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## 8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TAKE PRIDE DAY

*'We want Jacksonville to sparkle'*

**MARGARET ANDERSON**  
NEWS EDITOR

Sherry Blanton is making plans for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Take Pride Day in Jacksonville, and she wants everyone to participate. She said she believes that city pride should start in one's own neighborhood.

This year, the date is Saturday, April 22. The day begins with registration at 8 a.m. at City Hall.

Arrangements have been made with the Calhoun County Landfill for residents to drop off items free from 7:30-11:30 a.m. Items can be brought to City Hall for recycling, shredding and trash collection from 8 a.m.-noon. This includes paint cans.

"You can't put these (paint cans) on the street," Blanton said. "The city isn't allowed to pick them up. It's a good day for people to get rid of these type things they have sit-

ting around that they don't want or don't need anymore."

Aluminum cans are welcomed because these will be recycled, with proceeds going to veterinarian Eric Clanton's trust fund for animals.

"Dr. Clanton has this trust fund for animals that need help that some people can't afford," Blanton said. "If we donate the cans, somebody turns it into money and puts it into the fund."

Blanton said she calls the fund Cans for Critters.

"I just made that up because it was cute," she said. "We have a lot of people doing that."

Other items that can be dropped off for recycling include cardboard, paper, plastic and electronics (except for monitors and televisions).

Blanton is working with the Calhoun County Landfill to bring a dump truck to collect trash. The limit is six bags per car. RMC Jacksonville will provide the document shredder.

Boy Scout Troop 19 and the Cub Scout Troop 19 will be on hand again this year.

"They've been fabulous," Blanton said. "They've been there for us every year."

"We're going to have teams going in and cleaning up areas that maybe haven't gotten touched in a while," she said. "We want Jacksonville to sparkle."

Blanton said she thanks the city, one of the sponsors, for its support, especially the employees who work in planning and building.

She also expresses her appreciation to volunteers and other sponsors, the County Commission and Jacksonville State University.

"This is a wonderful day for people to come together and to encourages others to clean up their neighborhood," Blanton said. "It's important to start in your neighborhood."

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# Take Pride in Jacksonville Day set for April 27

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**BY SHERRY KUGHN**

Correspondent

Even though Sat., Apr., 27, Jacksonville Pride Day, is a few weeks away, organizer Sherry Blanton asks residents to begin preparation.

Regional Medical Center-Anniston, Calhoun County Landfill, Calhoun County Commissioners, Jacksonville State University Jacksonville City, are sponsoring the event from 8 a.m. - noon at Jacksonville City Hall.

Residents who want to place their sensitive documents in bags may bring up to six bags for shredding, which is done while they watch their documents being shredded in the Shred-It truck, paid for by RMC-Anniston.

Residents who have accumulated paint cans, which are trash items that must be handled in a special way, may bring them.

Those who save aluminum soda cans, which are recycled to help animal charities, may bag those, along with other paper, plastic, and metal trash.

There will also be a special vehicle for "e-cycling," or recycling unwanted electronic devices, except for televisions and monitors. Residents are asked not to bring televisions and computer monitors because of the glass in them.

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Another reason for the early notice is for resident to mark the date on their calendars. Several neighborhoods can engage their residents in organizing their own cleanup day, or residents may meet at city hall at 8 a.m. on the 27<sup>th</sup> to go through the city in teams. City workers will have maps on hand pinpointed areas that need to be cleaned.

A third reason for the date is to take advantage of free landfill day at only the Jacksonville-Piedmont Landfill, which is located at 164 Piedmont Jacksonville Road, Piedmont. Residents may drop items off between 7:30-11:30 a.m.

Residents may take their trash to the landfill or to city hall.

"The important thing is to show pride in Jacksonville on this day," Blanton said. "Another thing is to get together as a community and clean streets, be good conservationists, and be good to our landfills. We should learn to discard things appropriately, leave a smaller footprint on Earth, and dispose of things in the right way."

Blanton said the organizers appreciate those who come out each year. They will provide bags and gloves for each team member. In past years, groups such as the Boy Scouts, church groups, and members of the Exchange club have taken part.

Blanton said the day takes on a festive feeling. Residents greet each other in the parking lot at city hall, usually at about 8 a.m., and spread out. Blanton's job is to meet, greet, and say thank you to each of them.

Those with questions may call 256-435-7611.



(Kirsten Ficus/ The Anniston Star)

Tony Irby helps a Jacksonville resident dump unwanted papers into a trash bin before shredding it.

## Annual cleanup takes place

### BY KIRSTEN FICUS

The Anniston Star Staff Writer

The far reaching effects of an EF-3 tornado that whirled through Jacksonville last month were felt yet again Saturday as the usual number of volunteers for a yearly cleanup day was drastically lower, organizers said.

