

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Recognizing everyday patriots

I'm a big fan of we the people. It is really heartbreaking to see so many in our society dependent on the government for seemingly everything. That is why I've decided to try to recognize some real, everyday patriots: the people who see a need in their community and do something about it — without waiting for the government to come to the rescue.

My first group is the Spartanburg Men's Garden Club. Thirty-five years ago, this group of men (and women), under the direction of men such as Henry Pittman, started planting more than 5,000 trees in the city and county of Spartanburg. Within the past year or so, it has started an effort in conjunction with the Trees Coalition to go back and clean up some of these older sites. I was fortunate to have a tour of some of these areas, and the before and after results are nothing short of amazing.

Charlie Covert (Creekside Nursery) along with Dr. Bob Reynolds, Charlie Crescenzi, Buddy Waters and others plan to have more of the "trees parties" within the next year — complete with education and training about how to keep these areas looking great for generations to come. So the next time you see some well-landscaped mature trees around town in Spartanburg, thank these guys (and gals) for stepping up. If you want to help with this effort, please contact the club directly. I'm sure its members would welcome the help!

Thanks to these patriots for making Spartanburg a great place to live, work and play.

If you know of some everyday patriots, I want to know about them. Please email me at RNutt@SpartanburgCounty.org and I'll help get the word out. For more information on these and other everyday patriots, please visit my website at www.RogerNutt.com. God bless!

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