



# KEEP FREMONT BEAUTIFUL LITTER-ature

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# Thank You **SUPPORTERS!**

KFB PARTNERS ASSOCIATION

### A heartfelt thank you for your support in 2023!

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the esteemed members of the 2023 Keep Fremont Beautiful Partners Association. Your generous contributions have been instrumental in sustaining our environmental education program, supporting litter prevention campaigns, and facilitating successful recycling events throughout the year.

Your commitment to our cause is pivotal, and we are truly grateful for your support in advancing our mission to improve waste handling practices and encourage fellow community members to take a greater responsibility for our local environment.

Thank you for standing with us as we work towards creating a more sustainable and beautiful community.

### LIFETIME

Jim & Patty Manhart • Jon Gilfry • Marilyn Gordon  
Molly Rainey • Nan Pollack • Sue Reyzlik

### SUSTAINING

All Metals Market, Inc. • Christensen Lumber  
Fred & Dorothy McCoy • Jim & Patty Manhart  
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Fremont Area Association of Retired School Personnel  
Gringo's • Vance Plumbing & Heating

### ENVIRONMENTAL

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Borisow Homes LLC • Borisow Properties LLC  
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Wiechman Pig Co. • Wiese Plumbing & Excavating, Inc.

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Kim Taylor • Leland Foreman • Marty Weber  
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### ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

### REDUCE WASTE & SAVE RESOURCES BY GOING PAPERLESS!

Contact the Keep Fremont Beautiful office to go paperless and receive your newsletter electronically!



**Our Mission:** Keep Fremont Beautiful is a public education non-profit organization dedicated to improving waste handling practices and engaging our citizens in taking a greater responsibility for improving the community environment.

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### Ctrl+Alt+Recycle: DECODING THE E-WASTE DILEMMA

In our technology-driven age, the surge in electronic waste (e-waste) has emerged as a critical environmental challenge. As our dependence on electronic devices continues to escalate, so does the impact on our planet. In 2023 alone, an estimated 61.3 million metric tons of e-waste was generated globally. With only about 17.4% of all electronic waste documented as being collected for recycling, this indicates that a significant portion of e-waste is still improperly disposed of.

E-waste poses substantial environmental and health risks when disposed of in landfills due to the hazardous materials present in electronic devices, often containing toxic substances such as lead, mercury, cadmium, and flame retardants. When these elements seep into the soil and groundwater, they jeopardize water sources and ecosystems. The hazardous components of e-waste make it crucial to adopt proper recycling and disposal methods, not only to mitigate environmental contamination but also to safeguard the health of both humans and wildlife. Recycling e-waste not only aids in the recovery of valuable materials but also ensures the responsible management of toxic substances.

Find e-waste recycling options locally at Staples with their Free Tech Take Back service. They accept a broad range of items, from computers and monitors to cables, hard drives, keyboards, tablets, and more! Also, be sure to keep an eye out for our annual Metal & Electronics Collection Event in August! Join us in disposing responsibly and contributing to a greener, more sustainable future.

## JOIN THE 2024 KFB PARTNERS ASSOCIATION!

You can help us keep Fremont clean, healthy, and beautiful for all to enjoy by joining the 2024 Keep Fremont Beautiful Partners Association!



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### PARTNERSHIP LEVELS: (PLEASE SELECT ONE)

- Sustaining – \$500     Community Improvement – \$150     Environmental – \$100     Litter-Free – \$50
- Green – \$200     Education – \$125     Recycling – \$75     Individual – \$25

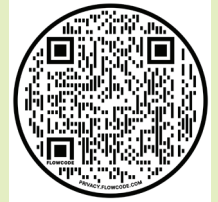
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Keep Fremont Beautiful - 152 E. 6th St., Suite 105 • Fremont, NE 68025

You may also join online at [www.keepfremontbeautiful.org](http://www.keepfremontbeautiful.org) or simply scan the QR code!

Make checks payable to Keep Fremont Beautiful, Inc.

Keep Fremont Beautiful is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Your membership contribution is tax deductible. A receipt for your donation will be sent to the mailing address provided.



*Your financial support is sincerely appreciated!*

## 2024 GRANT AWARDS



We're thrilled to announce that we have been awarded \$123,009 in grant funding from the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy! Through the Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant, KFB was awarded \$96,030.00. These funds support our public education program, litter prevention campaign, and several local recycling events. Additionally, we were awarded \$26,979.00 through the Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant to host a county-wide household hazardous waste collection. We are thankful for our continued partnership with the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy and the opportunities provided to our community through the funding received!

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### *Our billboard message for this year is,*

### ***"Down the storm drain & into our waters. KEEP IT CLEAN!"***

Storm drains play a crucial role in mitigating flooding by redirecting rainwater and melted snow to nearby bodies of water. As precipitation runs off hard surfaces, such as buildings and roads, it collects litter and other pollutants. Upon entering a storm drain, the water, litter, and pollutants are transported through underground pipes and discharged directly into local lakes, streams, and rivers. The phrase, "Only rain down the storm drain," is critical to follow due to the absence of a filtration system between the storm drains and bodies of water. The City of Fremont Public Works Department has provided education regarding common sources of storm water pollution and how to prevent it, which can be found online at [fremontne.gov/431/Stormwater-Management](http://fremontne.gov/431/Stormwater-Management).



Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy

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