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MAYOR'S OFFICE

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To the Mayors office, the Alderman, and the Public Works Department,

Thank you for what you do for the City of Shelton. There are many positive things about this city. Today we write about a perpetual problem. Litter.

It's everywhere. There are other nearby communities of similar size that do not have this issue to the extent that we do. It's disgusting and it's embarrassing.

It's unfair that the people causing it are not the people who have to clean it up but we can not just throw our hands up and say it's not our problem.

Route 8 is a state road so contact the DOT and request a clean up, regularly.

Bridgeport Ave is also a state road but we can't ignore our main thoroughfare. Trucks carrying garbage are constantly coming off the highway and up Platt Rd. Require their loads be covered entirely.

Nells Rock road is traveled by so many going to school. They see it and think it's ok. The more litter you leave, the more will accumulate.

Their parents need to be taught too. The garbage and recycling bins are huge. There is no reason why a week or two worth of refuse should not fit. Residents must crush their boxes. Send out notices to regular offenders.

Also, homeowners should be notified that they must pick up litter on their property the same way they need to clear their sidewalks of snow or face fines.

When it comes to businesses, store owners or managers or landlords must clear their parcel of land of litter or face fines. The city could collect money this way.

Another way to collect fines is to put cameras at some of the stoplights that catch people who run red lights especially at the intersection Bridgeport Ave and Nells Rock Rd. Also, many people illegally turn from Nells Rock into the Big Y Plaza. Big Y has a relatively clean area, but what about Walmart?

Bus stops are also a problem. Safety for bus riders waiting in the dark is already a concern. Over time, at bus stops signs consider adding (a light & covered area?) at least a permanent trash can with a regular pick up day.

The City needs to enforce current rules or enact new regulations for litter removal. The City also has a responsibility to send maintenance crews to do routine clean up of our roads. If the department is short staffed or backlogged then use money collected from fines to hire a company to do litter removal.

In a city this size, we can not expect a litter or trails committee to be able to keep up with this ongoing problem. Just like a day to clean up Shelton is not sufficient. Some of us citizens are doing our part and beyond but we need you to take the lead. We urge you to take action so we can take pride in our city.

Thank you,

Concerned Citizens