"Normally we have all sorts of residents, sorority and fraternity mem-

bers from JSU participate," Sherry Blanton said while shielding her eyes from the 8 a.m. sun. "I guess many of the students are gone and a lot of people are taking care of their homes while the weather is good. I call it compassionate burnout."

Despite the low numbers, Blanton was undeterred.

"We still had a good, eager crowd this morn-

ing," she said of the 25 volunteers who signed their name on a sheet at City Hall.

Boy Scouts and their troopmaster from Troop 4019 were standing by to separate plastics, electronics, and paint cans from the backs of people's vehicles. A Shred-it truck was parked nearby ready to cut mail, newspaper and sen-

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sitive documents into pieces no bigger than a dime.

Tony Irby, an employee with the paper shredding company, loaded the loose sheets into a trash bin, pushed a button and watched as a mechanical arm picked up the can and tipped it over.

A grinding sound filled the space around the truck as the paper was destroyed.

"I'll take the load to a local facility in Anniston where they'll bale it and send it to Georgia Pacific to be recycled," he said referring to a paper company. "I always tell people it'll show' back up in their office or their bathrooms in about six months."

Jacksonville Mayor

Johnny Smith said the annual event keeps the city looking good.

"We'll have people coming from all over for the university's graduation," he said.

"Also, our city employees are stretched thin since the tornado and we've probably not been as attentive to certain areas as we normally are. This event is helping us pick up where we left off."

Stewart Moss, 15, hauled paint cans and old, oversized plastic toy cars from the back of Dustin Harris' truck.

"We're doing what we do best, helping the community," Moss said of his boy scout troop.

"It's was a bit of a challenge to get up so early to do it, but we're

keeping the tradition going. Our troop has helped with this since it started seven years ago."

Harris said the annual event is an opportunity to clean up some clutter around the house.

"I don't think we have enough recycling around here, and if we do it's not well advertised," he said. "We try to be responsible with our trash."

Harris said the paint cans he dropped off had been in their house for several years.

"We remodeled and kept them around for touch ups," he said.

"But now they're just junk," Harris' 8-year-old son, Jack Henry Harris, said while sitting on the emptied truck bed.

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You're Invited To

# Take Pride In Jacksonville Day

**Saturday, April 28, 2018**

Spruce up Jacksonville by collecting litter on our main streets.  
Registration at City Hall for cleanup assignments  
begins at 8:00am

Drop off items at the Jacksonville-Piedmont Landfill FREE  
from 7:30 am - 11:30 am

Bring items to City Hall for recycling, shredding and  
trash collection (including paint cans) between 8:00am and noon

Items which can be dropped off at City Hall for recycling include:  
cardboard, paper, plastic,  
electronics (except for monitors & televisions),  
and aluminum cans

Document Shredder sponsored by RMC Jacksonville  
Limit six standard size bags or boxes per vehicle

Organize your neighbors for a spring clean up of your  
own neighborhood

Sponsored by Calhoun County Landfill, Calhoun County Commissioners,  
Jacksonville State University, City of Jacksonville

TAKE PRIDE IN JACKSONVILLE DAY (APRIL 28, 2018)



REGISTRATION AREA WITH STORMWATER EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE



STORMWATER EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS



PAPER SHREDDING





CONTAINERS PROVIDED FOR DROP-OFF OF TRASH, PAINT, SOLVENT, ELECTRONICS, ALUMINUM CANS, AND CARDBOARD



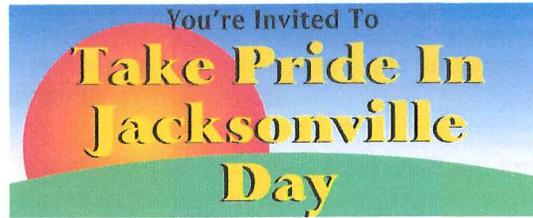




VOLUNTEERS  
(NOT ALL PICTURED)







April 28, 2018

TAKE PRIDE IN JACKSONVILLE VOLUNTEER SIGN-IN SHEET

Sherry Blanton

Bruce Youn G

Lucas Ledbetter

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Kevin Moss

Barbara Mahay

Stewart Moss

Mark Willis

David Bryant COS CH

MARK STEPHENS

Janet Hindman

Mike Hindman

& Scott Exum

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Katie Exum

Johnny L. Smith

ALL VOLUNTEERS DID NOT SIGN IN.

