt. Airy Banners along the commercial corridor, as well as hanging festive seasonal holiday decorations.
- Awarding more than \$15,000 in façade improvement grants to local business owners.
- Installing pedestrian benches to encourage walkability.

Safety:

- Purchasing and installing security lighting behind more than 50 properties in the Business Improvement District.
- Working with local law enforcement to spur more police presence and cooperation
- Working with local civic organizations in the ongoing effort to keep Mt. Airy beautiful and safe.

Plans for the coming year

While continuing the projects referenced above, in the coming year the BID plans to:

- After developing three new pocket parks at the corners of Sedgwick, Carpenter Lane and Pelham that opened last year, the BID plans to design and build three more pocket parks along the corridor and provide them with Little Free Libraries and gaming tables to encourage community gathering.