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14th Annual Keep Iowa Beautiful Annual Photography Contest Submission*

March 2024 Newsletter





Register Now for Keep Iowa Beautiful's Third Annual Golf Tournament

Keep Iowa Beautiful is excited to announce that registration is open for our Third Annual Golf Tournament! All proceeds will support Keep Iowa Beautiful's efforts to make Iowa a more beautiful and sustainable place to live and work.

Date: Tuesday, July 16th
8:30 a.m. Check-In | 10 a.m. Shot Gun Start

Location: Copper Creek Golf Club,
4825 Copper Creek Dr. Pleasant Hill, IA



Tickets can be purchased as singles for \$125 or a foursome for \$500. Tickets include green fees, cart rental and lunch. Purchase tickets at <https://events.handbid.com/auctions/keep-iowa-beautiful-third-annual-golf-tournament>.

Do you want to showcase your organization and show support for Keep Iowa Beautiful? Consider donating an auction item or becoming a hole sponsor! Hole sponsorships can be purchased for \$150. Learn more and register [here](#).

Want to donate an auction item? Please reach out to Executive Director Andy Frantz at afrantz@keepiowabeautiful.org.

[Register Now](#)

Don't Forget: Register for 2024 Pick-Up Iowa



Keep Iowa Beautiful invites Iowans to join the Great American Cleanup and an estimated 3 million volunteers across the nation by removing litter from public areas during Pick-Up Iowa from March 11th through July 31st.

The first 35 communities that sign up for Pick-Up Iowa will be eligible for a \$50 reimbursement for purchases made to aid their pick-up event. Qualifying purchases may include trash bags, gloves, litter grabbers, or

food and beverages for volunteers. Awarded communities will receive notification on May 6th, 2024.

"I am continually impressed by the dedication and care Iowans invest in ensuring their communities thrive both physically and economically," said Andy Frantz, Executive Director of Keep Iowa Beautiful. "We are thrilled to sustain the partnership between Pick-Up Iowa and the Great American Cleanup, empowering Iowans to take action in reducing litter in their towns."

Pick-Up Iowa creates focused efforts to clean up trash along Iowa's roadsides, neighborhoods, streets, school grounds, parks, forests, and streams. In 2022 and 2023, Pick-Up Iowa saw 48 pick-up events across the state, totaling 7,000+ volunteer hours and resulting in 3,000+ trash bags of litter and debris collected.

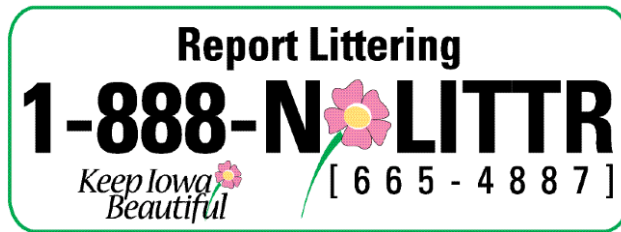
Community members or groups are invited to participate. Organizations who often host clean up events include civic associations, schools, church groups, local sports teams, college clubs, groups of families and friends, businesses, Scouts, and others.

Sign-up now at www.KeepIowaBeautiful.org/get-involved/pick-up-iowa/. Applications are due April 30th, 2024. Awarded communities will receive notification on May 6th, 2024.

[Sign Up Now](http://www.KeepIowaBeautiful.org/get-involved/pick-up-iowa/)

Report Vehicle Litter to the No Litter Hotline

You can help reduce litter in Iowa! Call Keep Iowa Beautiful's No Litter Hotline to report **litter thrown from vehicles** today.



When you see litter happening on Iowa's roadways, call 1-888-NOLITTR (1-888-665-4887) to report littering from a vehicle.

Please provide as much detail about the incident as possible:

- **License plate number (required)**
- Time and specific location (street & city)
- What was thrown from the vehicle
- A vehicle description (color, make and model)

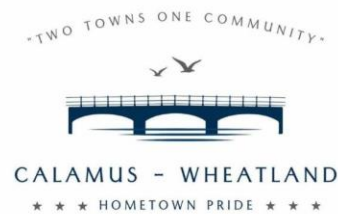
Reported offenders will receive a warning letter from Keep Iowa Beautiful drawing attention to their offense. This sends the message that people, like you, are watching.

Hometown Pride Updates

Check out some of the great work happening in our Hometown Pride Communities!

Calamus-Wheatland Hometown Pride Earns IEDA Catalyst Grant

Keep Iowa Beautiful would like to give a big congratulations to Calamus-Wheatland Hometown Pride for securing an IEDA Catalyst grant for a derelict building! The property on 2nd Street in Calamus, Iowa, received a \$100,000 Catalyst grant from the Iowa IEDA and a \$40,000 grant from ECIA, and construction is expected to be completed this spring.





Five Pocahontas County Hometown Pride Groups Earn Grant Awards

In February, five Hometown Pride committees accepted grant awards for community projects from the Pocahontas County Foundation at the Annual Grant Awards Celebration at the Rialto Theatre in Pocahontas. These projects will be completed in 2024 by the Fonda, Gilmore City, Havelock, Rolfe and Varina Hometown Pride Committees. Congratulations to these Hometown Pride communities!

Camanche Hometown Pride Hosts Trivia Night Fundraiser

Camanche Hometown Pride held a Trivia Night on February 22nd to raise funds for the proposed community splash pad that will break ground this summer. This is a great example of having fun while giving back to the community!



Social Media Submissions

Keep Iowa Beautiful wants to share your community's good news!

Are you proud of a completed project in your town? Do you want to show off a new mural in your downtown? Did you host a fun, exciting event for your community? We want to know about it!

Click on the button below to share short descriptions of events, projects, or news from your town! You can include pictures and captions as well. Keep Iowa Beautiful will share your post on our social media!

[Submit Your Stories](#)

Your Support Matters!

Consider supporting Keep Iowa Beautiful to help us continue our work improving Iowa communities! Remember: donations to Keep Iowa Beautiful are tax deductible!

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