From: Mike Lamb <mlamb@ashevillenc.gov>
Sent: 12/8/2021 9:57:03 AM
To: Bill Davis <bdavis2@ashevillenc.gov>
Cc: Samantha Booth <sbooth@ashevillenc.gov>
Subject: Re: Citizen Times RE: I-240 Homeless encampment

Staff from Haywood Street Congregational Church have asked DOT/APD to remove the camp. There have been a few fires at the camp that AFD has had to extinguish. They are concerned about a fire burning out of control and catching the building on fire. Especially given the existing burning ban and brush fires we've had in the area. They have also witnessed drug dealing on their property since the camp has been established.

On Wed, Dec 8, 2021 at 8:41 AM Bill Davis <bdavis2@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:

Hey, Mike, can you please help me out with one more inquiry regarding the camp off of I-240? Reporter from Citizen Times asking:

Has the APD been receiving complaints about the camp off of I-240? If so, how many/what kind of complaints?

Thanks,
Bill D.

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From: **Honosky, Sarah** <SHonosky@citizentimes.com>
Date: Wed, Dec 8, 2021 at 6:38 AM
Subject: Re: Citizen Times RE: I-240 Homeless encampment
To: Bill Davis <bdavis2@ashevillenc.gov>

Hey Bill,

Thank you again for taking the time to talk yesterday. My editors had one more detail they wanted cleared withe story -- I think I mentioned this question yesterday, but I don't know if we ever pinpointed the answer.

Has the APD been receiving complaints about the camp off of I-240? If so, how many/what kind of complaints?

Thanks so much,

Sarah

From: Bill Davis <bdavis2@ashevillenc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 3:51 PM
To: Honosky, Sarah <shonosky@citizentimes.com>
Subject: Re: Citizen Times RE: I-240 Homeless encampment

Sarah,

Can you give me a call? I know you are on deadline...sorry for the delay.

Bill D.
(828) 289-2606

On Tue, Dec 7, 2021 at 1:45 PM Honosky, Sarah <SHonosky@citizentimes.com> wrote:

Bill,

Sorry to bug you about this again, but NC DOT pointed me back toward you all.

Residents at the camp don't seem to know if they are being cleared out either. Just wanted to confirm with you IF it is being cleared, and if so, how long do residents have to leave the area?

Thanks so much,

Sarah

From: Bill Davis <bdavis2@ashevillenc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 11:40 AM
To: Honosky, Sarah <shonosky@citizentimes.com>
Subject: Re: Citizen Times RE: I-240 Homeless encampment

I'll check on that, Sarah.

Bill D.

On Tue, Dec 7, 2021 at 11:35 AM Honosky, Sarah <SHonosky@citizentimes.com> wrote:

> Bill,
>
> I will certainly reach out to NC DOT, thanks!
>
> Really quick, can I confirm that the Asheville Police Department will be clearing the camp by the end of the week? When is the deadline for encampment residents to leave?
>
> Also -- have you all received many complaints about that camp, specifically?
>
> Thanks again,
>
> Sarah

From: Bill Davis <bdavis2@ashevillenc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 11:28 AM
To: Honosky, Sarah <shonosky@citizentimes.com>
Subject: Re: Citizen Times RE: I-240 Homeless encampment

Hey, Sarah,

Good question...and you can find out more with DOT. They should be able to help you on this one.

Bill D.

On Tue, Dec 7, 2021 at 10:43 AM Honosky, Sarah <SHonosky@citizentimes.com> wrote:

> Hi Bill,
>
> Hope you're doing well!
>
> I saw reporting that a growing homeless camp visible from I-240 is being cleared by the end of the week. I wanted to learn more about that -- is there someone I could speak with?
>
> I could also send along some specific questions if that would be easier?
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> Thanks so much,
>
> Sarah
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