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### Baker County Library District

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#### REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY INPUT

What are your thoughts about a drop box for used sharps (medical needles / syringes) on library property along the Leo Adler Pathway? Are you FOR or AGAINST? And WHY?

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#### BACKGROUND

The library has received a proposal from [New Directions Northwest, Inc.](#) to host a bin on library grounds. Installation and maintenance would be provided by NDNW. The goal is to improve community safety by reducing the incidence of unsafe disposal in regular garbage bins or by littering on the ground. Malheur County reports collection an average collection rate of 20,000 used syringes in recent years.

<https://malheurhealth.org/.../syringe-sharps-disposal.../>



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**Staci Howard**


I know sharps on the path and in the river are already a problem, so as heartbreaking as the issue is, finding solutions to keep everyone as safe as possible seems like a good thing. I am concerned with the location, as I wonder if it will invite more drug activity to take place right alongside our children playing nearby. What about near the police station? What steps as a community can we take to help those in addiction get help? This box seems like more of a bandaid on a deep wound, I'd love to see these people get help and find freedom from addiction. I wonder if these boxes normalize drug use for young people, how it would impact their futures? I don't know the answers, just expressing thoughts on this tender topic.

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 **Donna Landon**  
Maybe somewhere out of the way of inquisitive small children, like inside the library in the adult reading section? Just a thought. ...







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 **Donna Landon**  
What is Baker City's collection rate? ...


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 **Beth Quinn**  
**Donna Landon** good question ...

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 Reply to Donna Landon...     


 **Jonathan Baer**  
Better than finding them on the path. We found several one time right there at the end near Hughes lane. ...


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 **Erin Collins**  
What's next we put in one of those buildings to "safely shoot up" ...

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 **Emily Simko Bowers**  
I support this! Safe disposal of needles is important for our community. This convenient and visibly located drop will help all individuals disposing of needles, syringes with needles, and lancets that may have been used in at home treatment of an allergy, acute illness, or chronic disease like diabetes too. ...

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 **Crystal Wirth**  
So I'm just going to give an example of something similar. They put in dog bags to collect waste and people will either not use them at all, bag it up and leave it where it originally fell (possibly due to a trash not being convenient), or the Good Samaritan will use the bag and carry the waste to the next garbage can.


I see the good of having it in a convenient location but the cons of encouraging IV users to frequent the area in hopes of them carrying it to said drop box. Chances are they may just drop it right next to the drop box or wherever it may fall.


Is this a problem that I'm not aware of in the community? Are they just tossing them in the river? Is this intended for those administrating medication and wouldn't they already be prepared to dispose of said used syringes? Is the pathway becoming a problem? I used to think I could use it in the evenings but now I'm not so sure...

Would funding be better used to targeting areas that are afflicted and possibly using funds to pay for clean up? I remember there was a group that would clean up downtown as volunteers. I'm not asking volunteers to pick up needles with their bare hands. I would hope the community coming together would deter littering but perhaps it backfires in the sense that mindset of "oh someone else will clean that up."

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 **Helen Loennig**  
I agree with Gail, I am all for drop boxes. But I don't know a lot. Who is paying to empty them? Who is handling the disposal? Will they become rundown overtime? Who is checking to see if they are full? We always hated finding syringes in the bathroom and parking lot at Bi-Mart. I applaud the concept. ...

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 **Ashlee Renee Thomas**  
**Jerre Neeley Roe Dougharity** ...

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**Jerre Neeley Roe Dougharity**  
**Ashlee Renee Thomas**  
I think it's Great only if the drug addicts don't break into it to get a needle  
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Reply to Ashlee Renee Thomas...

**Sonja Lawrence**  
I absolutely support this. I can't wait to see more of these  
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**Barbara Meyer**  
I think it's a great idea. I volunteer for the river clean-up every year. Even though I've only seen a needle once during the cleanup it's once too often. Nothing wrong with it except the fact that there is an addiction problem that does not in most cases get addressed.  
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**Dawn-Marie DeLara**  
I wonder if Lions Park would be better. I've seen countless drug deals there, tho admittedly never specifically saw usage. There is a perception of privacy behind the library, and it's next to GP Park, both places being more frequented by kids. I have a sense that we might not want to draw users to ot, if such a receptacle would...? Where do the police see the most activity?  
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**Dawn-Marie DeLara**  
If needles are being found inGP Park, then somewhere in the area clearly makes kids safer, not less so.  
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**Megan Kendall**  
**Dawn-Marie DeLara** Where is Lions park?  
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**Dawn-Marie DeLara**  
Where farmers market is held. between resort and the river, between washington and valley.  
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**Karla Macy**  
**Dawn-Marie DeLara** just to clarify the park you are talking about is called Central Park. This topic came up at a Parks Advisory Board meeting and concerns were expressed about placing a sharps receptacle there because of the upcoming installation of a splash pad which will no doubt result in a lot of barefoot kids running around, inviting needles into the area made several people uncomfortable. I know the hope is that the disposal bin would be used 100% of the time but some of us did not like the idea of placing one near the splash pad  
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**Dawn-Marie DeLara**  
**Karla Macy**of course it's Central Park. Where did I get Lions? Brain blip. And good point about the splash pad, but therein lies the problem. The places that most need the safety of a receptacle are the places children play. There just isn't a perfect solution, but nice to see this open discussion so ideas can be shared.  
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Reply to Megan Kendall...

Reply to Dawn-Marie DeLara...

**Gina Leszar Spinks**  
This is where Portland started, and now look at them. It's a progression: needle receptacles, needle exchange, drug decriminalization, public drug use ... Facilitating and condoning this behavior will have severe consequences to this community.  
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**Megan Kendall**

**Gina Leszar Spinks** please share your source for the cited progression? (receptacles > exchange > decriminalization > public use)? Genuinely interested to know if this is documented.

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**Doreen Collins Mandara**

**Megan Kendall** how about you do the research

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**Jennifer Aldrich**

I don't think it is a good idea.

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**Rosalea Cynthia Rose**

It's a great idea. Better in the bin then thrown in park or walkway where a pet or human get pricked

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**Glenda Carter**

Would they actually make an effort to go there to dispose of a needle? I don't think that is on their mind. If you are finding a lot of syringes in this area then it would be a place for those who find them to carefully dispose of them. Not sure many people would pick them up if they do not have gloves on. It could stand for public awareness.

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**Barbara Huffman Weeks**

**Glenda Carter**, I agree. Those who use syringes and needles properly have their own red disposal containers. Those with MS, Diabetes, etc, who are taking meds to save or prolong a better condition of their lives, dispose of them properly. Those who use them otherwise do not want to be seen (or don't give a rip) and will drop them wherever or flush them down the toilet. Our own lagoon has many many.

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**Vi Hansen**

Totally against!

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**Dessia Scott Myers**

It's a good thing.

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**Gail Kueffner-Haw**

For  
The more sites for safe disposal the safer the community

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**Shelley Payton**

I'm curious if former addicts in recovery have weighed in on this as to whether or not it's something they'd have taken advantage of when they were in active addiction?

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Reply to Glenda Carter...




- Doreen Collins Mandara**  
No! The library isn't there to cater to the abusers. The library already allows free phone and free charging station for phones. Next thing, they'll hangout there. ...  
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- Jason Kirk**  
I don't think that the sorts of people who would leave sharps on the ground are going to make a special trip to dispose of them properly. ...  
Not to mention this is basically a billboard that says "our community is a cesspool"  
And this is coming from a T1 diabetic. I have more pokey things than anyone 😊  
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- Kimberly Browning**  
This is stupid and ridiculous. Whatever happened to accountability and treatment. Way to go NDNW let's cuddle and give the addicts whatever they want. What is next??? ...  
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- Jean Sampson**  
Addicts don't care where they drop their needles. ...  
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- Megan Kendall**  
**Jean Sampson**  
It's clear that people in the grip of active addiction won't abstain from using needles for lack of safe disposal. That says nothing about how they FEEL about it. ...  
Installing a safe, easy-access receptacle would be a great way to test your theory. If a drop box were to stay empty, with needles continuing to be discarded nearby, then it would be fair to conclude they don't care. ...  
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- Jean Sampson**  
**Megan Kendall** - the local fire dept in my town has had a sharps disposal program for over a decade... it's literally never been used, not once according to the firefighters, but you can find them on the sidewalks, in the park, at the boat ramp, at the skate park. ...  
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- Megan Kendall**  
**Jean Sampson**  
Have they tried placing receptacles on the sidewalks, in the park, at the boat ramp, or at the skate park? I can imagine that it would be intimidating to approach a fire station in possession of illegal drug paraphernalia. ...  
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- Jean Sampson**  
**Megan Kendall** - yes, they rip them off the walls and steal them so they can use the dirty needles in them. Huge success. 😊 ...  
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- Kathleen Kiefer**  
**Jean Sampson** Really? ...  
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- Jean Sampson**  
**Kathleen Kiefer** - yes, multiple times, even the steel ones with metal anchors into a cement wall ...  
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- Beth Quinn**  
**Megan Kendall** I don't think our library is it, even if proven to work. Any retailers approached yet? ...  
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- Reply to Megan Kendall...


**Tracy L Heyden**  
sad its come to this here .. hard to say how i feel .. i think if we did it would okay IV use in public places? .. yet same time if its out there would anyone really use it? as a rancher we would break our needles add them to a carboard whatever and throw out with the trash. i do realize IV users are not live stalk and mean no offence. maybe have one at the recycle center for all biohazard stuff. most diabetes have a biohazard container in their home for their needles. im torn not for it not against it.. i do have friends that plow behind a few businesses and they say its a mess with needles ect... so yeah hard drugs should be against the law.. so sad were oregon has gone that way

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**Kathleen Kiefer**  
**Tracy L Heyden** Great comments. Oregon is not alone on this...

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**Tracy L Heyden**  
**Kathleen Kiefer** have a good weekend

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**Kathleen Kiefer**  
**Tracy L Heyden** you too... 🙏🏻

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Reply to Kathleen Kiefer...     

Reply to Tracy L Heyden...     


**Sue Forrester**  
Is that a spot where needles are routinely found? I would think those would be best areas to place receptacles.

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**Baker County Library District**  
Sue Forrester Prior to significant pruning on the overgrown Oregon Grape and other shrubbery, used syringes were occasionally found on library grounds by our staff (just twice a year). Improved landscape maintenance for safety seems to have helped resolve that issue here. Our janitorial staff have also reported occasionally finding syringes in trash bins. According to NDNW staff, areas along the riverside pathway remain problematic for ground littering.

