

Complaint Investigation Report

Initial Visit: _____ NOV: _____ N&O: _____
 30 Day Billing: _____ 90 Day Billing: _____

Program Element: Unlawful Dump Site (1017)	Record ID: CO0080265
District: SOLID WASTE/VECTOR (13)	Employee Assigned to: Leonard Di Toro
Resolved Date: Resolved By:	Assigned to Inspector Date: 11/18/2013
Method: EMAIL Reason:	Status: IN PROCESS

COMPLAINT INFORMATION

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Complainant: David Preston SEATTLE WA	Site Location: 12914 Martin Luther King Jr. WAY S SEATTLE 98178 or 12914 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WAY (reported by complainant) City Code: KING COUNTY APN: 2172000596 Property Type: Commercial - Vacant
Agency Referral Information: Referred to: Date referred:	Property Owner Information: WINDY I ASSOCIATES LLC
Garbage Not Owner Generated:	

NATURE OF COMPLAINT

<p>From: David Preston Sent: Monday, November 18, 2013 12:55 PM To: Lasby, Bill Cc: Miklethun, Shelby Subject: Trash at NV Skyway Importance: High</p> <p>Bill Lasby Environmental Hazards Department of Public Health, Seattle-King County</p> <p>Bill,</p> <p>Greetings. I'm a Highland Park resident who has been following the progress of the squatters camp known as Nickelsville. As you know, in late 2012, your department spent hundreds of person hours and tens of thousands of dollars of public money remediating a rat problem at the Nickelsville location in my neighborhood. That problem was caused by Nickelsville's failure to observe sanitary practices such as keeping food covered and keeping trash picked up in secure containers.</p> <p>As you also know, Nickelsville was evicted from the Highland Park location in September of this year, costing the Health Department still more time and money. One of the new locations Nickelsville descended upon is in the Skyway section of unincorporated King County.</p> <p>Unfortunately, Nickelsville was recently given a pass by Jim Chan (of the Department of Permitting and Environmental Review) to throw bags of trash in the corner at their Skyway squat and just leave them there until they can be picked up . . . whenever. (See the attached site visit report from Mr. Chan, wherein Mr. Chan equates a trash pile to a "dumpster." (!))</p>

Received Date & Time: 11/18/2013 14:07:00

Assigned Date: 11/18/2013

Received By: Helms

Not surprisingly, trash piles up frequently at Nickelsville Skyway, and it can only be a matter of time before rats once again appear in force. See my report, including several recent photographs, here:

<http://roominate.com/blog/2013/nickelsville-skyway-theyre-trashing-our-town/>

Rats or no rats, the situation is a violation of health codes on the face of it and is precisely the same situation your department addressed with Nickelsville a year ago, when you compelled the camp’s organizers to keep all their trash and food covered in rat-proof containers at all times.

You may consider this matter a citizen complaint and request for records.

First, I am asking you to make a site visit at Nickelsville’s Skyway location and to compel them to follow the same sanitation rules there that you compelled them to follow at the Highland Park location.

Second, please provide me with an itemized list of services and equipment your department provided to Nickelsville Highland Park during the winter of 2012-2013. This would include anything from site visits, to trash cans, to hand washing stations, to pest control services. Please provide an itemized list of expenditures, a record of staff visits, and an estimation of the total amount of person hours spent by your department following the initial “rodent” complaint that came in to your office and sparked the investigation .

If you need to forward the request for records to another office, that’s fine. But in any case, you’ll have a heads up on the kind of information I’ll be asking for.

Thanks very much and please call me if you have any questions.

Regards,

David Preston
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REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES (if any)

DAILY ACTIVITIES

<p>DA#: DA2477783 Inspector: Leah Helms Date: 11/18/2013 Service: Report/Document Review Result: Not Applicable Action: NOT APPLICABLE Total Time: 45 Activity Time (min): 45 Travel Time: 0</p>	<p>Comments: reviewed email, discussed with bill, forwarded email to sheryl lux DPER, created CO and briefed Leonard on the case</p>
<p>DA#: DA2478203 Inspector: Leonard Di Toro Date: 11/19/2013 Service: Property Ownership Search Result: Complete Action: NOT APPLICABLE Total Time: 10 Activity Time (min): 10 Travel Time: 0</p>	<p>Comments: Winday 1 (Nickelsville): property ownership search and mapping for field investigation.</p>

