



Teen Court of Santa Fe County

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Creative Solutions:

Teen Court and Anti-Graffiti Program Team Up to Clean Up

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Santa Fe County has launched a multi-faceted program to deal with graffiti. In coordination with Teen Court, “taggers” – those involved in graffiti – are cleaning-up graffiti around the County. They will also be working with a local artist to put their artistic abilities to use in a constructive way – painting murals at County community centers. Some of the buzz amongst local teens is how their friends should stop doing it because in the end they (the Teen Court teens) will have to clean it up and how much work that entails. Having them involved in the full process teaches them the real consequences of their actions. There is nothing like having to clean up after yourself.

A new paint voucher program has been set up to provide one gallon of paint to residents free of charge for cleaning-up graffiti. A local company has donated paint for this program. Although residents aren't guaranteed a perfect color match, the paint is made available freely to, at least, provide residents a means of dealing with graffiti.

A new graffiti ordinance will soon be introduced to reinforce County efforts. Also, cameras have been installed and are monitoring areas that have had graffiti problems. Residents can call *The County Line* - 215-LINE (5463), email helpme@santafecounty.org, or go to santafecounty.org for a paint voucher or more information.