

# Eason credits county program with cleanup

The Second Chance Program, originally known as the SLAP program, came to Orange this week to help clean some of the city's streets, according to City Council President Tency Eason.

Eason said Tuesday that with the help Ken Garrett, the Essex County liaison to Orange, the program was brought into to Orange. Members of the program worked Monday through Wednesday. It is not related to another program with former convicts city officials said began on Monday.

"With the layoffs and downsizing of our Public Works Department, we had to look at creative ways to get help to clean our city, so I went to the county for help and assistance," said Eason. "Phil Alagio, the county executive's chief of staff, suggested we utilize the SLAP program.

Eason offered her gratitude to the program members who worked within the city.

"Our residents deserve a cleaner city," said Eason. "This is the beginning of a partnership with the county in addressing the needs and expectations of our residents."