

City Clerk Staff

From: Gwen Jones
Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2022 2:16 PM
To: Dean Johnson
Cc: Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Subject: Re: Transient trash

Hi Dean, thank you for the information. I am not sure who you spoke to, but we do have a team from Parks that addresses these situations, and I will forward this on to them. Thanks, -Gwen

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From: Dean Johnson <bluekestral23@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 12:22 PM
To: Gwen Jones <JonesG@ci.missoula.mt.us>
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Subject: Transient trash

Dear Gwen,

I am not sure where to start here other than I am extremely frustrated and disappointed with Missoula's city leadership and their inability to do anything meaningful about Missoula's transient problem. I have watched for 20 plus years Missoula's PC-liberal reactionary response to our transient problem, and in that time the filth, garbage and crime, associated with our transients has only become worse. Tax payer dollars and city resources thrown at the problem have increased as well to no avail. This is totally unacceptable. The enclosed photo is why it is unacceptable.

The picnic shelters and fields west of osprey field along the river bike path have become the latest transient encampment.

I reported the location of the enclosed photo to 911. I was surprised to learn that there is no other resource to handle this situation other than PD. Im quite certain Missoula's police officers have better thing to do than pick up transient garbage. I would like to recommend a task force comprised of city council members and Povarello employees to patrol and keep Missoula's public open spaces safe for families and free of transients and their garbage. Maybe then you would find and timely solution to this problem.

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