



FROM THE OFFICE OF
JUDGE MINGO

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Illegal dumping negatively impacts our neighborhood's quality of life, public health and safety, roads, waterways, wildlife, and the environment.

Illegal dumping is also a **CRIME**. In the event that material is illegally dumped in an alley, a Solid Waste Investigator will be assigned to the incident. Investigators use their investigative authority to identify the suspected source of the illegally dumped material. Once the Investigator has accumulated substantial evidence, the information is handed over to the City Attorney's Office to consider proceeding with criminal charges. Those charges are heard in the Environmental Court.

It's #OurEnvironmentOurResponsibility. Within the City of Columbus, illegal dumping can be reported to 311 at 311.columbus.gov or 614-645-3111. For areas outside of Columbus, illegal dumping can be reported at itsacrime.org or 614-871-5322.

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Our pet friends offer many health benefits. In fact, pets can be credited with reducing stress and anxiety, increasing productivity, a better sense of purpose, and create more social connection. The Environmental Court is responsible for hearing all misdemeanor cases involving the care and neglect of animals. In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month and in honor of the positive impact our fur friends can have on our mental health, the Environmental Division has invited Municipal Court employees to submit a photo illustrating how their pet enriches their life. Drop a photo of your pet and we'll post it on our Pet Friends of the EC board in Environmental Court!

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MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH PET CONTEST

IN HONOR OF MAY BEING MENTAL
HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH, PLEASE
SUBMIT A PHOTO ILLUSTRATING HOW
YOUR PET ENRICHES YOUR LIFE





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A neighborhood cleanup program can improve neighborhood health. Large amounts of trash and garbage, abandoned buildings and cars, and other waste—some of it hazardous—can become breeding grounds for rodents and insects, cause pollution, and create unsanitary conditions that encourage the development of health problems and diseases. Such an environment also makes it difficult for children to find a safe place to play, and increases stress for everyone who lives in it. Cleaning it up can provide real and immediate health benefits to neighborhood residents, as well as helping them think about the possibility of neighborhood wellness.

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Credit: Community Tool Box



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While the Franklin County Engineer provides for the engineering services that ensure the safe operation and structural integrity of the county's roads and bridges, the Environmental Court is charged with hearing cases involving overweight trucks that have an impact on those efforts.

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Studies show that reducing neighborhood blight such as trash and litter can help reduce community crime. By picking up trash and proper disposal of waste you can positively impact the safety and security of your neighborhood.
#settheexample for your community.
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Under the Columbus City Code, ANY structure or real property which is not in compliance with ANY building, housing, zoning ordinance is by definition a PUBLIC NUISANCE.

To learn what every Franklin County neighborhood, business and organization should know about Environmental Court and nuisance properties, get in touch via our website.

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