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City of Hemet Hosts Inaugural I Love Hemet Community Cleanup

HEMET, CA – On Saturday, January 31, 2026, the City of Hemet hosted the inaugural I Love Hemet Community Cleanup, marking the start of a new tradition, monthly recurring community cleanups aimed at transforming the City.

I Love Hemet is a new city-led, community-wide cleanup initiative designed to promote beautification, civic pride, and meaningful volunteer engagement throughout Hemet. The project focuses on highly visible corridors, vacant lots, and rotating neighborhoods, while tracking measurable outcomes such as volunteer participation and tonnage of debris removed.

The inaugural event opened with remarks from City staff and Council Members, thanking the community for their participation and highlighting the importance of working together to transform the City's landscape and visual appeal for the greater community. Community members then worked to clean up the lot located at 1635 W. Latham Avenue, along with the surrounding area.

Project Roundup:

- 50 checked-in volunteers
- 7 Hemet Fire Cadets
- 8 City employees, including the Mayor, Council Members, a Planning Commissioner, City Manager's Office staff, Code Enforcement, and the Hemet Fire Battalion Chief
- A special drop-in visit from the Hemet Police Department AERO Team, who assisted by clearing an encampment
- An estimated 2,000 lbs. (1 ton) of trash collected in under two hours

The City of Hemet looks forward to the upcoming cleanup events scheduled for the last Saturday of each month and invites residents of all ages to participate in an I Love Hemet cleanup. To learn more, or to sign up for a Love Hemet cleanup, visit, <https://www.hemetca.gov/1350/I-Love-Hemet-Project>

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