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Sent: 12/20/2021 4:55:28 PM
To: Bill Davis <bdavis2@ashevilleenc.gov>
Cc:
Subject: Re: Citizen Times RE: encampment reports

Bill,

It's certainly been a busy few weeks!

Thank you so much for getting back to me. Just to clarify -- officers discovered the camp at 6 p.m. Sunday...when did they ask people to leave? Was it that night? Want to make sure I'm giving an accurate timeline!

Sarah

From: Bill Davis <bdavis2@ashevilleenc.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2021 3:45 PM
To: Honosky, Sarah <SHonosky@citizentimes.com>
Subject: Re: Citizen Times RE: encampment reports

Hey, Sarah,

You're a busy camper!

Confirmed. APD officers discovered that about 20 people had set up tents, bed frames, sleeping bags, pallets and a dresser at Aston Park around 6 p.m. Sunday. As per city park policy, the park closes at night (I believe 8 p.m.) and in the morn. Officers advised the people they needed to vacate the park by closing time (I believe there is a posting of that at the park). The people complied and got into their vehicles and left the area. They took most of their belongings with them; those items left behind would be collected by Parks and Rec.

I would check with Parks and Rec regarding to get their confirmed hours of operation. It didn't appear to be a "residing" issue...they got in their cars and left when informed.

It would no different if you and your family decided to do an afternoon picnic in the park...bring out the blankets, some food, games, and enjoy the day. But when the park closes, you are reminded you need to head out.

Bill D.

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On Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 2:46 PM Honosky, Sarah <SHonosky@citizentimes.com> wrote:

Hi Bill,

Just following up on this! I'm hearing reports that an encampment was cleared at Aston Park last night, and I wanted to confirm that information.

If so, I had some other questions -- like why the camp was cleared? If there was any inciting incident? How many people were residing there? For how long? When were they notified the camp would be cleared?

Thanks so much,

Sarah

From: Honosky, Sarah <SHonosky@citizentimes.com>
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2021 11:43 AM
To: Bill Davis <bdavis2@ashevilleenc.gov>
Subject: Re: Citizen Times RE: encampment reports

I will make a formal request, thank you!

Another question -- someone just contacted me regarding an encampment at Aston Park. They said it was cleared last night by the APD?

Did this happen last night? If so, I have some follow-up questions, as well!

Thanks,

Sarah

From: Bill Davis <bdavis2@ashevillenc.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2021 11:38 AM
To: Honosky, Sarah <SHonosky@citizentimes.com>
Subject: Re: Citizen Times RE: encampment reports

Making the official request is best; I doubt we even have a copy of the docs provided to the other media source.

Thanks.
Bill D.

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On Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 11:33 AM Honosky, Sarah <SHonosky@citizentimes.com> wrote:

Yeah, that would be great. So I should submit a request through the portal at that address? I didn't see their showing up -- or I would just access the information that was already distributed to them, if that makes sense.

Sarah

From: Bill Davis <bdavis2@ashevillenc.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2021 11:30 AM
To: Honosky, Sarah <SHonosky@citizentimes.com>
Subject: Re: Citizen Times RE: encampment reports

Hey, I just confirmed this with Samantha B, who actually compiled the docs. The 297 Haywood address should give you the reports from the 220 encampment. Request those, and you should be good. It's just a bit odd, since the physical address off the highway was tough to pinpoint, the location I told you is the one that will show the reports from that area.

I can only assume you are also wanting to show the criminal activity that took place at the camp, correct?

Hope this helps,
Bill D.

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On Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 10:53 AM Honosky, Sarah <SHonosky@citizentimes.com> wrote:

Bill,

Thank you, that's helpful!

I was curious -- I've been using the public records portal recently, and I can see all the other requests filed there. I didn't see a request related to police reports filed by WLOS.

Would I be able to get the information that they got from APD, since it was already distributed to them?

Sarah

From: Bill Davis <bdavis2@ashevillenc.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2021 8:50 AM
To: Honosky, Sarah <SHonosky@citizentimes.com>
Cc: Samantha Booth <sbooth@ashevillenc.gov>
Subject: Re: Citizen Times RE: encampment reports

Good morning, Sarah,

If I recall, I had provided you with a few places you can search for info and records online. That way, you can conveniently find data at your leisure and via your own search - tons of info. However, if you are looking for specific public records and need to make a request, the way you do that is through the city's public records request website:

City of Asheville Public Records Requests:

<https://www.ashevillenc.gov/service/request-public-records/>

- General Info on Public Records (request at bottom)

<https://cityofashevillenc.nextrequest.com/>

- Actual Public Records request page

Once you make that official request, it will be routed to the appropriate agency (in this case, ADP), and we will be able to facilitate the request as we can.

Merry Christmas!

Bill D.

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On Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 8:39 AM Honosky, Sarah <SHonosky@citizentimes.com> wrote:

Hi Bill,

Hope you're doing well this morning!

We had spoken before about seeing police reports related to the I-240 homeless encampment and the Ramada Inn, and you had pointed me toward the online database.

I read some reporting from WLOS, and their story referenced reports obtained through a records request with APD. Would I be able to get a copy of those reports, as well?

Also, could I see the reports from the last year at the Ramada Inn address (148 River Ford Pkwy)?

Thanks so much,

Sarah Honosky