

## Opinion - Keepin' it clean

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The good deeds of the Havasu 4 Wheelers made an impression on the community!

As always, our hats are off to those who keep the desert clean in the Lake Havasu City area. Just last week, a dedicated group of four-wheelers took it upon themselves once again to clear refuse from the desert. The Havasu 4 Wheelers that's who!

The best news of all, others over the years, have taken up the calling and had already cleared some of the remaining refuse from the area on which the group was focused. We inspired others and they hauled the three junk cars at Coral Reef and the frame in Challenger Wash out after reading about our ongoing efforts!

As one group member told the Today's News-Herald during the cleanup, "...it's infectious." And it is - the cleanup that is.

Apparently though, so is the destruction. What would possess someone to dump trash of all sorts, including vehicles in the beautiful desert? It's an age-old mystery when a landfill is nearby and commercial haulers will take away useless vehicles.

It's not just a problem confined to the desert. Lake visitors leave their trash despite receptacles placed for such along the lake shore.

And despite the efforts of the Lake Havasu Marine Association installing trash-bag posts nearly everywhere they often aren't used and now they're being vandalized - knocked over with bags strewn about.

It's not a pretty picture. Desert dumping is a reportable offense and anyone seeing it happen should not hesitate to let authorities know it is happening.

There are so many groups in the area that work tirelessly to keep refuse from piling up in multiple areas around the city. That's you folks and it IS appreciated!

Keep Havasu Beautiful organizes regular cleanups. So do the various yacht clubs in the area. Of course, each group has a different focus, but it's all in the name of keeping the community trash-free.

Is it so difficult to dispose of trash in trash bins or dumpsters? Does it take that much time to properly throw away bags and wrappers from fast-food restaurants? Is it too hard to place a plastic bottle in the trash?

We wouldn't think so, yet year after year, cleanups are needed to ensure the beauty of this paradise in the desert is maintained.

Thanks to all who work to keep it that way. And thank you all - you did a great job 'giving back to the desert areas we all use and enjoy.

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