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Orange City Youth Advisory Council Wins Statewide Community Service Contest

ORANGE CITY – The Florida Leagues of Cities announced that the City of Orange City Youth Advisory Council was selected as one of the three winners for the 2022 Municipal Youth Council Community Service Project. Hosted annually, this contest showcases community service projects performed by municipal youth councils that successfully address specific needs in their local communities.

The Youth Advisory Council, which is composed of seven high school students who either live in Orange City or attend University High School, secured their win with their Mill Lake Park Clean Up which focused on improving the city’s environmental well-being. The Council collaborated with the City’s Parks and Recreation Department to organize the cleanup of a section of a densely wooded conservation area in Mill Lake Park. The area had been used as a homeless camp in the past and was home to a large amount of litter. In February, members of the Youth Advisory Council, teachers, and City Council members collectively worked together to clean up and restore the area, removing 2,340 pounds of waste, including 30 tires.

Thanks to the Youth Advisory Council, park users can now enjoy one of the city’s most frequented parks, free from trash and harmful waste.

“This Council is relatively new and already making an impact on our community,” says Mayor Gary Blair. “These students have really impressed me with their motivation, organization, and responsibility.”

The City of Cape Coral and City of Niceville Youth Councils were also selected as winners of the community service contest.

For more information about Orange City’s Youth Advisory Council, please visit www.orangecityfl.gov.

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