

Brusly Awarded Keep Louisiana Beautiful 2005 Award

Brusly, LA was honored with the 2005 Beautification and Community Improvement award (2nd Place) from the Keep Louisiana Beautiful program. This program is sponsored by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, in conjunction with the non-profit Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. The awards were presented in New Orleans on Aug. 26 during the 3rd annual Keep Louisiana Beautiful Conference. Lieutenant Governor Mitch Landrieu presented the award, along with representatives from the Department of Environmental Quality and Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc.

The Keep Louisiana Beautiful awards recognize organizations that have created and implemented outstanding litter prevention, beautification and community improvement, waste reduction and law enforcement programs in their communities. Recipients of the awards may include nonprofit, civic, or community organizations; youth groups; schools; government agencies; businesses; and professional organizations.

Brusly's application included a description of participation in the Cleanest City competition for the past four years. Additionally, we included the culvert program and our work to be named a "Tree City USA" municipality in January, 2005. The following quote is a summary of the narrative submitted for consideration of a Keep Louisiana Beautiful award.

"Our efforts for cleanup and other activities were basically volunteer except for the work done by the Town's Maintenance staff. The generosity of people in this Town, when they are approached to assist with projects such as this and their willingness to "pitch in" for the overall good of the community are overwhelming. Volunteers on clean- up days included Boy Scout, students needing service hours, retirees, veterans, general public and elected officials. Teachers at schools in our community eagerly cooperated with our requests for student participation, whether for writing essays or generating school cleanup activities. Business owners, fire and police staff, postal employees and church officials willingly cooperated with requests and took extra care to ensure the cleanliness of their respective areas. Town maintenance employees worked tirelessly and uncomplainingly in their efforts to make the community an inviting place to live. It took the efforts of all of these individuals, in addition to the Mayor and Town Hall staff to pull everything together for the visit by the Cleanest City judges. "



Dr. Chuck Carr Brown, Assistant Secretary, DEQ.

Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu Joanne Bourgeois, Town Councilwoman Leigh Harris.