INCIDENT LOG STATS


2023	0
2022	1 Ground
2021	1 Ground
2020	2 Ground / trash bin
2019	2 Ground / trash bin

**Jeanie Zebrak**  
How will it be monitored?  2


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**Baker County Library District**  
NDNW staff will be responsible for routine inspection and emptying of this bin and others strategically placed around Baker City.


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 **Emily Miles**  
What is the reasoning for providing this at the library specifically? ...


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 **Baker County Library District**  
Primary reasons given by NDNW included: convenience of access, visibility/public awareness, frequency of found discarded syringes along riverside path. ...


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 **Beth Quinn**  
**Baker County Library District** I was told it was because houseless individuals find resources of heat, restrooms and wifi. ...


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 **Kenzie Jo Spinks**  
I think the placement was a poor choice. This will frequent the traffic to this area around families and small children. I think the idea was good intended, but I do not see someone strung out on drugs making a special trip to place their needle in a safe spot. ...


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 **Baker County Library District**  
**Kenzie** No placement has happened to date on library premises. This feedback is for the library board to weigh in advance of approval or denial on the idea. ...


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 **Kenzie Jo Spinks**  
**Baker County Library District** I'm talking of the placement over by the headstart preschool. ...

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 **Candis Snider Lee**  
**Kenzie Jo Spinks** yikes! How about on hospital grounds or near fire department? Someplace small children won't be? ...

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 **Beth Quinn**  
**Baker County Library District** how is this service in your charter, or mission? But I agree it was your responsibility to maintain a safe property, free from hazards to your service population, thank you.  
I will look up your special purpose district info. Don't think it's health prevention, nor harm reduction from illegal behavior/addiction/cross contamination.  
As a parent, it was my responsibility to teach my kids about needle danger, or scan there play space for hazards. ...

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Catherine Dodgens

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Please respond to New Directions



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### Catherine's Post



Shanda McKinley

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Shanda McKinley

Alicia Vowell I was curious to why it said get ahold of New Directions. As a former addict myself I would have used these instead of pop bottles



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**Alicia Vowell**

Shanda McKinley right they can definitely message or call anytime but it's because the library has all the necessities charging station the wifi the phone everything and truly it wasn't that long ago there were people stating they found multiple needles at the park and were worried for the safety of the children well here it is the fix or the try to fix the situation system due to our entire system we truly need these boxes and the reality of it all is overwhelming but I just truly hope people can let go of the stigma and the judgment and think about it our world is how it is and changing everyday and now these are needed I would rather explain the big red needle drop box then why my kid is getting tested after touching or getting poked by a needle just my opinion

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**Shanda McKinley**

Alicia Vowell exactly I couldn't agree more.

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**Sierra Koehler**

Respond to them helping keep syringes and needles off the ground free of charge to the community??

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**Rory Holloter**

Sierra Koehler That box certainly wouldn't be free of charge. We sure need that though, I trip on syringes every time I go outside, here in Baker.

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**Frank Spriet**

Rory Holloter just guessing that box won't fix the problem.

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**Rory Holloter**

Frank Spriet Well, that fixes syringes laying on the ground here in town only, assuming the people with them go to the box to deposit them, at the location that is not disclosed in the post. Also, certainly taxpayers are paying for the box, for the users to get to by some means, or maybe it's for insulin users. Drug users driving to the box after shooting up to deposit syringes is a good idea, right? Certainly, this is taxpayer money, well spent, for a good cause!

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**Randi MaRee Coffman**

Sierra Koehler people that are diabetic also use them. I think the health department will give ya a sharps container. But not sure

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**Sierra Koehler**

Randi MaRee Coffman I think they will but when I did research and public outreach for needle and syringe boxes before I had several people from the community tell me they were charged by the health department for the boxes as well as the several times they were called to come to a location to dispose of needles.







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**Sierra Koehler**  
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**Randi MaRee Coffman**  
**Sierra Koehler** people at the very least could use a Milk Jug or something. And I have known people to Do that. But I think people Reuse there Needles so much if ndw would offer an exchange it will be Used more



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 **Liz Bernardy**  
**Sierra Koehler** do you still have your power point research to share?


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**Sierra Koehler**  
**Liz Bernardy** no not anymore. I've posted a few articles that I used for it though. I wish I had the ones that actually showed the costs of hep c treatment over a persons life!


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 **Liz Bernardy**  
**Sierra Koehler** you had great info! You were a huge asset!


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 **Danny Stuart**  
I don't see junkies going out of their way to keep the neighborhood cleaned up.



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 **Liz Bernardy**  
**Danny Stuart** giving a HUMAN a place to throw away their needles regardless of addiction or not is beneficial.


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 **Danny Stuart**  
**Liz Bernardy** I still don't see them being responsible enough to use it.


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 **Julie Rasmussen**  
**Danny Stuart** I agree! 

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 **Daniel LaPlaca**  
**Danny Stuart** They won't, they'll toss it where they use it.

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 **Shanda McKinley**  
**Liz Bernardy** a lot of the people thinking this is a problem is showing what's wrong with the world. They don't want to try to help addicts they rather bash them. It's freaking sad.

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Liz Bernardy

Shanda McKinley people are very quick to judge and shame. Instead of humanize others. People forget that addicts are people too and they are consumed in struggle. The hate, the shame, the guilt and feeling like they are worthless keeps them stuck in what they are doing. There is no hope they hold enough value that their life could be good one day. People treat them like they are worthless which just keeps them feeling like they are worthless. If it were as simple as just a change to get better there wouldn't be so many people struggling. Building hope and reminding them their life holds value gets way better results them reminding them of what their brain tells them daily so they stay stuck trying to numb it. It is definitely what is wrong with society and it's heartbreaking.

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Shanda McKinley

Liz Bernardy I completely agree

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Laura Smith

Danny Stuart its also a good way for anyone diabetic to safely dispose of them without them ending up somewhere they shouldn't

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Danny Stuart

Laura Smith diabetics have their own personal sharps containers in their home.

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Liz Bernardy

Danny Stuart not all of them.



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Danny Stuart

Liz Bernardy they can get them from the same place they get their diabetic supplies.

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Liz Bernardy

Danny Stuart maybe they don't know that. When information was gathered we found multiple older people who did not have a place to dispose of theirs, they waited until their next Dr appointments to dispose of them.

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Brigitte Bybee

Danny Stuart I have never had a sharps container for my needles. I have never had a Dr address the need for one or provided me one, and insurance has never paid for one. Over 10 years from endocrinologists to primary physicians- Midwest to Oregon. Nada. Nobody I know has either.

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Brigitte Bybee

Danny Stuart that's news to me! No pharmacy has ever addressed that to me! HUNDREDS, if not thousands, of needles are picked up, and not one pharmacist asked what we do with our syringes, nor offered a sharps container. Maybe you should go ask about them!

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Danny Stuart

Brigitte Bybee my dad was a diabetic for over 50 years. My nephew was a diabetic. My granddaughter is a diabetic. All you have to do is ask.

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**Brigitte Bybee**

Danny Stuart people on medicaid and many on Medicare cannot afford to buy them. So guess what... they go to the landfill. (I use pens now, but when a syringe is used-to get all i can out of the end of the pen, I break off the needle and re-cap, and throw it in the garbage)  
Maybe consider having free disposals available, oh wait, that's these boxes! This will help the landfill.

Requiring patients to purchase a specialty sharps disposal containers every time sharps are purchased can cost up to \$10 a month, isn't covered by Medicare, Medicaid and most private insurers, and is environmentally wasteful.

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**Danny Stuart**

Brigitte Bybee we aren't talking about responsible people We're talking about drug users.

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**Sierra Koehler**

Danny Stuart studies from all over actually prove otherwise though.

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**Danny Stuart**

Sierra Koehler I have been clean for almost 20 years, trust me, being responsible is not what they are thinking about. I would like to see the study.

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**Sierra Koehler**

<https://www.cdc.gov/.../syringe-services-programs-summary...>

Just if you're interested in maybe learning more. I didn't have a great view of them either but the data is actually interesting.



CDC.GOV

Summary of Information on The Safety and Effectiveness of Syringe Services Programs (SSPs) | CDC

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**Sierra Koehler**

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6854527/>



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SYRINGE DISPOSAL AMONG PEOPLE WHO INJECT DRUGS BEFORE AND AFTER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF...

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**Randi MaRee Coffman**

Danny Stuart not necessarily true. All thru my addiction I had a hard peroxide bottle that I used to dispose of them. I hated what I was doing to my life and didn't want to put anyone else in danger because of my choices. I don't think lots of people will use it but I'm sure some will.

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**Danny Stuart**

Randi MaRee Coffman I hope that you're right.

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**Randi MaRee Coffman**

**Danny Stuart** me too. I have many years clean and recently I have been hearing about many people that I use to use with dying and it's literally from hepatitis. And hepatitis is curable but people in active addiction don't see drs because of the stigma. This town has a lot of judgemental professionals in the medical field. I escaped addiction without getting hepatitis or any other diseases but it is very common these days. In Ontario there was quite a lot of HIV circulating in the drug community as well. We need judgment free help to get people in to treat hepatitis. It's curable. But addicts have a hard time reaching out in fear of judgment.

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**Danny Stuart**

**Randi MaRee Coffman** there aren't very many successes stories in the world of addiction. It's not an easy life to walk away from.

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**Randi MaRee Coffman**

**Danny Stuart** well I don't believe that. Addiction is a prevalent diagnosis. Chances are there are lots of people that are in your life that are a success story because today they are clean. It's usually the bad stories we hear of overdoses that stick in our heads tho. I am a success story. I may not have went from rags to riches or running a huge company or anything but each and every day I choose to fight for my sobriety and that to an addict is a success story. And definitely wasn't easy to walk away from. That just makes the people who do that much of stronger people that we can all learn so much from. 😊

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**Sierra Koehler**

You can also talk with Ontario's health department. They implemented quite a few in their town and have seen a I think 93% reduction in syringes and needles on the ground. I personally called and spoke with them and got to see all their data. They're being used very very well there.

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**Danny Stuart**

**Sierra Koehler** I don't think that article applies. It refers to exchange programs. I can see a user trading dirty for clean needles.

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**Sierra Koehler**

I think that's probably part of new directions' plan at some point. But they probably want to make sure there's a way to clean them up before they hand any out.

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**Lea Nunamaker**

FYI people who are diabetic use these too.

