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**RiverHill Gateway named 2022 KKB Orchid Winner in Community Space Category**

*KNOXVILLE, Tenn*. *—* Throughout the month of April, Keep Knoxville Beautiful will host its annual Orchid Awards online via social media. The Orchid Awards have been presented to Knoxville and Knox County's most beautiful properties, public spaces, and public art since 1979. Awards will be presented to winners in six different categories: New Architecture, Redesign/Reuse, Outdoor Space, Community Space, Public Art, and Regreening.

On April 13, 2022, RiverHill Gateway was announced as the winner in the Community Space category.

The nominees in the Community Space category were RiverHill Gateway and the Lodge at Shannondale.

Judges based their selections on overall design and aesthetic, creative use of space, Magnitude of visual impact on the area, and availability to the public.

Riverhill Gateway Neighborhood is a unique downtown community of condos and apartments, nonprofits, and small businesses including recreational activities at the marina and Adventure Knoxville. With the goal of creating a welcoming, thriving, and aesthetically pleasing neighborhood that seamlessly connects with the downtown area, the RiverHIll Gateway Neighborhood Association has worked tirelessly to implement neighborhood improvements. Neighbors, including businesses, residents, and non-profit organizations, have installed art, planters, bike racks, water stations, picnic tables, and little libraries and completed regular greenway and river cleanups. This community commitment and effort has resulted in a beautiful, inviting space for the whole community to enjoy…

“This project is a great example of community members rallying together to do something positive. The Riverhill Gateway Neighborhood has truly made a wonderful contribution that promotes shared community spaces, exercise, art, and friendships,” said KKB Executive Director Khann Chov.

In honor of the 2022 Orchid Award season, Keep Knoxville Beautiful announced the launch of the KKB Mural Fund as a way to enhance the beauty of Knoxville through public art in years to come.

For more information about the Orchid Awards and to donate to the Keep Knoxville Beautiful Mural Fund, please visit [www.keepknoxvillebeautiful.org/orchid-awards/](http://www.keepknoxvillebeautiful.org/orchid-awards/)

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**About Keep Knoxville Beautiful**

Founded in 1978 to help “clean up” prior to the 1982 World’s Fair, Keep Knoxville Beautiful is a local non-profit with a mission to inspire and empower Knox County communities to improve their quality of life through beautification and environmental stewardship. We pursue this by:

* Educating students and the public about waste-prevention, litter, recycling, and environmental stewardship
* Facilitating and supporting litter pickups that make our roads and local waterways cleaner
* Creating and protecting murals and hosting beautification mobs to make Knoxville a more beautiful and interesting place to live and visit

During 2020-2021, Keep Knoxville Beautiful completed the following:

* .Facilitated or supported 400 litter pickups
* Collected 105,879 pounds of litter
* Managed 6 beautification projects
* Reached 3,169 kids with our presentations
* Worked with 3,460volunteers
* Facilitated 8,255 volunteer hours
* Distributed 2,234 Go Green Boxes

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