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May 2024 Newsletter

Hometown Pride Communities Work On Major Amenity Construction

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

Preston Main Street Square

Preston Hometown Pride is nearing the final stages of a major project on the Main Street Square. The formerly vacant lot, pictured to the left, was redeveloped and finished earlier this year. The site now hosts a vendor booth that can be rented out and the first vendors were local Girl Scouts! The committee looks forward to adding benches later this year.



Delhi Pickleball Courts

Construction of pickleball courts is underway in Delhi! Thanks to a Rural Enrichment Grant from the State of Iowa, a grant from the Foundation for the Future of Delaware County, and several private contributions, the two courts will be completed this spring! Game on!

Songbird Sanctuary in Hills

Work has begun on the Songbird Sanctuary Garden Park in downtown Hills with concrete sidewalks poured. The site will help preserve the wildlife around Hills and beautify the downtown space.



Volunteer Spotlight- Karlee Low

Each month, we are excited to shine the spotlight on one of our inspiring volunteers, whose time, talent, and treasure help us achieve our mission and strengthen our community. Learn more about Camanche Hometown Pride Chair, Karlee Low!

"Since taking over as chair for Camanche Hometown Pride, Karlee Low and the people she recruited to join the committee have made a difference in Camanche! Under Karlee's leadership, the committee installed the first community digital sign in Central Park, initiated the Hometown Banner program recognizing Clinton County First Responders, and established the first Residential Improvement program for homeowners in the County. Furthermore, the committee has made significant progress in funding the splash pad for the community that will break ground in 2024 with the full support of the municipal government. The Camanche Hometown Pride Committee has grown tremendously over the past 5 years, and Karlee has been an instrumental part of their success!" - Francis Boggus, Clinton County Hometown Pride Coach



Communities Begin Paint Iowa Beautiful Projects



Iowa County Historical Society

Iowa County Historical Society completed painting the interior of Gritter Creek School. There were cracks and stains on the ceiling and some of the walls. The school did have bats that were removed. The project was completed to honor the 150th anniversary of the completion of the school. Stay tuned for a celebration in July!

Postville Park Benches

Postville Community School National Honor Society students took some time out of their busy schedules to give back to their community! Students repainted picnic tables in the city park this May, helping improve the park ahead of the busy summer season.



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.

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!

Tag us on social media, or 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!

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