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City of Morgantown Public Works & Engineering Department Prepares for Riverfront Campsite Cleanup

Crews will be out early Friday morning to dismantle makeshift campsites that appear along the Mon River.

MORGANTOWN – The City of Morgantown’s Public Works & Engineering Department is announcing that efforts to clean up derelict campsites along the Monongahela River are starting a little early this year.

During the warmer months, Public Works & Engineering and the Morgantown Police Department work to tear down these shanty-towns and keep the banks of the Monongahela River clean. This year, the unseasonably warmer weather has allowed these campsites to stay active throughout the winter, and supervisors say the need to address them now is growing.

“We do it for the health and welfare of residents downtown and along the river,” explained Public Works Supervisor Kenny Holloway.

Holloway said the City has identified two campsites to dismantle on Friday, March 9, 2012, starting at 8 a.m.: one along the river behind Mountaineer Court, and another behind Papa John’s Pizza. Public Works & Engineering and Morgantown Police will use workforce from the Federal Correctional Institute - Morgantown to help implement the cleanup of litter, mattresses, tents, and shelters - but not just to improve the city’s image.

“These are positive efforts to maintain a quality of life that is as desirable as possible for Morgantown residents,” said City Manager Terrence R. Moore. “Working to offer leadership and guidance to this effect goes a long way in achieving that.”

Both locations are accessible from the Caperton Rail Trail that runs along Water Street.

If you have questions, or would like to find the crews on Friday morning, please contact Public Works Supervisor Kenny Holloway on his cell at 304-290-9342.

