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13th Annual Keep Iowa Beautiful Annual Photography Contest Submission

July 2023 Newsletter

Second Annual Golf Tournament a Success Thanks to Participants, Donors, Volunteers

Keep Iowa Beautiful extends its deepest gratitude to all the amazing individuals who volunteered their time, donated, or participated in this year's golf tournament. Your unwavering support and dedication have been instrumental in making this event an overwhelming success.



Thanks to your collective efforts, we were able to raise

almost \$30,000 to support Keep Iowa Beautiful's programming. These funds will have a lasting impact on initiatives like the Hometown Pride program, Pick-Up Iowa, and the No Litter Hotline, enabling us to continue our mission for years to come.

The success of this golf tournament far exceeded our expectations, and we are immensely grateful for your involvement. We hope this event has not only been enjoyable but also rewarding for each one of you. Your continued support and participation are critical to our ongoing efforts to make lowa a cleaner, more beautiful state.

Once again, thank you so much for your support. With your help, we can continue to preserve and enhance the beauty of lowa for generations to come.

Communities Give Back Through Pick-Up Iowa and Paint Iowa Beautiful Programs

Each year from April through July, volunteers across the state participate in Pick-Up Iowa in support of the national Great American Cleanup. Keep Iowa Beautiful has been proud to support communities in this effort, and the results speak for themselves. Thank you to everyone who's done their part in keeping Iowa beautiful!

Volunteers in **Shelby, Iowa**, spent a day picking up litter along the road leading out of town, as well as a local trail.

The volunteers filled eight trash bags with litter. Great work, Shelby!





Community members in **Ventura**, **lowa**, cleaned up the area around McIntosh Woods State Park.

The volunteers filled four trash bags with litter from the park and woods.

Residents of <u>Afton, Iowa</u>, gathered to pick up litter in the entire town of 900 during their annual City-Wide Cleanup sponsored by the Afton Development Corporation.

Volunteers hauled over 12,000 pounds of litter to the landfill and 2,300 pounds of scrap metal and appliances to the salvage yard. What an accomplishment!



Our Paint Iowa Beautiful program grants paint to volunteers and organizations for community improvement projects. Keep Iowa Beautiful believes well-maintained and painted buildings reflect pride in our communities. These wonderful community projects are just a few examples.



Paint Iowa Beautiful awardees in <u>Ida</u>
<u>Grove, Iowa</u>, repainted The
Moorehead House Museum, an 1875
Italianate structure built by Ida Grove's
founding family.

The landmark home looks pristine with a new coat of red paint.

The residents of **Lake View**, **lowa**, can see a new mural gracing the side of a local building thanks to a Paint Iowa Beautiful grant.

The "Welcome to Lake View" mural with a contemporary feel brings new personality to the heart of Lake View.



Learn More

Hometown Pride Updates

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

Shellsburg Completes Memorial Park Trail

Keep Iowa Beautiful is proud to announce the community of **Shellsburg, Iowa** completed work on the trail in the Shellsburg Memorial Park.





Pocahontas Uses Build With Bags Grant on New Park Benches

At Heritage Park in **Pocahontas**, **Iowa**, five new recycled plastic park benches were installed this summer.

The benches were purchased with a Build With Bags grant from the Iowa Grocery Industry Association. Learn more about the Build With Bags grant here.

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 lowa Beautiful will share your post on our social media!

Submit Your Stories

You Can Stop Litter!

You can help reduce litter in lowa!

When you see litter happening on lowa'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
- 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.



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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