

The Nehemiah Project

You may remember that this past June, part of the noisy offering went to The Nehemiah Project, an inter-city project whose goal is to enhance the beauty and safety of the neighborhood around the Fellowship of Christian Believers Church and West Park between Park and Villa and 10th and 11th Streets. This is accomplished with flowers, benches, trash bins and regular clean-ups as part of the American Beautification program.

Enhancements to West Park were completed this year due to a collaborative effort by the city, local artists and painters and The Nehemiah Project. Benches and trash cans were replaced, signs were added and the central garden oval was newly landscaped. A breast and cervical cancer reflection area with concrete sculptures and cancer prevention information was integrated into the garden oval. A new wheelchair accessible crushed stone path that winds through the cancer reflection area was added and prairie grasses were planted throughout the entire garden area.

The Nehemiah Project was founded in 2003 by Pastor Bill Thomkins. It is his mission and that of his church, the Fellowship of Christian Believers, "to see the destruction of their city repaired and it's peoples lives restored". See Nehemiah 2-3.

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