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Greensboro To Home Depot: Clean Up Your Trashy Lot

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Greensboro, NC-- Part of Home Depot's parking lot on South Elm-Eugene Street looks like a trash dump.

WFMY News 2 contacted the city last week who confirmed the lot belongs to Home Depot. Tuesday the city said it is sending a certified letter to the company's home office in Atlanta telling them to clean up the lot.

Home Depot has 15 days from Tuesday, September 9th to reply.

Ryan Schell saw the story on digtriad.com. On Saturday, he cleaned up the trash himself. He said he found everything from suitcases to toothbrushes.

Background: A spokesperson with the city says they have been getting calls since early August about the trash dumping. They say a city employee was sent to check it out and said it is an eyesore.

The site is also located next to a city Watershed.

The city sent a work order to the inspections department to have it look into and corrected on August 7th.

The spokesperson told WFMY News 2 that it is part of Home Depot's land.

Anyone driving along South Elm-Eugene can see the lot which is littered with grocery carts, a suitcase and other trash.

WFMY called the Inspector who was given the work order for an answer several times on Friday but hasn't receive a return call.

The manager in charge of the Home Depot was unavailable Friday when called by News 2. The manager on duty would not comment when asked about the trash.

Truliant Federal Credit Union is currently building a new bank across from the site.

Stay tuned to digtriad and WFMY News 2 for updates and answers on this story.

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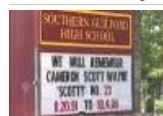
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makesuwondr wrote:

kudos to Truliant, always knew you were a good bank (i.e., credit union)! Big shame on you and a giant "BOO,HISS" to Home Depot and the city of GSO.

9/6/2008 3:08 PM EDT on DigTriad.com

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makesuwondr wrote:

Thank you to the lone ranger gentleman in the story. The original story made it seem like you would get some help from Truliant however. Regardless kudos to only you and if it had been me, I would have used the Depot shopping carts to cart away the mess. Thanks for caring!

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ryanshell wrote:

No problem. While this was a personal project of mine, Truliant employees are very involved in the various communities that we serve. I'm sure if I had asked for my fellow employees to lend a hand they would have been out there in a heart beat. This was literally a spare of the moment decision on my part.

Have a great Sunday.

Ryan Shell

9/7/2008 6:19 AM EDT on DigTriad.com

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cowboyup wrote:

If it directly does NOT impact the city, then the city will not do anything about it. They consider it the owner of the property problem. But if they see a possible revenue income from it(fines), boy they would be on it in a heart beat. Great job Ryan Shell. It is people like you who make the city look good. Not the city itself.

9/7/2008 8:47 AM EDT on DigTriad.com

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jimdstall wrote:

Good luck getting a call back from a city inspector about anything!

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ryanshell wrote:

I guess there are two ways to look at this. 1) The city dropped the ball. 2) The city has a limited staff and budget and projects of a higher priority have taken precedent.

I will be following up on this issue tomorrow via my blog, GreensboroPolitics.com, and my first question to the city will be "Has Home Depot been fined for not cleaning up the property?"

By no means can I speak for the city, but this abandoned lot is probably not high on their priority list. That is where we as residents have the opportunity to make a difference.

Ryan Shell

9/7/2008 2:26 PM EDT on DigTriad.com

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LT544 wrote:

this entire area needs a clean up! Thanks to Ryan for taking the initiative! Home Depot should be responsible, if this is their property. They do not sound like a good neighbor.

A friend of mine just had her stolen car found in this lot! Not good.

9/8/2008 7:25 PM EDT on DigTriad.com

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AirDoc wrote:

My thanks to Ryan also for the clean-up. But don't get in line behind me if you want to keep bashing Home Depot and the City. Both places have plenty of other things going on. This is an eyesore that needs attention but it's not an emergency. Keep things in perspective.

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