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13th Annual Keep Iowa Beautiful Annual Photography Contest Submission

September 2023 Newsletter



Get Involved: Hometown Pride Program Seeking New Communities

We're looking for a new crop of communities to join the Hometown Pride program!

Your hometown can join the 100+ communities who have used Hometown Pride to help grow local leadership, create new community amenities, enhance civic pride, and increase economic vitality. New communities typically join as a group of 7-10 towns in a county/region.

For more information and program details,

visit <https://keepiowabeautiful.org/programming/hometown-pride/>.

Questions? Reach out to Lorin at lditzler@keepiowabeautiful.com.

Keep an eye out for other upcoming programs: applications for scholarships and Paint Iowa Beautiful grants will be opening soon!



Iowa Communities Utilize Paint Iowa Beautiful Grants

Through Keep Iowa Beautiful's longstanding partnership with Diamond Vogel, the Paint Iowa Beautiful program awards paint grants to volunteers and organizations for community improvement projects. This furthers Keep Iowa Beautiful's belief that well-maintained and painted buildings reflect pride in our communities.



Schori Park in **Elgin, Iowa**, has new life thanks to a recent Paint Iowa Beautiful grant.

All the park shelters were repainted, including the big shelter near the playground area, the picnic shelter with built-in bathrooms and the concessions stand.

The horse barn at the Tracy House Museum in **Ocheyedan, Iowa**, has a new coat of paint thanks to a Paint Iowa Beautiful grant.

The horse barn, one of the oldest buildings in Ocheyedan, was donated to the Tracy House Museum and moved to the museum's property. After making much-needed repairs to the roof, volunteers used a Paint Iowa Beautiful grant to give the structure a new coat of red paint over the summer.





Luxemborg Hosts "Sunday Funday" Fundraiser Event

Volunteers in Luxemborg, Iowa, hosted a "Sunday Funday" event in the park, including inflatable activities, train rides and a food truck.

The event was a success, and money raised will go toward future community events and the installation of a trail in the park.

Manchester Raises Funds for New City Dog Park

Work is underway on a new dog park in Manchester, Iowa! This Hometown Pride initiative will provide a community space for pups and their owners in Manchester.

The area has already been seeded, signage put up and fundraising is underway for this great project.



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](#)

You Can Stop Litter!

You can help reduce litter in Iowa!

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
- 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.



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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