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**Casey's HotRumor**

**Lea Nunamaker** my wife has ms this is very helpful



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**Natawni Hillman**

To what exactly? I tbh am not a fan that this is at a school bus stop. I see young kids playing on or around this before boarding the bus and after leaving the bus.

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**Laura Smith**

**Natawni Hillman** a more adult appropriate place would have benefited apparently ...

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**Lisa Neuburger**

**Natawni Hillman** perhaps this is a location where syringes and needles have been discarded on the ground. Ever watched a young child pick up a used needle off the ground?

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**Natawni Hillman**

**Lisa Neuburger** yes I have. My comment was not meant for criticism. Jist a statement. This location is just not highly thought thoroughly. Maybe a better place would be near the recovery center or new directions it's self instead of possibly allowing somebody going through a drug problem near children before or after school?

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**Nanners Bananners**

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**Alicia Vowell**

Shanda McKinley right they can definitely message or call anytime but it's because the library has all the necessities charging station the wifi the phone everything and truly it wasn't that long ago there were people stating they found multiple needles at the park and were worried for the safety of the children well here it is the fix or the try to fix the situation system due to our entire system we truly need these boxes and the reality of it all is overwhelming but I just truly hope people can let go of the stigma and the judgment and think about it our world is how it is and changing everyday and now these are needed I would rather explain the big red needle drop box then why my kid is getting tested after touching or getting poked by a needle just my opinion

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Alicia Vowell exactly I couldn't agree more.

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**Sierra Koehler**

Respond to them helping keep syringes and needles off the ground free of charge to the community??

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**Rory Holloter**

Sierra Koehler That box certainly wouldn't be free of charge. We sure need that though, I trip on syringes every time I go outside, here in Baker.

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**Frank Spriet**

Rory Holloter just guessing that box won't fix the problem.

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**Rory Holloter**

Frank Spriet Well, that fixes syringes laying on the ground here in town only, assuming the people with them go to the box to deposit them, at the location that is not disclosed in the post. Also, certainly taxpayers are paying for the box, for the users to get to by some means, or maybe it's for insulin users. Drug users driving to the box after shooting up to deposit syringes is a good idea, right? Certainly, this is taxpayer money, well spent, for a good cause!

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**Randi MaRee Coffman**

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**Sierra Koehler** do you still have your power point research to share?

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**Sierra Koehler**  
**Liz Bernardy** no not anymore. I've posted a few articles that I used for it though. I wish I had the ones that actually showed the costs of hep c treatment over a persons life!

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**Liz Bernardy**  
**Sierra Koehler** you had great info! You were a huge asset!

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**Danny Stuart**  
I don't see junkies going out of their way to keep the neighborhood cleaned up.

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**Liz Bernardy**  
**Danny Stuart** giving a HUMAN a place to throw away their needles regardless of addiction or not is beneficial.

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**Liz Bernardy** I still don't see them being responsible enough to use it.

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**Danny Stuart** I agree!

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**Daniel LaPlaca**  
**Danny Stuart** They won't, they'll toss it where they use it.

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**Liz Bernardy** a lot of the people thinking this is a problem is showing what's wrong with the world. They don't want to try to help addicts they rather bash them. It's freaking sad.

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Liz Bernardy

Shanda McKinley people are very quick to judge and shame. Instead of humanize others. People forget that addicts are people too and they are consumed in struggle. The hate, the shame, the guilt and feeling like they are worthless keeps them stuck in what they are doing. There is no hope they hold enough value that their life could be good one day. People treat them like they are worthless which just keeps them feeling like they are worthless. If it were as simple as just a change to get better there wouldn't be so many people struggling. Building hope and reminding them their life holds value gets way better results them reminding them of what their brain tells them daily so they stay stuck trying to numb it. It is definitely what is wrong with society and it's heartbreaking.

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Liz Bernardy I completely agree

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Laura Smith

Danny Stuart its also a good way for anyone diabetic to safely dispose of them without them ending up somewhere they shouldn't

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Danny Stuart

Laura Smith diabetics have their own personal sharps containers in their home.

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Danny Stuart not all of them.

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Liz Bernardy they can get them from the same place they get their diabetic supplies.

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Liz Bernardy

Danny Stuart maybe they don't know that. When information was gathered we found multiple older people who did not have a place to dispose of theirs, they waited until their next Dr appointments to dispose of them.

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Brigitte Bybee

Danny Stuart I have never had a sharps container for my needles. I have never had a Dr address the need for one or provided me one, and insurance has never paid for one. Over 10 years from endocrinologists to primary physicians- Midwest to Oregon. Nada. Nobody I know has either.

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Brigitte Bybee

Danny Stuart that's news to me! No pharmacy has ever addressed that to me! HUNDREDS, if not thousands, of needles are picked up, and not one pharmacist asked what we do with our syringes, nor offered a sharps container. Maybe you should go ask about them!

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Danny Stuart

Brigitte Bybee my dad was a diabetic for over 50 years. My nephew was a diabetic. My granddaughter is a diabetic. All you have to do is ask.

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**Brigitte Bybee**

Danny Stuart people on medicaid and many on Medicare cannot afford to buy them. So guess what... they go to the landfill. (I use pens now, but when a syringe is used-to get all i can out of the end of the pen, I break off the needle and re-cap, and throw it in the garbage)  
Maybe consider having free disposals available, oh wait, that's these boxes! This will help the landfill.

Requiring patients to purchase a specialty sharps disposal containers every time sharps are purchased can cost up to \$10 a month, isn't covered by Medicare, Medicaid and most private insurers, and is environmentally wasteful.

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**Danny Stuart**

Brigitte Bybee we aren't talking about responsible people We're talking about drug users.

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Danny Stuart studies from all over actually prove otherwise though.

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Sierra Koehler I have been clean for almost 20 years, trust me, being responsible is not what they are thinking about. I would like to see the study.

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<https://www.cdc.gov/.../syringe-services-programs-summary...>

Just if you're interested in maybe learning more. I didn't have a great view of them either but the data is actually interesting.



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





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 **Baker County Library District**  
We appreciate the sharing of this invitation and everyone's feedback! While comments here will be conveyed to the board, the most helpful way to contribute is via the anonymous survey form at <https://forms.gle/pkQsrqepNpV92m5A>

1w Like Reply **Noel Perry** Edited 👍 4

 **Rebecca Pierce**  
**Julie Mespelt here is the link to the form!**

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Reply to Baker County Library District...

 **Nanners Bananners**  
They already placed one at a bus stop and right next to Head Start and the Baker Relief Nursery at the Churchill building. This is also where those small children go for their safe place when they need to evacuate the building. The liberals that own that building thought it was a good place to put the needle box! Why not the front of their art building on Broadway st or on 17th? Instead let's choose the side all the children are on! I agree with the majority here.... No! I don't support it at the library or the park! How about the truck stop or near there. Plus if you are high are you really going to get your needle in that 4 inch hole? Just saying that most the time don't they shoot up and get that instant high and forget about everything, including the proper way to dispose of a needle to not spread diseases! Also is there like a high count of people getting stuck with needles and catching hepatitis and HIV here?

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**Teresa Robertson**

If you build it, they will come. No, Baker does not need a needle receptacle remotely close to the library. Simple as that.

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**Jessy Brown**

No. Someone who just shot up isn't going to run to the library where EVERYONE can see them. To safety drop their needle. Gross.

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**CarlaJoy Densley Koplein**  
Jessy Brown Exactly.

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**Sierra Koehler**

**Jessy Brown** surprisingly that is one of the locations most suggested by those in the active addiction community due to its location. As it keeps it away from directly being at the playground but is close enough people said they'd walk there at night. There and the 14th st bridge. If you have other suggestions on locations that you think would be more helpful to the community, I'm sure they'd love to hear them!

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**Jessy Brown**

**Sierra Koehler** I would like to see or be told how many addicts actively said they would drop their used needles at the library. I have addicts in my family & I can whole heartedly & greatly saddened to say that a needle drop box is the least of their cares. I don't believe there is a large enough group of addicts saying "yes, I'm going to shoot up & be coherently capable to walk to the library & put my needle in that bin". The library has cameras, what addict wants to be seen on camera dropping needles? even if it is the safest route. I've stated my suggestions.

The statistics of needle drop boxes are okay. But what isn't presented with those statistics, is how many of those boxes are also broke open to gain access to needles.

So again. My response is no.

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**Sierra Koehler**

**Jessy Brown** I guess my question would be who is going to break into a needle box to use dirty needles when they could go somewhere and access clean ones? I did bring that concern up initially when drop boxes were first brought up to me and I've also had many conversations with clients about it who have asked me that question in response. I guess my biggest thing about this is what are people's other ideas? Would we rather do absolutely nothing about it? Would we rather not try at all? Just leave all the needles on the ground and not make any attempts? I get the concerns for sure! They were/are the same ones I had! But I'd rather try something and hope it helps than try nothing.

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**Jessy Brown**

**Sierra Koehler** I don't see why it would be a question of who, rather than when. Because we all know if someone needs a needle & there's boxes full of them they're going to brake open those boxes & burn the tips because that makes it sterile in the minds of people using. My idea is to not support it. My question is why support it. "Let's make it safe for everyone" is not the answer to solving a drug problem. Is there ever going to be solving of the drug epidemic? No... but why make it easier? Why make it convenient? Why... why....

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**Julie Mespelt**

Sierra Koehler if, as you stated, they can "go somewhere and access clean ones"... then why not put the drop boxes there too? (That way they can trade dirty ones for clean ones )... 😞 (I personally don't think either should be provided to addicts to help or encourage their addiction ) but you asked for suggestions so here's one 🙏

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**Sierra Koehler**

Julie Mespelt absolutely! From my understanding, it sounds like there will be one located there as well. It's a process to get these boxes made though and the thinking was to get access to locations that are currently seeing needles and syringes first. If you have more ideas please do share them! I love viable ideas!

And just a disclaimer, I do not work for NDN anymore so this may have changed but I highly doubt it.

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**Misty Bork**

Julie Mespelt absolutely! That's an idea moving protection and cleaning up our communities in the right direction!

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**Julie Mespelt**

Sierra Koehler I do not think our library should have a drop box... or any other place around town that children are present. New Directions could have one at their building if they choose to but they shouldn't be placing them anywhere else in our town.

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**Sierra Koehler**

Julie Mespelt do you have any ideas on other ways to keep them off the ground around town? Boxes have to be easily accessible in order to be effective and new directions is a bit out of the way. Location suggestions not near children or playgrounds maybe? At one point it was tried at the truck corral but was not well received. I believe 14th st bridge was another community suggestion, if one was placed in the community at all, would that location be less of a concern?

