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## Sarpy Leadership group teams up for recycling effort

By Eric Taylor Managing Editor May 2, 2018



Thanks to efforts of a Sarpy Leadership team's legacy project, recycling bins, like this one at Halleck Park, are now available at several parks and other facilities throughout Papillion.

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Recycling might not solve all the world's problems, but a Sarpy County Leadership Team views it as a good place to start.

As part of its legacy project, a six-person leadership group has teamed up with Second Nature Public Recycling to put 50 recycling bins in parks, sports facilities and other public venues in Gretna and Papillion. There are 25 bins in each city that were in place April 1. The Parks Departments in each city will collect the recyclable items.

"We discussed different ways we could make the world a better place and we thought, let's start with recycling," said Pat Hillyer, project manager for the group. "We talked about our kids and when we go to parks, half of the trash you see is plastic bottles. You aren't always able to recycle in public places."

Hillyer teamed with Angie Lauritsen, Travis Gibbons, Steve Wallace, Cathy Alm and James Dean for the project.

The group began meeting in August to discuss potential ways to make an impact in their communities. Through the Leadership Sarpy program, groups seek ways to better their communities and become leaders within those communities.

"One of the great things about the leadership team is that you network and get out in the community," Hillyer said.

With the bins now in place, Hillyer said the next goal of the team is to ensure that the projects remains viable in their own communities and eventually spreads to others. Some of that will be done through pursuing local businesses to advertise on the bins.

"Legacy is a big word and we want to keep this going," Hillyer said. "We believe the path we gave will make it easy for others to do the same in other cities.

"Second Nature became the third party for us and we thought this would be a way for us to be the middle man in the project and take the burden off the city. We want to alert youth groups and teams that this is available to them."

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