1 Love My City spruces up Hermiston



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A dog laps at water that Aurelio Maran sprays while washing a truck during the I Love My City event in Hermiston



Jade McDowell/Hermiston Herald A volunteer sweeps a parking lot on Southwest Ninth Street during the I Love My City event



Members of New Hope Community Church wash

vehicles at a free car wash during the I Love My City event in Hermiston on Saturday, May 1, 2021.



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A family works together to sweep debris from a fence in a downtown parking lot during the I Love My City event in Hermiston on Saturday, May 1, 2021.

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About 200 volunteers from local churches came together on Saturday, May 1, for the annual spring I Love My City event.

The program, started in 2016, provides days of free service to the community. The latest event included multiple service projects. Volunteers gave free car washes at Smitty's ACE Hardware, worked on the landscaping along Highway 395 and picked up garbage in the downtown area and along the railroad tracks.

The event, organized by the churches, was open to anyone who wanted to show up Saturday morning and be put to work. The participating churches also held a joint worship service on Sunday, May 2, outdoors in Butte Park and live streamed online.



Jade McDowell/Hermiston Herald Volunteers tend to the flower beds outside the Hermiston Community Center during the I Love My City event in Hermiston on Saturday, May 1, 2021.







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