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**Misty Bork**

Julie Mespelt unfortunately not all addicts go to the building. If an addict is stopping in town, because they are feeling ill and are getting their fix; a park is a place they may land for a while!!! Or that addict that has never looked for help, but have reached that moment in life where they want to be done, the drops can encourage those to seek help ( with knowledge and encouragement of where they can go for help). Living up in Sumpter we have had needles thrown down on the areas where people walk! I personally would not mind a (locked ) sharps box to encourage safety. I took wish things like this were not needed, unfortunately addiction is plaguing every community! 🙏

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**Julie Mespelt**

Misty Bork it is in every community unfortunately. I don't have the answers/solutions but I don't believe these drop boxes should be anywhere near places children would be... I'm not even sure we should have them anywhere in our town except maybe new directions

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**Larae Hooks**

Julie Mespelt I agree



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**Misty Bork**

**Jessy Brown** These are patrolled by a special team who dumps and disposes of the needles. This is actually done more consistently than the diabetic drop boxes seen in public restrooms

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**Julie Mespelt**

Here's the web address for the survey ( in case you missed it)... make sure you go fill it out!



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Reply to Jessy Brown...



**Kerri Robinson**

Crazy how this was never an issue until the brilliant idea to legalize drugs. Yes people were doing drugs before, but it never spilled out on streets like this because it was illegal. People would actually hide their drug paraphernalia in fear of going to jail. Now look at our state and the answer from our government is supply the things needed to do their drugs and normalize it. NO ALL OF THIS IS NOT FIXING A THING!! STOP making this ok and normalizing it we need something else to help these people OBVIOUSLY what is being done DOES NOT AND HAS NOT HELPED THEM!! I don't know the complete answer to help them but this is not it.

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**Suzie Dyke-Brown**

These can be used by people other than drug users. Consider diabetic patients who currently have to pay to have their needles disposed of properly.

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**Samuel Matthew Roberts Jr.**

**Suzie Dyke-Brown** do you honestly think the intent for this is for diabetics to save money? Or is it the city trying to make the lives of drug addicts better in a futile attempt to get them to stop throwing needles on the ground?

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**Suzie Dyke-Brown**

**Samuel Matthew Roberts Jr.** regardless of the intent I don't think it's a bad thing.

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**Samuel Matthew Roberts Jr.**

**Suzie Dyke-Brown** I'm pretty sure attracting biologically hazardous material, that could also hold lethal doses of drugs to areas that also attract children is a bad idea. But that's just me, some folks are ok with taking risks like that with other people's children.

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**Suzie Dyke-Brown**  
**Samuel Matthew Roberts Jr.** I'm not sure how a locked and secured receptacle is worse than having them thrown in the bushes. I understand that there are many drug users who will not take the time to walk their dirty needles over to the container but if you could show me research or literature that shows that this is a bad idea for children I would be willing to read it.

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**Samuel Matthew Roberts Jr.**  
**Suzie Dyke-Brown** common sense and the entire Bay Area of California and downtown Portland is proof that when you create infrastructure and policy that caters to drug users things go sideways fast and the problem grows. If Baker begins to cater to drug users, some folks may use the bin but the vast majority will not. As the drug using population grows more needles will be found in public places and crime will rise. Catering to drug culture never benefits the community or promotes safety, and it's common sense that if you centralize that drug culture near children there is risk.

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**CarlaJoy Densley Koplein**  
**Suzie Dyke-Brown** Most people who do legal injectables, already have sharps containers at home, and are encouraged to dispose of the sharps containers at their doctors offices.

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**Suzie Dyke-Brown**  
I'm not sure about other offices but we do not accept sharps at ours. We direct people to the health department who was charging by weight.

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**Andria Weber**  
**CarlaJoy Densley Koplein** I have legal injectables and do not have a sharps container.

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**CarlaJoy Densley Koplein**  
**Andria Weber** My online pharmacy always asked me if I need a new sharps container with every months new supply of Rebif.

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**Andria Weber**  
**CarlaJoy Densley Koplein** that's awesome. None of the 3 pharmacies I have used in the last year and a half have, I will inquire about it. Thank you

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**Cheryl Parks**  
**Suzie Dyke-Brown** they can take them to Safeway pharmacy or usually any pharmacy and drop them off there.

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**Daniel Lyon Sr.**  
**Suzie Dyke-Brown** come on man

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**Deana Tarantino**

I seriously just moved out of Washington because they have COMPLETELY enabled drug use, these boxes and ease or access to use in "clean" facilities is just asinine to me.

You have to hit rock bottom before you EVER want to change, and you have to WANT to change, if we make it easier for them to stay using, why would they want to change?

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**Sonja Lawrence**

**Deana Tarantino** I understand where you are coming from. However the concept of keeping needles off the ground and stop the spread of disease is what these things are for. Drug use is going to happen with or without this stuff. These things don't make it easier..... It makes it cleaner. Which in the long run makes our community safer.

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**CarlaJoy Densley Koplein**

**Sonja Lawrence** Do you really think an addict who has just shot up at the park or on the River Walk, is really going to walk over to a sharps container at the library, and is going to dispose of his needles?

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**Sierra Koehler**

**CarlaJoy Densley Koplein** so would you prefer they just did nothing... like Portland did for so long? There's a way to prevent baker from becoming Portland and it's by taking action sooner rather than later. This is action sooner rather than later.

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**Deana Tarantino**

**Sonja Lawrence** I had this same mindset when they did it in Washington..... Then I SAW how it quickly turned into "safe injection sites"

They LITERALLY allow people to go a facility to use with clean needles and supplies..... it's just okay to go shoot up in some areas... I do NOT think it's okay.

I think we could put them in the areas on the pathway where it may be an issue, more discreet than at the library where all the kids are. Just my opinion

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**Tootie Leigh Parker**

**CarlaJoy Densley Koplein** my thoughts exactly they probably just toss them in the river to be honest. Or they think the police have a camera on that box and it will record them so I really don't think their paranoia will allow them to use a sharps container.

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**CarlaJoy Densley Koplein**

**Sierra Koehler** An addict is not going to use a public sharps container, for many, many reasons. Do you think they really want to be ID'd? Do you even think that they care enough to pick up their own garbage? Do you really want addicts to hang out at the park and library, where your children play? There are already sharps containers at the medical facilities and doctor's offices, and hopefully the health department, for anyone to use at no charge. It's only the addicts who leave syringes and needles laying around. Most people who use them are conscientious people who have legal prescriptions for injections and already have safe ways for disposal at home, then gather them up and take them to a medical facility. I bet there are drop boxes right there at the health department, where they go to get their free needles? What do you think?

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Sierra Koehler

CarlaJoy Densley Koplein incorrect. Every place in baker charges to dispose of syringes. I checked. I personally called the health department and they will dispose of them for a fee. But you're really showing the public's lack of knowledge on this subject. Again more studies prove you're fear of them not being used is not accurate. I've been a CADC for 3 years now and have had many conversations with addicts that also show otherwise. Educate yourself before being upset about something. Do you really prefer we do nothing about the needles? You would rather we just keep putting peoples lives at risk? If you have a better idea I am all ears! But the reality is that needles are here that won't change. Addiction is a real thing that doesn't magically disappear. There aren't even enough space in prisons as it is so that isn't an option to solve the problem. So what is your alternative solution? I'd be glad to help try and work on it!

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CarlaJoy Densley Koplein

Sierra Koehler I never said that we shouldn't do anything about needles. Please do not put word in my mouth. I had to give myself injections because I have MS, so I know for a fact that my doctors let me drop off my sharps container at their office. I don't do my own injections anymore so I am not positive what the procedure is anymore. If you want your kids hanging out at the park with drug addicts, that's your business. If New Directions wants needle drops, they have my blessing for all the addicts to go there to use a needle drop.

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Sierra Koehler

CarlaJoy Densley Koplein Your doctor might let you do that but he's also your doctor. You already said most of the needles on the ground are from addicts? They aren't going to go into a doctors office for this. So that doesn't solve the problem. So again, what is your solution? I genuinely would love to find one that makes everyone happy. I've asked, practically begged people to give me better ideas and nobody can. I'm not a fan of measure 110 but, they aren't going to go away just because we make them illegal again.

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Lisa Hack-Powell

Sierra Koehler very well said. Some people in Baker would rather just harp on Facebook than try and educate themselves about addiction.

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Amanda Baker

Deana Tarantino please go to city council meetings & say this, you can also email them.

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Richard Cranium

Deana Tarantino you should of moved to Idaho they share your views

1w Like Reply



Deana Tarantino

Richard Cranium Born and raised here.... I came home for a reason. Idaho isn't for me.

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Richard Cranium

Deana Tarantino same

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**Karie Cutlip** Top fan  
Is the library getting money for having the box? That's a dumbest idea .  
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**CarlaJoy Densley Koplein** Top fan  
**Karie Cutlip** Most likely New Directions, since they are the ones promoting it. It is called job security.  
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**Karie Cutlip** Top fan  
**CarlaJoy Densley Koplein** your probably right  
1w Like Reply

Reply to CarlaJoy Densley Koplein...

**Julie Mespelt** Top fan  
**Karie Cutlip** new directions will probably get \$ for this ( they can say they're being active in the drug addiction war... hence, receiving \$ from the government) but not positive on this, just a guess  
1w Like Reply

**KA Ham**  
People are going to use drugs whether or not there is somewhere to put their needles. This is not encouraging them to use or going to lure people to drug use. We already have a drug problem in this town that is only getting worse because of the drugs not harm reduction measures. This is trying to keep our community safe from accidental exposure to HIV and Hepatitis.  
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**Brenda Chapman**  
**KA Ham** this is how i feel about this.  
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**Michelle Gately**  
**KA Ham** I agree that they should put them around town I just don't feel near the park or library where family's and chilren go is ok.  
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**KA Ham**  
**Michelle Gately** it wouldn't be my first choice either if the park wasn't such a problem area.  
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**Michelle Gately**  
**KA Ham** I just don't see how anyone thinks this will help. People are gonna do what they are gonna do. People who are high are not gonna think about disposing their needles in a box. They clearly don't care about their own lives why would they care about anyone else's? 🙄  
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**KA Ham**  
**Michelle Gately** these disposal sites are not there to stop addiction. They are there as a harm reduction strategy to help reduce accidental exposure to diseases like HIV in our communities.  
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**Michelle Gately**  
**KA Ham** and these addicts aren't going to be thinking about that while they are high.  
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**Babzee Pj Parlin**  
Absolutely NOT..There are CHILDREN Everywhere..SAFETY COMES FIRST..

