

## **ArtScape Proposal - Michele Sparks**

### **Outdoor Art Experience with Art Banners by Hendersonville youth, to be hung in Jackson Park**

**Overall Vision:** Artscape is a public art project planned for number of colorful banners designed by our county youth. Quality art will be selected from entries and printed on banners to be placed on light posts within Jackson Park.

The planned project will be sponsored by the Art League of Henderson County and possibly other sponsors.

**How:** An annual juried competition will be held for local youth from Henderson County only. Artwork will be selected and then photographed and printed on banners, to be hung in the park.

**Who:** A joint project of Henderson County Parks & Recreation and the ArtScape committee made up of 14 members.

**Artscape:** Will secure a sponsor/ or cost of project  
They will create application  
Determine selected youth  
Photograph artwork  
Produce banners

### **Parks & Recreation:**

Will purchase capital equipment (hardware for mounting banners)  
There are existing poles and hardware in place within the park where no banners are hung at this time.  
Install hardware and banners  
Help with PR & Marketing

**Community interest:** This same program has brought much interest to the downtown Main street area. We feel this will generate interest from the families of Henderson County. It is a great way to focus and showcase our local youthful artists. Great way for the talent of our youth to be seen. The kids and the families will be so proud of this project.

We expect to be working very closely with the Boys & Girls Club and the public school system to select our artists.

The timeline and the number of banners can be discussed and finalized between the groups at a later date.

Please enjoy the video and pictures that accompany this proposal.



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## **Proposal to ban balloon releases at Henderson County parks.**

We have rules in place that govern what can and can't be done if a group wants to reserve a county park facility. I propose that we request the County Commissions to amend the Parks and Recreation Ordinances to add: ban helium balloon releases on all Henderson County park property because they pose a risk to wildlife & the environment.

Helium balloons litter our airways, waterways, and woodlands. Balloons kill wild animals and can cause dangerous power outages. They can travel thousands of miles and pollute the most remote and pristine places. Balloons return to the land and sea where they can be mistaken for food and eaten by animals. And, they take countless years to decompose. There are better ways to celebrate or mark a special occasion other than balloon releases.

Alternatives can help bring a group together to celebrate or commemorate a special occasion without causing harm to the environment or wildlife. Examples of this are to submit a proposal for a memorial in Henderson County Parks following our Memorial Policy, flying kites, waving flags or banners, blowing bubbles, chalk drawings, organizing a community walk, run, or bike ride.

Proposal: I propose that we submit a request to the County Commissioners to amend current ordinances to include a ban on helium balloon releases on all Henderson County Parks and Recreation properties

Katie Breckheimer, Henderson County Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee