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Cheap Placemaking Ideas

Handout



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Photo by Deb Brown

Cheap!

Paint the Street

People brought their items for clean up day. The mayor watched for any usable paint that was turned in, and he set that aside. That paint was later used in the Paint the Street Project.



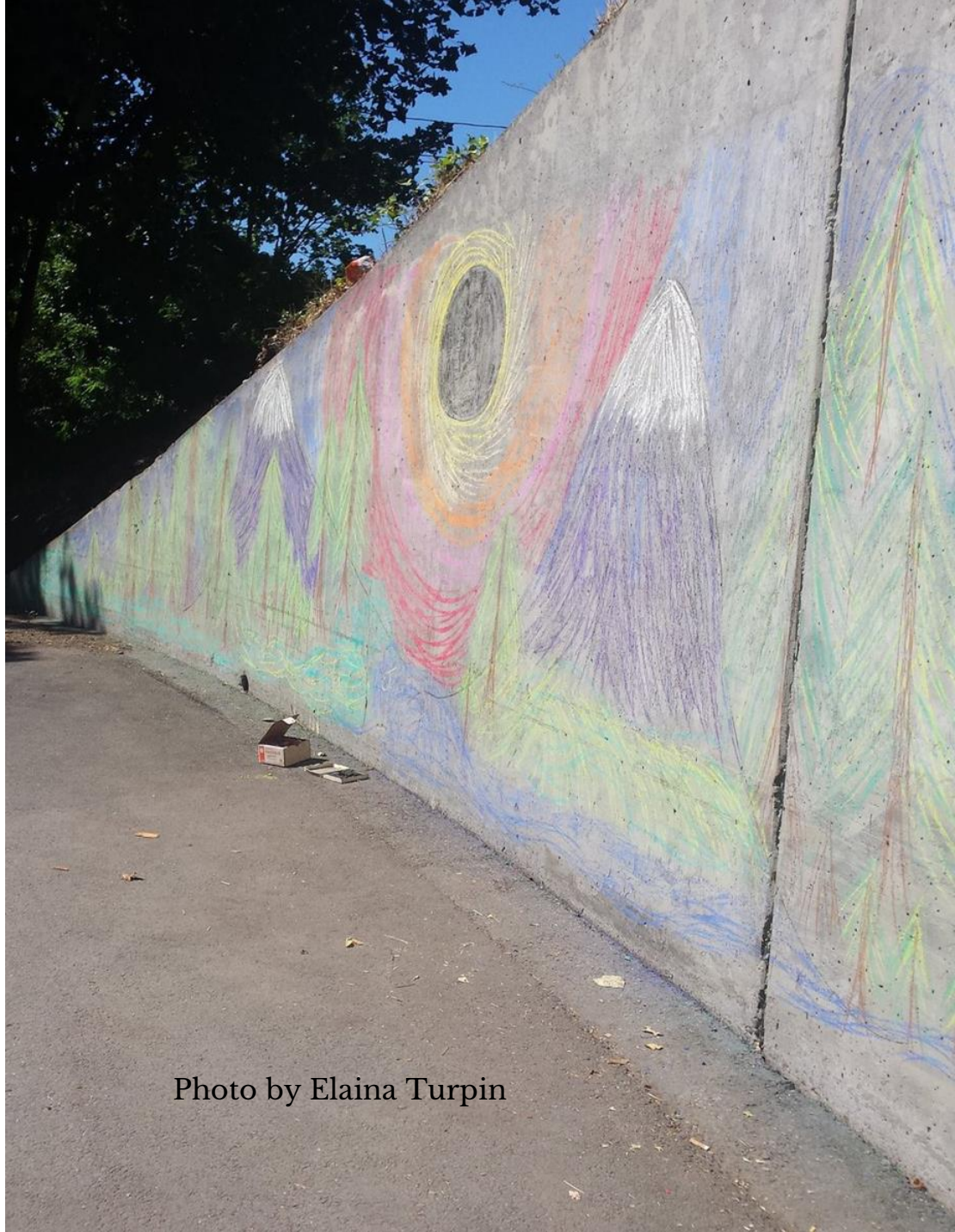
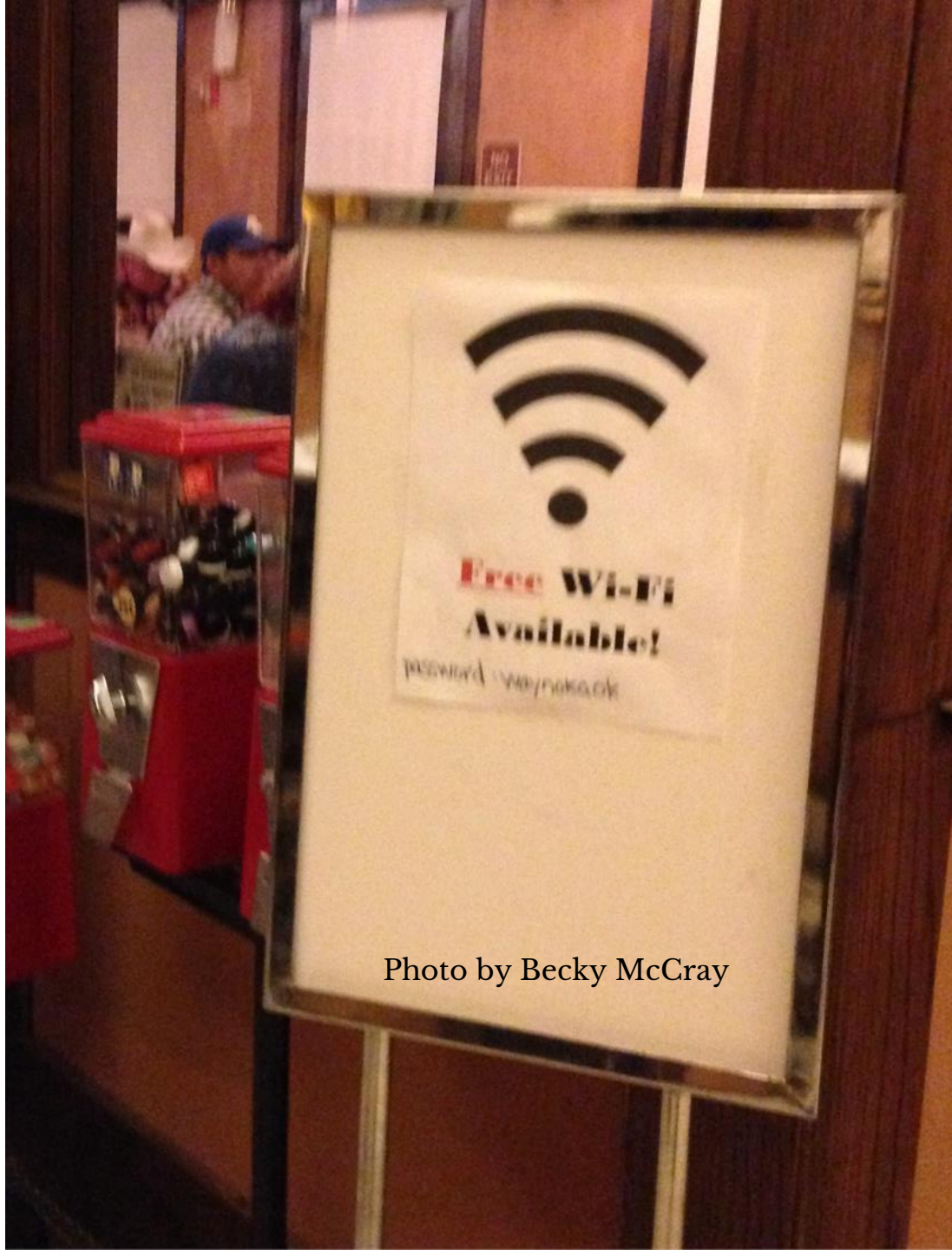


Photo by Elaina Turpin

Chalk a mural

Find a blank space.
Any blank concrete
surface is fair game.



Share wifi downtown

Encourage people to linger downtown by sharing your wifi.



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Shovel snow downtown

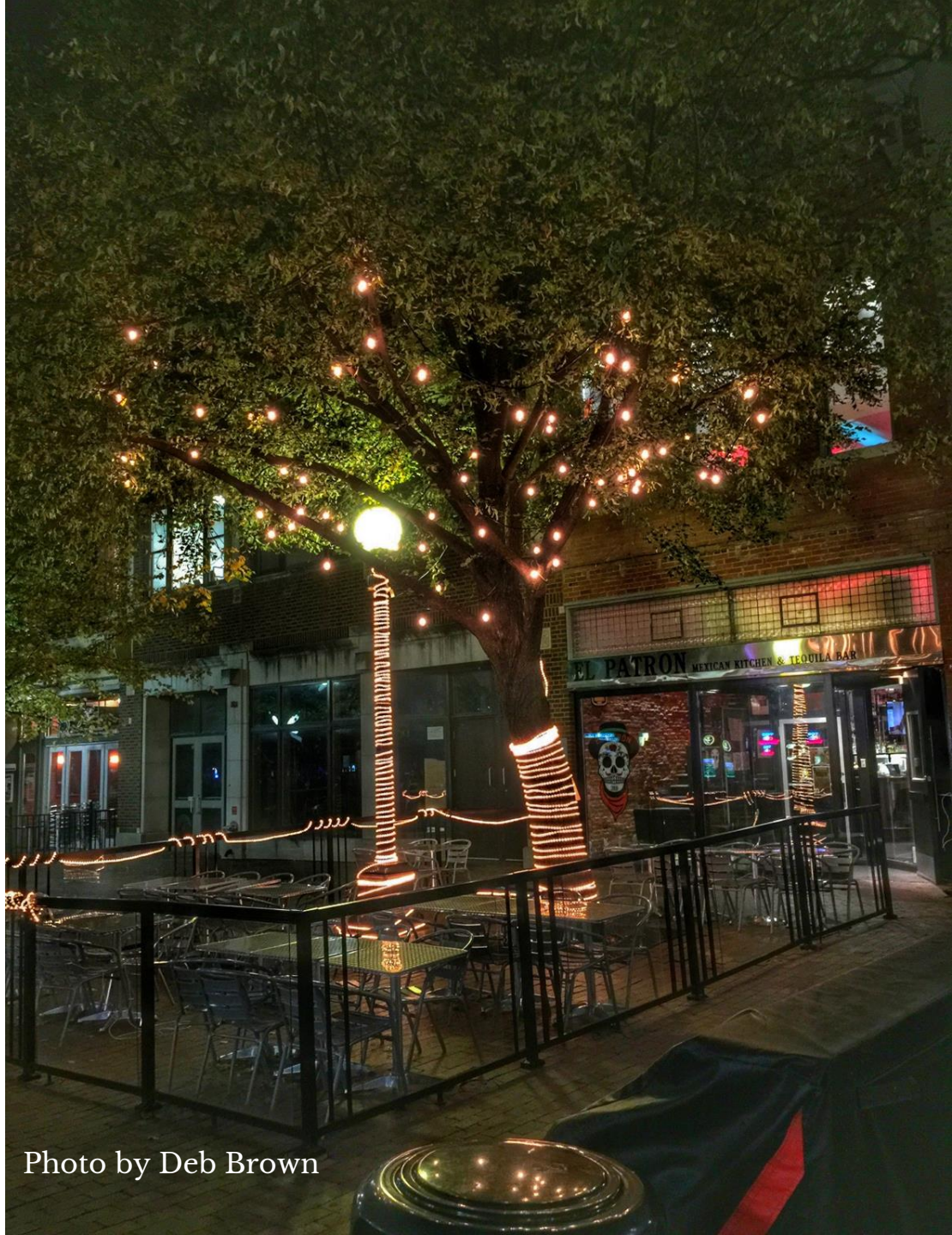


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String Lights

There's not a space in the world that can't be made better with some string lights.

Photo by Becky McCray



When public safety is involved, always get permission.

That includes ideas like painting your fire hydrants, crosswalks, and utility poles or boxes.



Photo by Deb Brown

**Throw wildflower
bombs.**

You can plant native
wildflowers on any
unmaintained dirt areas
downtown



**Fences:
decorate with
banners**



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Fences

grow vines



Photos by Becky McCray



Staircase Murals If you have an open staircase downtown like the one above, why not paint a staircase mural?



Photo by Becky McCray

Adopt downtown planters

Let people, groups and businesses sign up to be responsible for one pot. Encourage them to plant lots of colorful plants. Not just flowers either – what about some tomato plants or berries for picking?



Photo by CFRA

Create an outdoor living room, and listen

Community happens when people talk to each other.

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OatmealKisses.com



Fabric Murals

Make sheet murals

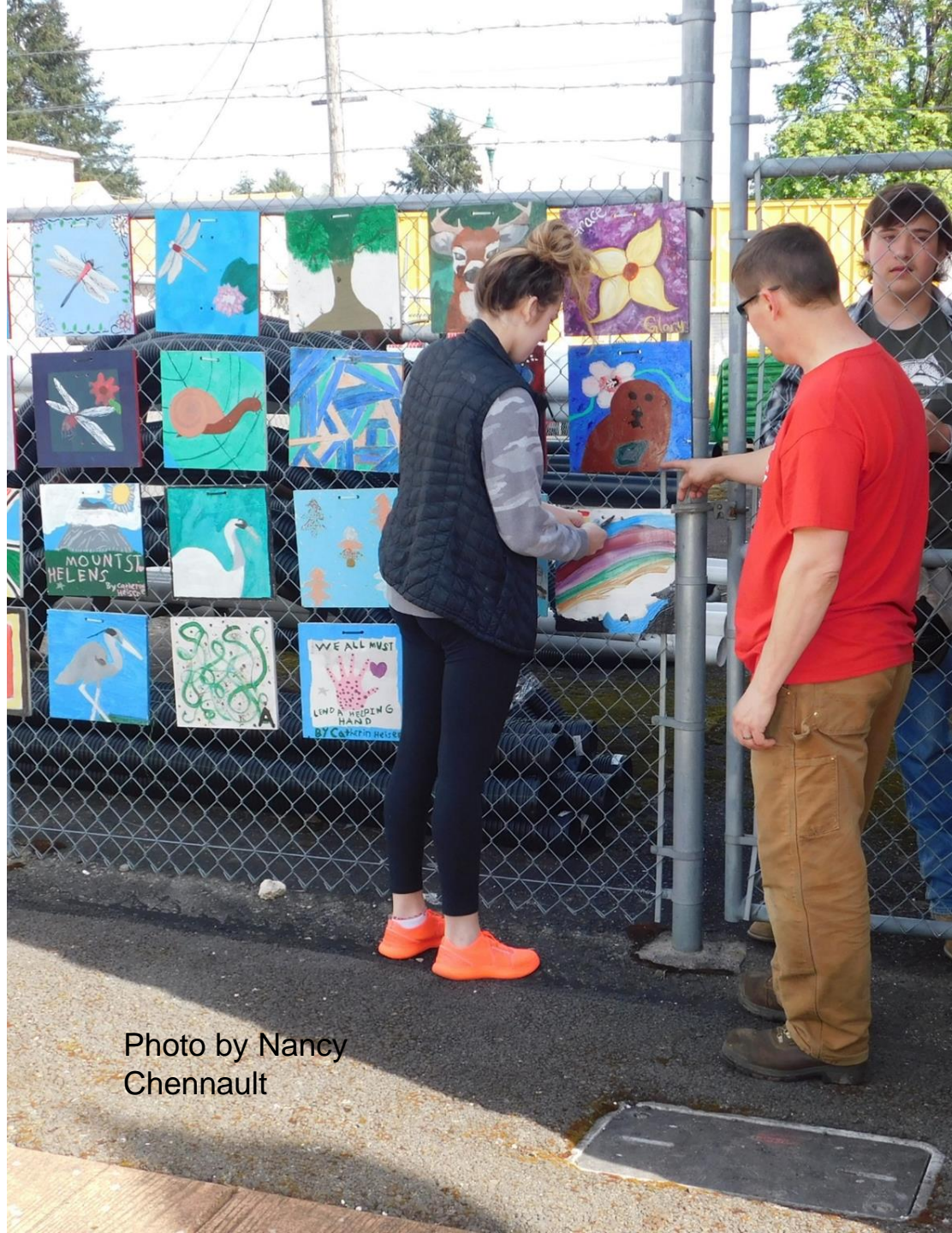


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Fences:

Hang Student Art Work



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**Shade a street or alley
with umbrellas**



Hang fabric arts

Display quilts or any fabric arts on a railing.

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Henderson



Photo by Enid, Oklahoma,
Main Street

Paint your Crosswalks



Photo by
@Vanyukrastev

Googly eyes

Post them on anything that isn't red hot or in motion. Be nice, use removable adhesive.



Photo via Sarah
McKnight

Crack art



Photo by USDA

Pull weeds

From the sidewalk, from the cracks next to buildings, from planters and flower boxes.

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Start a rock hunt

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