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**Jennifer Smith Blatchford**  
How about the Court House one on each corner

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**Kevin Bryan**  
No for one... but by the Library!!?? That's insane.....

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**Nicholas Scarbrough**  
My theory is the one's using the needles really don't give a darn where they discard them...and are probably to paranoid to use the disposal boxes anyway .. afraid of being seen and so on...

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**Daniel Lyon Sr.**  
Sounds stupid

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**Renee Oakland**  
They should put it on the river path by one of the bridges. But I highly doubt it's going to change the amount of needles that's found at the park no matter where it is.

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**Sonja Lawrence**  
Renee Oakland this is a great idea

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Reply to Renee Oakland...



**Ian Pengelly**  
I can't believe this is what Baker City has become.

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**Samuel Matthew Roberts Jr.**  
Baker: No Taco Bell! We are becoming Portland!  
Also Baker: We need to build conveniences for junkies to keep our city clean.

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**Jensen Longden**  
I personally don't think this is a good idea, if they are already leaving them on the path way. What makes people think they will actually use the syringe drop? If they are to lazy to carry there needles to a trash they definitely ain't gonna carry them to a drop box. Just my opinion.

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**Erin Macy**  
Not all needle users are for drugs.....many are for medications.....better than leaving needles on ground.....baker has a long history of substance abuse....

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**Paula Odahl**  
Most will end up on the ground. ...

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**Craig Hill**  
They already do. ...

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Reply to Paula Odahl...



**Marge Loennig**  
Do we need to blanket a few favorite late night hangouts with CCTV cameras the way they do in Europe??? With few police on duty as has been purposed maybe cameras would help. ...

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**Kyle Johnson**  
Do you people realize they put one in the back parking of the Baker Truck Corral about two months ago? ...

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**Samuel Matthew Roberts Jr.**  
Kyle Johnson most truck stops have them. ...

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**Kyle Johnson**  
Samuel Matthew Roberts Jr. Really? That speaks volumes about some truck drivers doesn't it? ...

1w Like Reply



**Samuel Matthew Roberts Jr.**  
Kyle Johnson diabetes is prevalent in the industry due to the sedentary lifestyle. Drug use is pretty much a rarity due to FMCSA mandated random drug testing protocol all companies must comply with. Failure to provide proof of drug testing drivers will result in your DOT number or MC authority being terminated. If a driver failed a drug or alcohol test it's game over for their career. ...

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**Kyle Johnson**  
Samuel Matthew Roberts Jr. I see. That's a relief. Thanks. ...

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Reply to Samuel Matthew Roberts Jr....



Reply to Kyle Johnson...



**Top fan**

**Misty Bork**  
It's a good idea. I would rather there be a safe drop spot that is monitored and dumped daily, than our community be at risk of needles dropped or tossed on the ground around the park. Safety should be a priority, and this is a tool to help with that! Our kids deserve safer places to play. It isn't just the HIV or Hepatitis, needles/ syringes still have drug residue and that exposure can be deadly with the drugs today! ...

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**Desteni Rose**  
Baker is now little Portland...cool ...

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- Tiffany Denton**  
They put one in front of city hall here in Huntington 🤬🤬🤬🤬
- 1w Like Reply
- Samantha Slattery**  
Can we not put it by the library or park. That would be great.
- 1w Like Reply
- Shane Ralls**  
It's a great idea actually, identify the liberals that vote for it as a solution and get em out 😏
- 1w Like Reply
- Debbie Hale Townsend**  
Good grief! NO!
- 1w Like Reply
- Elisha N Chad Gassner** (Top fan)  
Right by the park...where all of our kids hang out...great idea
- 1w Like Reply
- Megan Spriet** (Top fan)  
**Elisha N Chad Gassner** they have it at Church Hill where the preschool is next to.
- 1w Like Reply
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- Sierra Koehler**  
**Elisha N Chad Gassner** also where all the needles are found. It sucks that the park is where people choose to use drugs and night but it's a reality we are living in and can't continue to deny.
- 1w Like Reply
- Amanda Baker**  
NOOOOOOOO!!
- 1w Like Reply
- Roy Fontenot**  
**Amanda Baker** AGREED!!!
- 1w Like Reply
- Roy Fontenot**  
**Amanda Baker** Is this town really turning into this? They really want an uprising of what's left of the Good 'Ol boys and outlaw justice because I feel that's what things such as this is going to end up causing!
- 1w Like Reply
- Reply to Amanda Baker...
- Susan Mascall**  
NO
- 1w Like Reply
- Josi Mack**  
**Susan Mascall** Nope on a rope! Seriously!!
- 1w Like Reply
- Reply to Susan Mascall...
- Vi Hansen**  
No!
- 1w Like Reply
- Katz Mccornack**  
Oh my goodness... Really
- 1w Like Reply



**Heather McCoy** Top fan  
Cute...  
1w Like Reply

**Gina Diers Perkins**  
N.O. 2  
1w Like Reply

**Jerry Mothershed**  
im so glad i dont live in that town anymore  
1w Like Reply

**Sue Holtz**  
NO  
1w Like Reply

**Katie Dunlap**  
**Kurt N Laura Gronbach**  
1w Like Reply

**Kurt N Laura Gronbach**  
**Katie Dunlap** 🙏 that won't happen  
1w Like Reply

Reply to Katie Dunlap...

**Larae Hooks**  
No!  
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**Patterson Rebecca**  
Put it down by the police station or the county health department. The library is so close to the park where kids play. It has the possibility to draw the users into that area which may prevent others from using the park and the library. Not to mention the accidental dropping of paraphernalia around these public areas. I agree the users need help but we shouldn't do it on a way that prevents the public from safely using their public use venues.  
1w Like Reply Edited 4

**CarlaJoy Densley Koplein** Top fan  
No. Children hang out at the park and the library. Keep the druggies out of those areas, just like keeping pedophiles out of the park and library. Good grief!  
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**Rhonda Sue Starboard**  
**CarlaJoy Densley Koplein** agree  
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Reply to CarlaJoy Densley Koplein...

**Jim Noise**  
They should be on every public trashcan  
1w Like Reply 2

**Bryce Lein**  
Wow!!! Just wow!!! We are now letting the junkies shoot up and have a place to drop off there needles .. there's a garbage can at the front door of the sheriff's office .. just hit the button and tell them ... Needle drop off...  
1w Like Reply 9

**Wesley Hibbert**  
**Bryce Lein** unfortunately the sheriffs department can't do anything about it  
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**Bryce Lein**  
**Wesley Hibbert** I mean it beats the public library

**Wesley Hibbert**  
Bryce Lein absolutely does for sure ...  
1w Like Reply

Reply to Wesley Hibbert...

**Sierra Koehler**  
Bryce Lein it's actually illegal to dispose of needles in a garbage can. That's one of the #1 ways garbage disposal employees get infected with Hep C.  
1w Like Reply

**Nicole Fischer**  
Yuck!!!  
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**Rebecca Pierce**  
Do you really think someone shooting up is going to care about a disposal box?! No druggie is going to dispose of their needles "safely"! This is ridiculous 😞  
1w Like Reply 13

**CarlaJoy Densley Koplein** Top fan  
Rebecca Pierce Exactly.  
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**Dan Story**  
Rebecca Pierce you are not wrong...  
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**Dan Story**  
One of the consequences of the folks who voted to decriminalize drugs. The passing of that bill has made Oregon a much worse place to live. It is mind blowing that every ballot measure that is voted on in this state that makes Oregon even worse... passes.  
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**Katie Jones Bedolla**  
Rebecca Pierce I think I read that they've found maybe one or two syringes a year or something like that. I just feel like it normalizes needle usage and sends such the wrong message.  
1w Like Reply Edited 2

**Rebecca Pierce**  
Katie Jones Bedolla yes, I read that as well! And that is exactly what it's doing, setting a bad example, and that is not okay!!  
1w Like Reply

**Katie Jones Bedolla**  
Rebecca Pierce I truly don't like the idea that we send the message of hey, you want to slam dope? "You do you and we'll take care of the rest". Tonight someone would likely freeze to death.  
1w Like Reply

**Rebecca Pierce**  
Katie Jones Bedolla exactly!! ...

**Katie Jones Bedolla**  
Rebecca Pierce did you complete the survey?  
1w Like Reply

**Rebecca Pierce**  
Katie Jones Bedolla I sure did!! I hope with this much opposition the library truly listens to the concerns of this community.  
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**Top fan**  
**Julie Mespelt**  
Rebecca Pierce do you have a link to the survey?  
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**Rebecca Pierce**  
Julie Mespelt just tagged you in a comment to the survey link!  
1w Like Reply

Reply to Katie Jones Bedolla...

Reply to Rebecca Pierce...

**Amanda Baker**  
Some of Recent previous council would never have let this fly.  
1w Like Reply

**Beth St John**  
Desperation, poverty, mental illness, abuse, trauma are the roots of addiction. As long as we have a culture that puts people down instead of helping each other get through there will be needles.

**UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE IS SUCH A COMPLEX BEAST THAT ONLY 32 OF THE WORLD'S 33 DEVELOPED NATIONS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE IT WORK.**

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**Dale Baker**  
as baker city slowly succumbs to liberalism 🙄🙄  
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**Amanda Baker**  
Dale Baker 👍  
1w Like Reply

**Jamie Hart**  
Dale Baker 100%. It's so sad.  
1w Like Reply 2

Reply to Dale Baker...

**Marge Loennig**  
Given the number of druggies it would be better to have needle drop off places than have children as they do now find them on the ground.Both the park and North Baker School yards need safe places to keep these needles from little kids.  
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**Luba Slater**

December 1 at 9:08 PM · 🌐



Are these ppl insane?!?!

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**Darcie Guenther Sorter**

Actually better to have a drop box where people can put used syringes rather than just throwing them on the ground or in a trash can where others could get poked by them.

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**Luba Slater**

Darcie Guenther Sorter we do have other boxes around is what I read....but by a library & our main park....they're out of their mind!

