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Kaleigh,

Please include the following under comments on non agenda items.

Kent Sawatzky

FREE PILES ARE NOT FREE.

Recently Sgt. Steel and his crew did a fantastic job clearing out a homeless encampment on Hatchery Road outside of Blue Lake. Four of the occupants did not leave when required to and were arrested. In speaking to me Deputy Jereme Mullen, he mentioned that there would have to be a major cleanup of the sites. He has been involved in cleanup of the homeless encampments for years. Part of the problem is that the homeless drag items from "Free Piles" left at curbside.

I spoke with Emily Wood, (City of Blue Lake Parks and Recreation Director), She mentioned how much City public works staff time was spent cleaning up these "Free Piles". We are in agreement that at the end of the day the free piles should be removed from the sidewalk or yard. Save them for next sale, get them to a worthy cause to be sold, or take them to the dump.

Emily suggested a slogan such as "At the End of the Day, Put Them Away" Blue Lake has a City Wide Yard Sale August 16th. Hopefully the City will follow Emily's lead..

FLOCK CAMERAS SAVE TIME/MONEY AND LIVES.

Recently there was a tragic Homicide in the Glendale Fieldbrook area of Humboldt County. The Murders were solved by some great investigative work and the use of the FLOCK cameras. It is a bummer that some of the Board of Sups and the City of Eureka City Council don't recognize how technology can help solve crimes. To install the FLOCK cameras, as recommended by Law enforcement county wide can take major criminals of the street.

Please put items on the agenda to address both of these concerns brought to me by your constituents.

Kent Sawatzky