

Newsmakers: Four named winners at 2017 Bellmon awards

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Nancy Bolzle and Susanna Belzley accept the Bellmon Award on behalf of The Pencil Box. COURTESY

Four winners were announced during the recent 2017 Henry Bellmon awards, put on by Sustainable Tulsa and the Rotary Club of South Tulsa.

Winners were The Pencil Box for the Quality of Life Award, Dry Cleaning Station with the Responsible Economic Growth Award, Tulsa City-County Library with the Environmental Stewardship Award and Tulsa Hub with the 2017 Henry Bellmon Sustainability Award.

The Pencil Box is reducing waste by getting supplies and reusable items into classrooms in underrepresented schools. The Dry Cleaning Station uses GreenEarth solvent and other non-toxic products during the dry cleaning process to reducing its impact on the environment.

Tulsa City-County Library transformed the Central Library, implementing the use of energy efficient systems that include solar panels, rainwater storage, light and water sensors. Tulsa Hub offers a Community Bicycling Workshop that teaches residents about sustainability and improves personal and environmental health.



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"Our winners addressed challenges regarding equity, environmental protection and staying economically viable in our community, and with their ingenuity and commitment to their vision and work that have proven that you can thrive in the realm of sustainability," Sustainable Tulsa executive director Corey Williams said.

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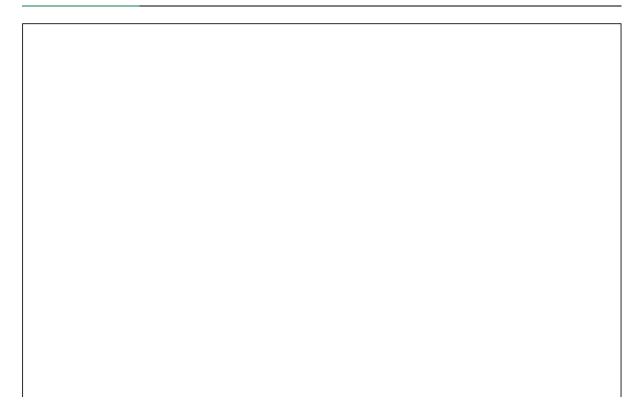
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