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**Lisa Marie Fochs-Meredith**

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**Luba Slater**

Lisa Marie Fochs-Meredith we do have other boxes around is what I read....but by a library & our main park....they're out of their mind!  
Besides someone who's getting high...isn't gonna run to a box to get rid of them...they'll be to paranoid someone is watching the box. Its a small town 😊

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**Lisa Marie Fochs-Meredith**

Luba Slater they'll use it. You'll be surprised, if it's not the drug user, then perhaps those who come across it and has something to pick it up with. I've seen other communities have done this and it's been successful. I wish our area would do it. It's so bad here. And the police have other things to deal with than to get a call to come and get a needle off a playground. They're short staffed around here as it is

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**Luba Slater**

**Lisa Marie Fochs-Meredith** ya same here, we ended up adding a tax on our water bill to pay for fire department & police to have around the clock watch in our town, they proposed no drive around between 12am-6am(or whatever the hrs were) didn't last long....whoever passed that at the city council was a dumb ass  
All of our city council resigned....and Noone has a clue why, or I haven't heard the truth of it anyway

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**Lisa Marie Fochs-Meredith**

**Luba Slater** that's odd. Between those hours is when a lot of crimes happen. Hopefully you're new council will be better at using the funds

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**Luba Slater**

**Lisa Marie Fochs-Meredith** ya that's why it didn't last long  
They're idiots

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**Anndrea Nichols**

As someone in healthcare, its safer. People will do their drugs regardless until they are ready to stop. But to have places to dispose of needles will help keep the needles off the playgrounds and streets and such. I cannot wait to be a nurse one day. I really think i want to work at a rehabilitation facility. Given my past and all, i think i can help touch the hearts of other addicts ❤️

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**Luba Slater**

**Anndrea Nichols** I appreciate nurse's sooo much more than doctors, from how I was cared for between behaving both of my babies & my hand surgeries, they're the glue of the hospital! 30 at 9:54 AM

But we do have other boxes around is what I read, i dont take mt kids to the park often....but by a library & our main park....they're out of their mind! Someone being high, not carrying about their own life shooting up drugs, isn't gonna care to get rid of them properly, they won't care that there's more boxes around town. Oregon has went down hill from allowing drugs, not quite sure about the exact law, but I know having certain amount of meth, is just slap on the wrist

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**Anndrea Nichols**

**Luba Slater** yes maam i understand where you are coming from. But parks are one of the common public places these ppl will meet up and use, esp during the night hours. Some people, not all, do actually care even amidst their addiction. Its hard to understand but its true. Just be mindful where your babies play and scope it out prior to play time ❤️

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**Luba Slater**

**Andrea Nichols** ya I know our parks is the biggest place, library is next the main park as well. I know we can't stop them from doing it unless THEY want to stop & get help from rehab, which we have LOTS of rehab centers here, Oregon is very liberal, it gives out things left and right, which isn't bad but at the same time shouldn't be as much, cuz some ppl are straight up lazy 😞  
Even tho I was raised republican, I still believe a single mom/dad should be helped with their kid(s) I'd they're doing their best to provide their kids the best they can.

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**Ashley Conner**

Clearly yall haven't seen places like Philadelphia where the syringes are thrown around every corner of the box but not actually in the box.  
The idea is wonderful. But it's also ignorant to think that Janie Bob is going to place her syringe in a box after her high wears off...

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**Luba Slater**

**Ashley Conner** exactly

And we do have other boxes from what I read, like...how does putting MORE around library & our main park....will help 😞

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**Ashley Conner**

**Luba Slater** it's just gonna attract the trash closer to the places that children are supposed to be safe

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**Luba Slater**

**Ashley Conner** exactly !!!

No thank you

There's a reason I already don't take them to the park very often...the teenagers do not care about little kids, and are aooo beyond rude 😞

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**Baker County Safe Communities Coalition**

November 28 at 2:37 PM · 🌐

Harm reduction programs aim to protect the community and promote public safety by reducing potential harms from injection drug use such as the spread of infections like HIV and hepatitis C, syringe litter in communities, and overdose deaths.

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**Tessa Neill**

This is backwards. The library, where children frequent, is not an acceptable place. We should be protecting children and their childhoods. If the people that want to pay for this drop box are serious about safety, then pay for a crew that will clean up public places that are being destroyed. And make it a weekly clean. Put boxes away from where children frequent. They are children for a very short time. Let them be.

Don't kids see enough?

It's interesting to me that people think users will suddenly choose to make a decision for the safety of the community when they don't choose this for themselves or their families in their daily lives. They don't throw them away now either, obviously, or they wouldn't be on the ground.

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**Beth Quinn**

Not sure library is best location. Other options?

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**Daniel LaPlaca**

Other cities have already proven these don't make a difference. Waste of time and resources. ...

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**Leslie Hawkins**

If they must have one put in front of city hall or the police station. ...

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**Lena Phillippi**

Theyre out of there minds. Not guna go oh hey im guna go put them in that box. Waste of money ...

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**Michelle Lynette Scott**

Let's put them at the person's house that come up with this. ...

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**Grant Berry** ▸ **Stuff that happens in Baker County, Oregon** ...

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**Jim Brill**

Near hospitals, pharmacies or medical facilities makes more sense. ...

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**David Gassner**

If it's needed, yes. ...

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**Johnny Torres**

It invites more drug abuse. ...

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**Sierra Dougharity**

NOOOOO!!!! why put this stuff more in kids face!! It's bad enough they have to see how it effects the community. I am so against this!! Please don't put this b.s in our town. Promote clean sober living. Not clean and easy access "using materials" Hav... [See more](#)

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**Morgan Bogart**

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**Jennifer Orr**

absolutely, NO !!First, I live across from park and library, Second, I know first hand, (two siblings died of addiction ) that you MUST NOT build families or communities around the

 **Grant Berry**  
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 **Baker City Herald**  
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
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
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 **Nicole Fischer**  
Yuck!!   🗳️ 2


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 **Grant Berry** Author Admin  
Nicole Fischer right


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 **Jensen Longden**  
I personally don't think this is a good idea, if they are already leaving them on the path way. What makes people think they will actually use the syringe drop? If they are to lazy to carry there needles to a trash they definitely ain't gonna carry the... See more


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 **Timothy McDermott**  
Jensen Longden sad but true.

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 **Jensen Longden**  
Timothy McDermott very sad.

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 Reply to Timothy McDermott...   🗨️ 😊 📷 GIF 🎭

**Sierra Dougharity**  
Jensen Longden agreed! ...  
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**Amanda Baker** Moderator  
Jensen Longden 100 ...  
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**Sierra Dougharity**  
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**Amanda Baker** Moderator  
Sierra Dougharity 100 ...  
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**Rhonda Scott**  
Sierra Dougharity I agree it makes it look like we have worse problems to visitors why when they can't even put them in trash can do you think they will use them. You keep saying don't bring Portland here and now this ...  
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**Sierra Dougharity**  
Rhonda Scott that's the biggest point. There are trash cans all over town. There is always someplace to throw them away. ...  
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**Mark Luker**  
Sierra Dougharity looks like the portland mentality has come to town: reduce our police dept but spend our tax money on making us even less safe ...  
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Reply to Rhonda Scott...

**Willy Martin**  
Sierra Dougharity they already put one outside of Churchill school and next to the dog park. Bright red so they get your attention. ...  
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**Monica Hansen**  
Willy Martin and are they actually working??? ...  
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**Kim Nelson**  
Sierra Dougharity I agree they just keep pushing this on kids and family's. Change the laws and make the drugs illegal that will help. They could do something way different then pushing this on all us. ...  
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Amanda Baker Moderator

Survey

<https://www.bakerlib.org/community-survey-outdoor-used...>

The library has received a proposal from [New Directions Northwest, Inc.]

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Your feedback is important to us. To participate anonymously, go to (<https://forms.gle/BAtGCeTeqWBiq1Ey8>)(<https://forms.gle/BAtGCeTeqWBiq1Ey8...>)

The survey will be open through Sunday, December 10 2023. Results will be reported to the library board for consideration at its meeting on December 12.

Thanks to all who contribute!



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Community Survey - Outdoor Used Sharps Drop Box at Baker County Public Library

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CarlaJoy Densley Koplein

Amanda Baker New Directions need to get their heads examined! Or is this just their way of drumming up more job security? Jails and prisons have got more people sober, than New Directions has.

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Amanda Baker Moderator

CarlaJoy Densley Koplein 🤔 idk.... But every city that's provided safe needle bins & safe shoot up places have gone to 🤖🤖🤖!! handing out individual used needle boxes that they could carry in their bags, now that would work & have a big disposal bin at new directions. But apparently we already have 1 of these sharps bins at the old school on 17th & Broadway, but they are super liberal.

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Jennifer Orr

CarlaJoy Densley Koplein Watch American relapse, explains it all

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CarlaJoy Densley Koplein

Jennifer Orr <https://www.americanrelapse.com>



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American Relapse

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Jennifer Orr

CarlaJoy Densley Koplein Looks like it's on Amazon prime as well as a few other networks

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Jennifer Orr

CarlaJoy Densley Koplein it's disgusting How the industry uses people

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CarlaJoy Densley Koplein

I found it. Thank you so much.

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**Morgan Bogart**  
It's a community safety effort. It is not only for addicts to dispose of dirty syringes, because honestly that would be way better than in in park or along sidewalks or even in garbage cans where the sanitation people can get poked emptying garbages, but it is also for those who may be doing IVF or diabetic who may have to put them in purses or pockets until they get home or somewhere they can dispose of them. It's not encouraging this behavior, it's encouraging safe disposal which decreases risk to our community and even Healthcare cost to those who may get stuck and contract diseases.

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**Alicia Vowell**  
**Morgan Bogart** you said it best!

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**Misty Goodwin**  
**Morgan Bogart** you mean to tell us that the drug users are going to carry their dirty needles clear to the library? 🤔

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**Willy Martin**  
**Misty Goodwin** just the ones already using nearby

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**Misty Goodwin**  
**Willy Martin** I hope you're right

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**Kristy Backlund**  
**Morgan Bogart** If I needed to use syringes for a medical reason, there is no way in the world I would dispose of them in a place that the general public is going to think is for drug addicts to dispose of dirty needles. 100% would not happen. I think it's a nice thought, but I don't think it's going to happen. I am curious to hear what others think though.

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**Doreen Collins Mandara**  
**Kristy Backlund** agree

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**Monica Hansen**  
**Kristy Backlund** agreed

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**Hal Kirklin**  
**Kristy Backlund** Exactly right. That's just a weak and unrealistic rationalization for a bad idea that has had more deleterious outcomes than benefits in all the cities in which this policy has been tested. The decriminalization of drugs, via Proposition 110, has had horrible effects in destroying lives via unchecked drug addiction. It's truly sad.

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Reply to Kristy Backlund...

