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I saw a very recent article in WLOS quoting both parties since you are both running this fall. What do you both propose be done about the "needle" problem. . . Feel free to reply to me separately if that makes you more comfortable but I'm *genuinely* curious *¿¿¿¿¿¿¿¿¿¿* what's going to be done or proposed to be done to tackle such a serious issue that's gotten *WAY* out of hand *¿¿¿¿¿¿¿¿¿¿*. . .Â My 9.5 yo daughter and I see stuff like this in the stairways in the City owned parking decks over and over when we go downtown. We were recently at the Pinball Museum parked in the Wall Street deck there and saw what appeared to be urine in one spot, vomit *¿¿¿¿¿¿¿¿¿¿* in another, and fecal matter in another spot in the Wall Street deck. No needles *¿¿¿¿¿¿¿¿¿¿* that time. Fortunately. But seriously this is BS. Our taxes go up *â††*, every. Single. year. And a parking deck maintained by the City of Asheville should not ever be neglected in that manner(not cleaned up/allowed to be or get like that). I get that the parking decks lost a Ton of \$ last year. . . But that's *absolutely no reason at all* for negligence.Â

And. We live here. But man I got to think *¿¿¿¿¿¿¿¿¿¿* the people who visit here are definitely turned off from this crap *¿¿¿¿¿¿¿¿¿¿*. Not to mention wasn't there a shooting/murder the other night almost right by the Asheville Police *¿¿¿¿¿¿¿¿¿¿*â€™, i. Department, no?!Â APD needs MORE financial support than the new fiscal years budget gave them recently. We shouldnâ€™t go through as many different chiefs as we have in the 13 years Iâ€™ve been here. Thatâ€™s just literally insane.Â

I'm adding some pictures from my Lowe's Home Improvement(South Tunnel Rd. Location) parking lot experience. . . likely due to its close proximity to the Ramada . . . These were from 2 months ago in May . . . But yeah multiple needles in the lot there . . . Almost as soon as I stepped out . . . Luckily anytime I'm over that way I try to be *extra alert and vigilant* due to the Ramada being nearby and I watch my step as Iâ€™m getting out of my car (as I already have physical issues/limitations as it is). I typically wear closed toe shoes for safety reasons.Â But we have a lot of "hippy" types who either go barefoot or wear sandals and might be more prone to an accidental needle stick in a parking lot, or when our kids are in the city parks or in the parking decks, etc. Asheville should be much safer. And it isnâ€™t. And that falls on leadership. Donâ€™t â€œpass the buckâ€œ. Whatâ€™s going to be done?!

-Holt Pearce

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