Guest Column to The Monroe Dispatch For the Thursday, April 4, 2019 Edition From: Mayor James E. "Jamie" Mayo City of Monroe, LA

Sign up NOW for the April 13th Great American Cleanup

I want to encourage your participation in the 2019 Great American cleanup. Activities kick off at 8:30 am Saturday, April 13. The Great American Cleanup is the nation's largest community service project and encourages residents, businesses, social/civic organizations, churches, schools, teams, and community leaders to take part in activities aimed at reducing litter and improving the environment through beautification projects.

Ouachita Green is the collective name of Keep Monroe, Keep West Monroe, and Keep Ouachita Parish Beautiful as they continue to work together on projects wherever possible. This annual "Community Wide Cleanup" event will take place on Saturday, April 13. Again, area residents, churches and organizations are encouraged to take part and join in at one of several rally points throughout the parish. Pre-registration information is available through each affiliate and online at <u>www.ouachitagreen.org</u>.

The five Ouachita Parish rally point locations are:1. Monroe: Zoo Pavilion, 2. West Monroe: Farmers' Market, 3. Ouachita Parish: Public Works Barn, 4. Richwood: Town Hall; and, 5. Sterlington: Town Hall.

Late registration at each location will begin at 8:30 am on Saturday, April 13thth. But everyone is encouraged pre-register to ensure proper supplies are available. Also, some pre-registered teams may receive their supplies before Saturday to increase efficiency in the cleanup effort.

If you are in Monroe, and you or your group would like to participate, please contact: Greg Smith at 318-329-4983 greg.smith@ci.monroe.la.us .

By working together, we are making a difference. Monroe is one city, with one future!