<p>DA#: DA2478241 Inspector: Leonard Di Toro Date: 11/19/2013 Service: Complaint Investigation Result: Not In Compliance Action: HD-03 NOTICE OF VIOLATION Total Time: 110 Activity Time (min): 40 Travel Time: 70</p>	<p>Comments: Windy 1 (Nickelsville): Site investigation, garbage stored in open utility trailer at south end of camp; reodent activity probable; they haul to trasfer station every 2-weeks; there are metal trash cans wtih lids throughout the camp; there are not enough cans to accomadate the volume of garbage at the site; camp has a wastewater container for had and dish washing, they are dumping the gray water onto the ground;l perishable food storage is in portable coolers, other foods in metal trash cans with lids; they have two porta-potties on site and both contain hand sanitizer. Contacts: Jamie McDaniel, camp security, 206-612-4971; Scott Morrow, staff person, 206-450-9136, scott@nickelsville.org.</p>
<p>DA#: DA2478242 Inspector: Leonard Di Toro Date: 11/19/2013 Service: Consultation/Education - Office Result: Not Applicable Action: NOT APPLICABLE Total Time: 35 Activity Time (min): 35 Travel Time: 0</p>	<p>Comments: Windy 1 (Nickelsville): meeting with DR and BL regarding homeless camp; DR would like a summary of my findings by weeks end.</p>
<p>DA#: DA2478246 Inspector: Don Pace Date: 11/19/2013 Service: Assist Other Employee Result: Not Applicable Action: NOT APPLICABLE Total Time: 70 Activity Time (min): 30 Travel Time: 40</p>	<p>Comments: Requested to verify illegal dumping at Skyway Encampment. I was recalled prior to reaching site.</p>
<p>DA#: DA2479274 Inspector: Leonard Di Toro Date: 11/21/2013 Service: Report/Letter Preparation Result: Complete Action: NOT APPLICABLE Total Time: 110 Activity Time (min): 110 Travel Time: 0</p>	<p>Comments: Windy 1 (Nickelsville): composed memo and sent photos to Darrell Rogers per his request</p>
<p>DA#: DA2479275 Inspector: Leonard Di Toro Date: 11/21/2013 Service: Consultation/Education - Office Result: Not Applicable Action: NOT APPLICABLE Total Time: 15 Activity Time (min): 15 Travel Time: 0</p>	<p>Comments: Windy 1 (Nickelsville): voucher request discussion with Dinah Day and Pam Badger; sent email request to Pam Badger.</p>

<p>DA#: DA2479560 Inspector: Leonard Di Toro Date: 11/25/2013 Service: Administrative Activity Result: Complete Action: CITATION -- FOLLOW UP Total Time: 25 Activity Time (min): 25 Travel Time: 0</p>	<p>Comments: Windy 1: admin., vouchers, etc.</p>
<p>DA#: DA2479562 Inspector: Leonard Di Toro Date: 11/25/2013 Service: Report/Letter Preparation Result: Incomplete Action: HD-03 NOTICE OF VIOLATION Total Time: 25 Activity Time (min): 25 Travel Time: 0</p>	<p>Comments: Windy 1: drafting NOV</p>
<p>DA#: DA2480146 Inspector: Leonard Di Toro Date: 11/27/2013 Service: Complaint Follow-up Result: Not In Compliance Action: NOT APPLICABLE Total Time: 135 Activity Time (min): 85 Travel Time: 50</p>	<p>Comments: Site Investigation with Darrell Rogers, Heather Barr & Rhonda Kaetzel; dumpster delivered this morning and garbage to be loaded into the dumpster later today; contracted with Allied Waste for service; vouchers delivered but they can only be used for the self-haul garbage; currently 36 people living at the camp; camp will possibly be moving to 23rd and Cherry, decision not final; Gray water currently being dumped into portable toilets; camp has been paying for services as they are able, they accept donations to assist with expenses; generators used for cooking and lights about 4 hours per day (i.e. 2 hours in the morning and 2 hours in the evening); property will be cleaned up at the time of departure, all materials will be removed; the camp may be able to move to 12th and spruce sometime in the future, this location could possibly lead to a 1 year use of the site.</p>
<p>DA#: DA2480151 Inspector: Leonard Di Toro Date: 11/27/2013 Service: Consultation/Education - Office Result: Not Applicable Action: NOT APPLICABLE Total Time: 50 Activity Time (min): 50 Travel Time: 0</p>	<p>Comments: Spoke with Solid Waste Division about use of vouchers for dumpster unload, this would not be feasible since the dumpster was loaded into a compactor truck which serves numerous customers; vouchers must be used for self-haul of wastes to a transfer station; I provided the above information to Jamie McDaniel with camp security; spoke with DR & BL and DR asked me to make a follow up visit on Monday 12/2/13</p>
<p>DA#: DA2480415 Inspector: Leonard Di Toro Date: 12/02/2013 Service: Complaint Follow-up Result: Not In Compliance Action: NOT APPLICABLE Total Time: 60 Activity Time (min): 15 Travel Time: 45</p>	<p>Comments: Windy 1: site investigation, camp is in process of dismantling, will be moved by days end; final camp cleanup on Tuesday, Jerry will call me when complete.</p>

DA#: DA2480416

Comments: Windy 1: email update to DR

Inspector: Leonard Di Toro

Date: 12/02/2013

Service: Complaint Follow-up

Result: Not In Compliance

Action: NOT APPLICABLE

Total Time: 15

Activity Time (min): 15

Travel Time: 0