**Arin Lemmon**  
**Morgan Bogart** The sanitation workers don't even touch bags now days, it's all automated. Keep this crap away from our kids and community.

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Al Jones

Morgan Bogart when it became medically necessary for me to self administer medication...before my first injection I had acquired a sharps container from the health department.

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Reply to Morgan Bogart...



Hal Kirklín

This is a misguided idea which will encourage more drug use and addicts to congregate around the library. If some addicts are too lazy to throw their needles in a trash can, what makes anyone think they will dispose of them in a sharps container. Malheur County, which is overrun by homeless, who have co-occurring SUD and severe mental illness (I've seen it firsthand) should not be compared to Baker City. And if they are finding 1-2 needles per year, this initiative is not needed. Prop. 110 has already been an abject failure. Let's not expand that muddled thinking into our town. I've responded to this survey with the above input.

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Megan Spriet

Hal Kirklín Are you aware they have one close to the preschool out side of Church Hill?

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Hal Kirklín

Megan Spriet No. I was unaware of that. I suspect that this proposal will ultimately be adopted, regardless of mine or anyone else's opinion. I just think there are more cons than pros to this proposal; although I can understand the public health/safety perspective.

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Amanda Baker Moderator

Hal Kirklín while it was part of my job at the PD when reported as "found" property it was like 6-8 that got reported. I left a little after measure 110 & if know it's gotten worse, so now probably(guessing) 20yr get reported & 40-50 per yr are seen. Best guess, but i sure don't want more shooting up at the park or library.

1w Like Reply



Hal Kirklín

Amanda Baker Appreciate that additional information regarding the reported amount of found needles. I'm not at all convinced that this program will make a considerable difference, and runs the risk of encouraging IV drug users to congregate near the library and park. We don't need to become another Ontario or Portland, nor enact their types of failed policies.

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Amanda Baker Moderator

Hal Kirklín I don't think so either, instead hand out needle boxes they can put needles in & keep in bags then can be thrown away later. Those would get used & keep everyone safe

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Hal Kirklín

Amanda Baker That's a better suggestion. You might want to share that feedback if you complete the ND online survey.

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Amanda Baker Moderator

Hal Kirklín i plan to, it doesn't fit the pro addicts anti law abiding citizens politics BUT it's a real solution that would actually work. Might be a little more expensive but only 1 that's appropriate

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**Hal Kirklin**

**Amanda Baker** Agreed. I thought this town was more pro law abiding citizens, but, what do I know, I've only lived here for 3.5 years, moving, most recently, from the mean streets of LA; where I've seen the outcome of pro-homeless, pro-drug culture in unimaginable levels of crime and homelessness. Don't think we want to move in that direction as a city.

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**Amanda Baker** Moderator

**Hal Kirklin** absolutely!! So i think we'll see more of these politics being tried with the new city council. There were 3 HARD & exhausted standers on our council before, that were fighting these things NON STOP but weren't bragging about it. 1 in particular stood like the china wall!

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**Jennifer Orr**

**Hal Kirklin** right. Escaped Portland 6 years ago. I knew that chaos would ultimately find its way here, I didn't think it would be so quick. There's no going back once it's here

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Reply to Amanda Baker...



**Cheris Alyene Owens**

**Hal Kirklin** addicts and homeless have always congratulated at the park and library.

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**Hal Kirklin**

**Cheris Alyene Owens** That may be. But why encourage more to congregate and shoot drugs?

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**Cheris Alyene Owens**

**Hal Kirklin** I agree they should put it elsewhere. Our city park should be kid friendly 100%

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**Debbie Radle**

**Hal Kirklin** thank you! Very well said!

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**Nathan Hodgdon**

I'm generally in favor of having safe disposals for hazardous materials. If it's a matter of the philosophy or policy surrounding the secure receptacle rather than the receptacle itself, then should the conversation shift that direction instead? I know how to pick up a needle safely but I'd never throw it in a regular trash can. Knowing where I could put a used needle would be helpful. I've only ever found used insulin needles personally.

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**Nick Carey**

**Nathan Hodgdon** stop making sense 🤔

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**Amanda Baker** Moderator

**Nathan Hodgdon** thats what many drug users use to shoot up.

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**Nathan Hodgdon**

**Amanda Baker** Sure. Many drug dealers sell insulin needles preloaded with product like a fast food drive thru. A used needle is a used needle. I was just identifying the make and model so to speak.

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Amanda Baker Moderator

Nathan Hodgdon what most drug users use they are easier to get. ...  
Also diabetics aren't throwing needles on the ground



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Vi Hansen ...  
No no no 4

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Deb Wessler ...  
With the many children who frequent the library, there's a better location. 4

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Grant Berry Author Admin

Baker County Library Director Perry Stokes is surveying the public about a proposal to install a used syringe drop box outside the library at 2400 Resort St. in Baker City.

New Directions Northwest in Baker City, which offers mental health and drug and alcohol treatment, would pay for the box, according to a press release from the library district.

New Directions officials told the library district board in October that used syringes are found occasionally along the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway, which runs along the east side of the library.

Library workers have also found syringes in trash bins on library property, averaging about two per year but dropping to about one per year recently, according to the press release.

Drop boxes in Ontario, Nyssa and Vale collected about 15,000 syringes in 2021, according the Malheur County Health Department.

Stokes said the library survey, which started Nov. 17 and continues through Dec. 10, is confidential. The library has received about 20 responses.

The survey is available at the library or on its website, [www.bakerlib.org](http://www.bakerlib.org).

"We value the input of our community members and want to ensure that any decisions we make align with their needs and expectations," Stokes said. "The survey provides an opportunity for residents to express their opinions and contribute to the decision-making process."

The library board will review survey responses and decide during its Dec. 12 meeting whether to install the syringe drop box.

The district will also release survey results.

More information about the survey and the proposed used syringe drop box installation is available by calling Stokes at 541-523-6419.



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Tessa Neill ...  
Grant Berry is this meeting open to the public?

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**Grant Berry** Author Admin  
Tessa Neill that I don't know. Might check with the library or the council members

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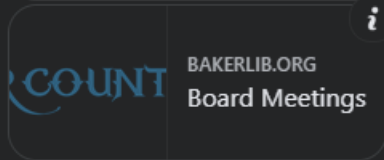
**Amanda Baker** Moderator  
Tessa Neill can also give city council input. New council so liberal politics are going to be pushed again. No one is perfect but Johnny was a great wall protecting us from this stuff



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**Baker County Library District**  
Tessa Neill Yes, Library Board meetings are public meetings. The meeting is at 12 pm (Noon) on Tuesday, Dec 12 at the library. It will also be broadcast via Zoom. Public comments are always welcome at the beginning of the meeting. Zoom info and other agenda items will be posted when ready at <https://www.bakerlib.org/board-meetings>



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**Tessa Neill**  
Amanda Baker yep, I saw that today.

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Reply to Tessa Neill...

**Doreen Collins Mandara**  
Grant Berry put the box at new directions, not at the library

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**Wayne Fuller**  
Grant Berry they dont pay for crap and they sure as heck dont hold their clients to any standards...its the Libtard way--

**Memory Jean**  
Yup invite more danger to the areas we send our children and grand children to. The park and library. Put the drop box at the police department 🙄

1w Like Reply Edited



**Rhonda Scott**  
Memory Jean or how about in front of the homes of the people that want the darn things

1w Like Reply



Reply to Memory Jean...





**Tessa Neill**  
We've been Venezuelaed.

Don't the pharmacies already allow the public a place to dispose of hazardous materials? Everywhere else maybe.

So cute how they call them "sharps". Somehow George Carlin comes to mind.  
<https://safeneedledisposal.org/states/oregon/>

The answer is forcing the pharmacies and hospitals to accept them here like everywhere else in Oregon. And not in a metal box in public.

Take this to the city council?  
Is the meeting the library board is having open to the public?

Putting it out in public is not the right way to do this, but then I think that's the point.

I'm sorry, who thought the library, WHERE CHILDREN FREQUENT, was a good idea?

Why don't you just add it to the school yards? More locations that way (insert extreme sarcasm.)

**NeedleC** SAFENEEDLEDISPOSAL.ORG  
Be sharp abt Oregon - Safe Needle Disposal

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**Memorey Jean**  
The agenda to push out locals is well on track. Think about it before you reply.

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**Curt Bayne**  
Dumbest idea ever. . . if the addicts are actually going to use it (which they won't) put it by the police station. . .have to remember the junkies are protected by Measure 110

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**Doreen Collins Mandara**  
Absolutely not !!! Put the box by the police station, put the box out at new directions which is where they had help. Anyway, the kids the elderly go to the library. They don't need to be around that stuff. This is the stupidest idea I've ever seen there is already a charging station and a free phone this is complete BS and I know that they're going to do it anyway regardless of how we feel. I think new directions would be the perfect idea. especially since they're the ones that want to put it there at the library

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**Jennifer Orr**  
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**Misty Goodwin**  
Jennifer Orr we'll said!

1w Like Reply



**Chad Williams**  
Jennifer Orr agree 100%

1w Like Reply



**Shanae Berglund**  
Jennifer Orryes!!! To all of this!

1w Like Reply



**Amanda Baker** Moderator  
Jennifer Orr wonder how much they get for each box ...

1w Like Reply

**Kristy Backlund**  
Do we have any info on if these type of boxes are getting used? I'm wondering if they are actually successful in helping the problem? Someone has to be emptying them and possibly keeping track?

1w Like Reply

**Sierra Koehler**  
Kristy Backlund I totally encourage you to look into the research! They are used in the city's they are placed in and many report a significant drop in needles and syringes on the ground. Ontario's health department set a bunch up and I think said it was a 92-93% reduction of syringes just within about a year.

1w Like Reply

**Michele Kemhus Alaspa**  
Jennifer Orr I agreed without thinking. You're right ...

1w Like Reply

**Randi Coffman**  
Jennifer Orr 👍 nailed it. Top leader in the community for measure 110 which they only profited from  
And still do.

1w Like Reply

**Randi Coffman**  
Jennifer Orr funny is I'm sure they put in for a huge grant but only will spend half of it.

1w Like Reply

**Kimberly Bullock**  
Not the library not a good place..suggest by New directions? They have help for drug addiction as well do they are better prepared...the library just not a good place to many kidd around

1w Like Reply

**Vince Holtz**  
WTF

1w Like Reply

**Sue Holtz**  
Vince Holtz ABSOLUTELY

1w Like Reply

Reply to Vince Holtz...

