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Swing into Summer! Tees, Trees and Keeping Iowa Beautiful!

June is here, but there's no summer slowdown at Keep Iowa Beautiful! This month, our team is balancing the excitement of getting ready for our biggest event of the year with our ongoing statewide programs, many of which see a spike in activity over the sunny summer months.

July 14th marks our official date for the Fifth Annual Keep Iowa Beautiful Golf Tournament! While our player foursomes are completely full, you can still support our mission from anywhere in the state. Our silent auction will be hosted online, and you can register right now to get notified the second bidding opens. [Click here](#) to sign up for the Silent Auction!

Beyond the golf course, our summer projects are in full bloom. One of particular importance is our [Pick-Up Iowa](#) program! The official anti-litter push wraps up at the end of this month, but it is not too late to register your group and join the ranks of Iowans making our communities shine ahead of the nation's 250th birthday.

Read on to see what communities and organizations across the state are doing to Keep Iowa Beautiful this summer!

**With gratitude,
The Keep Iowa Beautiful Team**

Maquoketa Celebrates New Outdoor Event Space

Ribbon Cutting at Glovik Community Park

The City of Maquoketa and Maquoketa Betterment Corporation/Hometown Pride held a dedication and ribbon cutting to celebrate Glovik Community Park in downtown Maquoketa, the city's newly completed event venue and community gathering space!

This is the culmination of more than three years of hard work, driven by dedicated volunteers. Early designs were put down on paper in 2023, followed by an ambitious fundraising campaign that raised approximately \$1.4 million from grants and donations from more than 190 individuals, families, businesses and non-profit organizations.

Glovik Community Park features a stage for outdoor concerts and performances, a sensory play area, restrooms, seating and more. Glovik park will be the site for Maquoketa's annual summer concert series and many other community events.

Congratulations to all who worked hard to make this a reality, including the volunteers of Maquoketa Betterment Corporation/Hometown Pride!



Fifth Annual Keep Iowa Beautiful Golf Tournament

Please Join us in Thanking our Sponsors!

As we count down the days to July 14th, our hearts are full of gratitude for the incredible businesses and organizations supporting the Fifth Annual Keep Iowa Beautiful Golf Tournament.

The work we do at Keep Iowa Beautiful isn't possible without the generosity of our sponsors. Your commitment goes far beyond a day on the green; your funding directly fuels the community enhancement and beautification programs that keep our state beautiful year-round.

To all our sponsors, thank you for championing our mission and investing in Iowa. We can't wait to see you on the course!

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There's Still Time to Pick-Up Iowa!



Union County
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Pick-Up Iowa Ends Soon!

Pick-Up Iowa officially ends on June 30th and thanks to volunteers like you we have 99 events and over 3,500 volunteers registered to make 2026 the largest year ever for Pick-Up Iowa!!!

We are having a record year, but **WE NEED YOU!** Let's make Iowa shine in advance of the nation's 250th birthday and get over **100 events in 2026!!!**

Participation is easy:

- ✓ Choose your cleanup date
- ✓ Gather your team
- ✓ Select your location
- ✓ Register your event online

Register for Pick-Up Iowa



Hometown Pride Highlights

Shellsburg Steel Band Concert

The University of Iowa Steel Band performed a free community concert in Shellsburg in May. Hosted by Shellsburg Hometown Pride and the UI School of Music, the event took place at the Shellsburg City Park Pavilion. The concert was free to the public and featured a wide variety of music for all ages.



Storm Lake Bench Dedication

Storm Lake Hometown Pride hosted a Downtown Bench Tour and Dedication event to unveil eight new metal benches placed throughout the Lake Avenue area. The celebration and ribbon-cutting, held in conjunction with Storm Lake United's Chamber Coffee, officially dedicated the new seating options to enhance downtown Storm Lake.

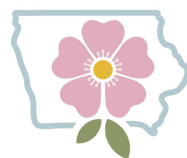
Delaware Park Pavillion

Delaware has completed their park pavillion! Thanks to a grant from the Foundation for the Future of Delaware County and a city match, they broke ground in May and completed the project in under a month! They will continue to work on enhancements for the park, such as electrical work, lighting and cameras.



Aurelia Tree Planting

In May, Aurelia Hometown Pride, in partnership with the City of Aurelia and Aurelia Kiwanis, planted their first of two groups of trees funded by MidAmerican Energy's Trees Please! program and matched by the City and Aurelia Municipal Utilities. This month they will plant the remainder of the trees from the MidAmerican grant, as well as paint playground equipment at their City Park, thanks to a grant from Paint Iowa Beautiful!



New Board Members

Growing our Leadership

At Keep Iowa Beautiful, moving our mission forward relies on strong leadership and fresh perspectives. That's why we are absolutely thrilled to celebrate the addition of six incredible new members to our Board of Directors over the past year!

We extend a warm welcome to our newest advocates. Together with your ongoing support, they are helping ensure Iowa remains a wonderful place to live, work and play!

[Click here](#) to read more about all of the Keep Iowa Beautiful board members!



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