



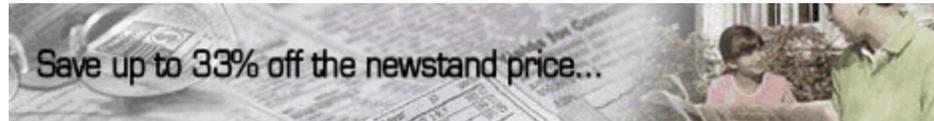
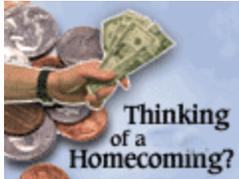
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Citizens 'make a difference' in Ironwood effort

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IRONWOOD -- More than two dump trucks full of litter was picked up by volunteers during "Make A Difference Day" in the city on June 17.

"More than 40 people showed up to work and a number of businesses participated. It was a real good effort from the community," city manager Scott Erickson told the city commission Monday.

The two dump trucks of trash was collected in only three hours as people adopted different areas of the city to beautify, coordinated by the Ironwood Area Chamber of Commerce.

City employees also pitched in to help.

"We're going to work on making this an annual event. I think we'll make it earlier in the year," Erickson said. "I thank all the people who participated."

"It caused us to take a good look at our community," commissioner Dan Adams said. He added that the clean-up effort has helped to spruce up many areas of the community.

Suzanne Toth, a member of the chamber board, thanked the city Monday for cooperating to make the day a success. "There was a good turn-out," she said.

Commissioners said they might even start a special "spike" award for the clean-up day. A group of Boy Scouts found a railroad spike along

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a trail during the clean-up effort and it may be awarded to the top effort.

City officials are also attempting to beautify Ironwood by knocking down some eyesores and issuing blight citations.

Erickson noted Monday the Army Corps of Engineers will monitor soil samples at Norrie Park where an old fuel tank was removed. The monitoring will end when the soil samples are acceptable, he said.

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