Tony Taylor

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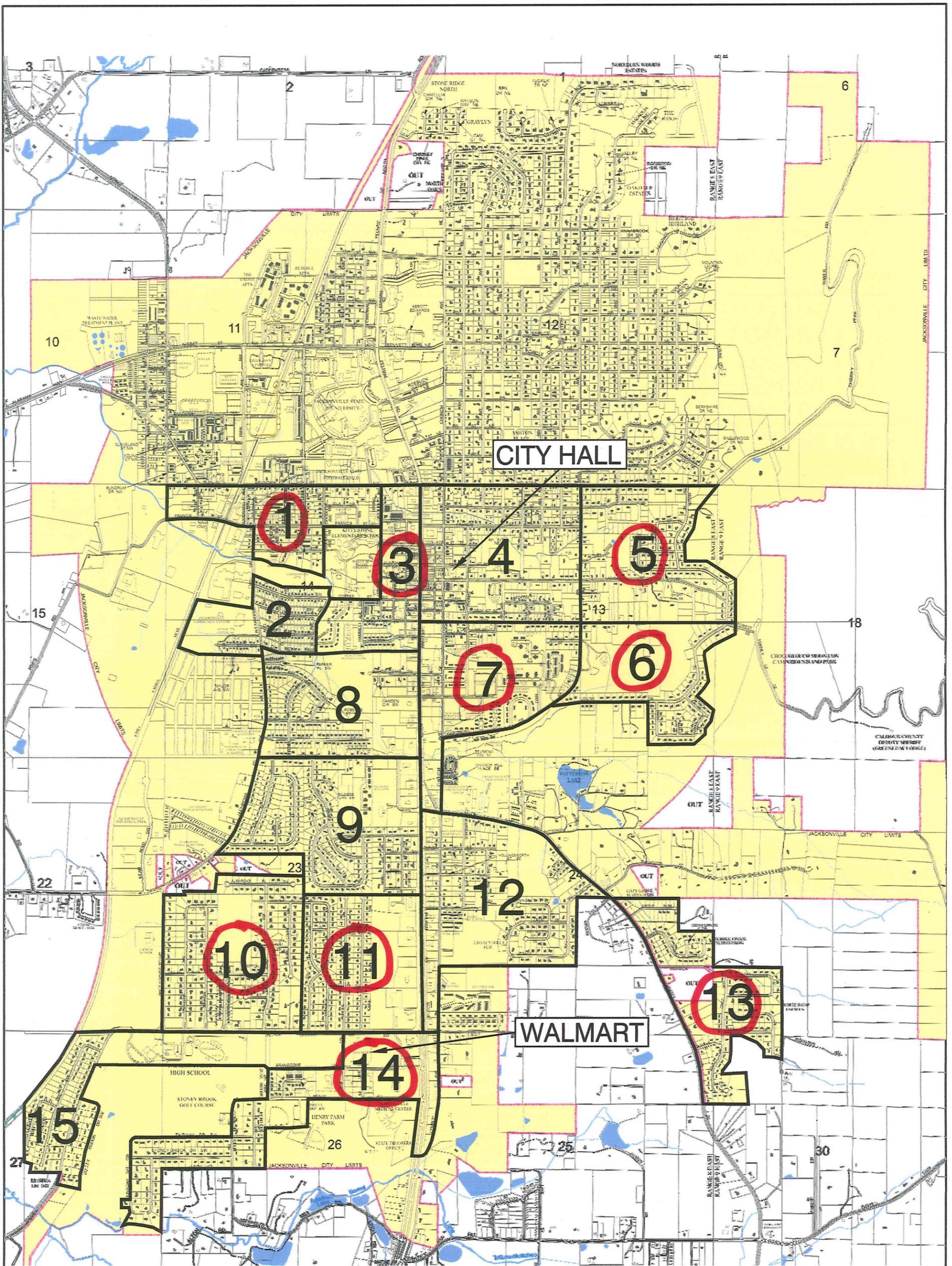
Jarrel Simmons

Thomas Carpenter

Connie Thompson

Rachel Rogers

Joe



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 APRIL 28, 2018

VICINITY MAP OF AREAS  
 TO BE CLEANED-UP

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DATE: 4-27-18

SCALE: N.T.S.

FILE: MAP (2018)

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# **TAKE PRIDE IN JACKSONVILLE DAY**

## **APRIL 28, 2018**

### **SUMMARY**

**VOLUNTEERS = 40 (approx.)**

**PAPER SHREDDED = 3,600 lbs. (approx.)**

**PAINT AND SOLVENT CONTAINERS COLLECTED = 2,300 lbs. (approx.)**

**TRASH COLLECTED = 15 cubic yards (approx.)**

**ELECTRONICS COLLECTED = 400 lbs. (approx.)**