

2004 Litter Enforcement Award Winners Announced

“Litter Enforcement Award” winners for 2004 are announced by Keep Iowa Beautiful. The two awards have been established to recognize those enforcement and community officers in Iowa that are going the “extra mile” in litter prevention, enforcement and beautification efforts to help Keep Iowa Beautiful. Littering and illegal dumping costs tax payers \$13.5 million dollars annually. Education and public awareness efforts can do a great deal to assist in changing behavior patterns to abate the problem, however, enforcement is an important tool that can make a lasting difference. The award winners were selected through a nomination process for efforts in the year 2003.

Award winners will receive framed recognition certificates presented at selected State and / or regional meetings. In addition each of the two winners can designate a litter prevention, cleanup and / or beautification effort that will receive a \$1,000 cash award in their name. The cash presentations are normally made at a local event.

The two 2004 award winners are:

Ms. Kary Woolson – Boone County Code Enforcement Officer
Boone, Iowa

Merit:

In addition to enforcement efforts Kary has coordinated several high-Profile property clean-ups. Her efforts have helped to eradicate potential health safety concerns as well as demonstrating that Boone County is serious about making sure property owners maintain their properties properly.

Kary is active in her personal life in promoting litter prevention by working with the Pufferbilly Days in handing out seed packets and litter bags and after the parade worked with her church in again walking the route to pick up litter. She often carries litter bags on her walks in her neighborhood.

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Mr. Warren Crouch – Parks Superintendent and Sanitation Superintendent,
Bellevue, Iowa.

Merit:

Superintendent Crouch has been active in promoting recycling, clean up, composting and beautification efforts for the city of Bellevue. Through his efforts the riverfront beautification program has made significant progress with over \$800,000 being spent for improvements. His personal efforts have rubbed off on others in the community and has resulted in making Bellevue an attractive community.

Additionally he spends considerable numbers of volunteer hours in helping with these efforts.

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The award program was established by Keep Iowa Beautiful through the generosity of a grant from John and Judy Schneller of Des Moines. John and Judy have become increasingly concerned over litter levels. Through the financial support of the annual award and volunteer efforts they are helping to change behavior patterns.

Keep Iowa Beautiful is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the attractiveness of our neighborhoods, communities and the State. Litter abatement is a key focus of the organization. Recently completed studies indicate the need to increase efforts for changing behavior patterns through public education, awareness and increased attention to litter and illegal dumping enforcement.