**Esa Murrell**  
Absolutely NOT at the public library, nor near the park, or anywhere similar! Looking for a location... perhaps the police station? ...the sheriff's department? ...New Directions offices? ...county Health Department offices? ...even near the pharmacies, clinics, or hospital would make better sense!

1w Like Reply

**Sue Holtz**  
Esa Murrell ABSOLUTELY

1w Like Reply

**Jennifer Orr**  
Esa Murrell Health Department just a few blocks away

1w Like Reply



**Andrea Sandberg**

Throwing out the big what if's: it's a good intention, but it a high probability that a person isn't going to be in a good thought process to walk to a needle disposal box at the library if they are getting high on the pathway. Unfortunately, I bet it's not going majority to be used for others to have the opportunity to have disposal ones that need to because of medication they are prescribed and of ones that is starting to show up more at the park. Plus now that police patrols are going to stop at night, our town will have more opportunities for setting up and sleeping at the parks. There is also the possibility of it being broke into by someone who isn't in the right state of mind, or damaged by ones who are against the box being there. It might be like the feminine hygiene supplies that are now required by law to be place in both gender bathrooms. The supply boxes are being vandalized in many boy's bathrooms around the state because of the protests of them being in a boys bathroom. Plus, ones that have to take medication by syringe normally have their own protocols with disposal and boxes at home to place used needles in.

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**Jackie Denton**

**Andrea Sandberg** well said

1w Like Reply



Reply to Andrea Sandberg...



**Amy Sutton VanGaasbeck**

Why not put one at the police department and one at the hospital instead of attracting them to places where kids and families gather?

1w Like Reply



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**Amanda Baker** Moderator

**Amy Sutton VanGaasbeck** PD isn't going to be used by druggies

1w Like Reply



**Amy Sutton VanGaasbeck**

**Amanda Baker** I was trying to make a point...I'm not sure any of them will. I would think that if drug addicts are using, the last thing they are going to think is, oh I'll hold onto this needle until I get to the proper waste receptacle.

1w Like Reply



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**Amanda Baker** Moderator

**Amy Sutton VanGaasbeck** agreee

1w Like Reply



**Kelly Kreutzer**

**Amy Sutton VanGaasbeck** I just don't understand why Oregon is enabling and catering to addicts!

1w Like Reply



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**Amy Sutton VanGaasbeck**

they've only found two disposed needles in the last year. Not sure why they want to encourage this especially near family friendly places.

1w Like Reply



Reply to Amanda Baker...



**Rhonda Colwell**

**Amy Sutton VanGaasbeck** I agree with that why would you encourage bringing one to where your children are and in hopes they are gonna use them people that use them for health use aren't gonna want to go there and the ones that are using illegally won't dispose of it there put it where they need it like New Directions the hospital the pharmacy somewhere besides the library so people that are using them for the right reason we'll have access to them and if by luck the ones that are using it for other can also have access this is something that our kids and grandkids need to be aware of but not something they should encourage for at city park and library,this will bring more unwanted behavior there

1w Like Reply



**Rhonda Sue Starboard**  
Not by the library smh 🙄🙄  
1w Like Reply 2

**John Rademacher**  
What a terrible idea. Put a drop box in an area that concentrates young kids. Makes me wonder about the credibility of New Directions to provide mental health to the community of Baker County.  
1w Like Reply 6

The comment John Rademacher is replying to has been deleted.

**John Rademacher**  
**Andria Weber** you are misguided and are making up a story in your mind that is false. My point is why have a Dropbox at the library. There are other more appropriate locations. The site next to Campbell Street where I believe the garage cans and doogy bags are or even to the police station near the end of the trail. Am I in support of a Dropbox sure BUT the proposed location I have problem with.  
1w Like Reply

Reply to John Rademacher...

**Sue Holtz**  
NO!  
1w Like Reply 3

**Kate Brooks**  
No person shooting up is going to find a box no matter where it is put. They will not want to be seen using it. Safety is not their concern. And no one responsible will be shooting up and tossing needles on the ground. If you want a box for responsible people to dispose of needles used for meditation... it should be placed at a hospital. Yes, drugs are everywhere and yes they affect our lives. They always have and always will. This idea of a box making our lives safer is a fantasy. The reality is it will sit there probably getting vandalized.  
1w Like Reply 4

**Sarah Britt**  
Sad that even has to be a thing.... feels like it's being promoted and seen as ok to be doing. Heck might as well start providing the drugs too.... uhg.... we use to hang up D.A.R.E. posters in the windows of library's. We use to have competitions in school to create "drugs are bad" posters for a calender.....  
1w Like Reply 4

**Michelle Gately**  
Ya let's make it where they can gather disposing of their dirty needles where our children are! Absolutely not! Let it be at the police station or new directions! Not where family's and children hang out and go to! These addicts problems are not our problem or our children's problem! Get a grip Baker City Jesus SMFH! And as for the comment about diabetics? I know they can dispose of these without costing a thing. All we are doing is enabling this behavior. It's not acceptable!  
1w Like Reply Edited 7

**Amanda Baker** Moderator  
**Michelle Gately** 🙄  
1w Like Reply

Reply to Michelle Gately...

**Rebecca Monahan**  
I would rather the syringes end up in a drop box than an innocent person's foot or someone's pet. I've seen plenty of syringes near the pathway and sidewalks.  
1w Like Reply 8

**Amanda Baker** Moderator  
**Rebecca Monahan** i agree but what's the cost? If addicts actually use them, they will be congregating near it, which means the park & library will no longer be a safe place for the kids.  
1w Like Reply

**Amanda Baker** Moderator  
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**KA Ham**  
Amanda Baker the park is already a problem. I know kids have found stashed drugs there so what are the chances there are needles there already? Even if it only collects 100 needles a year isn't that better than 100 needles laying around?

1w Like Reply

**Rebecca Monahan**  
Amanda Baker people are already active using in and around those places. It's where some of the substance abusing homeless use regularly. I know it makes people uncomfortable to acknowledge that, but a little discomfort is better than a single child being pierced by a used needle

1w Like Reply

**Amanda Baker** Moderator  
KA Ham so we should help in making the problem worse?

1w Like Reply

**Amanda Baker** Moderator  
Rebecca Monahan not about acknowledging it, I'm aware, but we would only be encouraging more use there!  
There's many cities who've done this & now no one but druggies even use the park/ library. It's a cr@p solution

1w Like Reply

**Cindy Fuller** Admin  
And I can't help but have a visual of someone needing a syringe and trying to dig one out of the Dropbox.  
When I go to the store or different businesses that have the cigarette butt disposal out front, On many occasions I have seen people digging through there for a cigarette butt.

1w Like Reply Edited

**Amanda Baker** Moderator  
Cindy Fuller yes, but don't think they can. What has happened in other cities is it becomes a place to hang out & shoot up, especially since it's NO LONGER A CRIME to use drugs! Anything that may invite users to areas kids go is ALWAYS BAD!  
Parks AND libraries have been taken over in many cities. Libraries even added safe shoot up space!! So now our tax dollars are giving druggies the library & no family wants to go to a library like that!! It's not safe 🙄 .... It's sad...

1w Like Reply

Reply to Cindy Fuller...

**Linda Osborn**  
Drug users DON'T care about the safety of others, they only care about their next fix. I watched Portland go down the drain because of decisions made by the few. Do your homework. SAVE BAKER !!!

1w Like Reply

**Amanda Baker** Moderator  
Linda Osborn decisions like this!!

1w Like Reply



Jennifer Orr

Linda Osborn - correct, I escaped my home town ( Portland ) for these exact reasons, There is no coming back from decisions like these, and though many residence may think it feels good and humane to support these folks, the consequences are long lasting and catastrophic and this town will be lost forever, the population is way to small to absorb the destruction that coddling the long term user creates. Beyond the health crisis of the user and community, the financial and social implications on police, property theft and crime, family deterioration and the the cost of caring for those left wounded and neglected by addict, day after day, month after month and year after year, including housing, healthcare, food in the immediate. Those families are the ones a have compassion for the most.

1w Like Reply



Reply to Linda Osborn...



KA Ham

Personally if I am out walking on the pathway or enjoying the park and I find a needle I would love somewhere safe to dispose of it. I am certainly not going to leave it on the ground or throw it in a trash can. Also it gives me somewhere safe to dispose of the needles I use to manage my diabetes.

1w Like Reply



Amanda Baker Moderator

KA Ham carry a little hard pencil case.

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KA Ham

I still have to throw them away somewhere. A plastic case is not going to keep people safe from getting stuck if they are in the garbage.

1w Like Reply



Jennifer Orr

KA Ham - where do you dispose of them now, I know the health department has a drop off, which is exactly where this should be

1w Like Reply



Reply to KA Ham...



Melissa Fuss Hertel

The library is for books reading and studying not for needle users to drop off needles....where is this idea coming from seriously? What is happening in this town? Who wants to watch them drop off needles come on really?

1w Like Reply



Amanda Baker Moderator

Melissa Fuss Hertel 100%



Melissa Fuss Hertel

Put it at the health dept or the hospital where it should be but at a public library really? What is that supporting? I know I don't want to Watch people drop in needles it's a beautiful library! Put it at the health dept or at the hospital if we must support this

1w Like Reply




**Randy Backlund**  
Y not jus put it in the park?!! Wtf 🙄

1w Like Reply

**Amanda Baker Moderator**  
Hardest part with things like this us you CAN NOT think about it from an average or normal mindset, you have to think about it from addicts & mentally ill people, same one's who steal from you & stab eachother over drugs.  
This is a feel good ideas, loaded with good intentions. (Just like when people pick up ranch dogs & take them 200mi-900mi away from home). The consequences are irresponsible & very damaging!  
I love the idea of warming & homeless shelters but the REALITY & consequences of them is NO GOOD & irreversible!

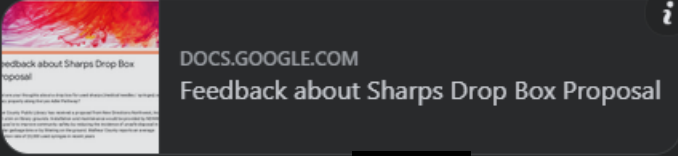
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**Amanda Baker Moderator**  
Public comment!! & actual conversation



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**Baker County Library District**  
We appreciate the sharing of this invitation and everyone's feedback! While comments here will be shared with the board, the most helpful way to contribute is via the anonymous survey form at <https://forms.gle/pkQsrqepNpV92m5A>



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**Doreen Collins Mandara**  
Baker County Library District I did

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**Tessa Neill**  
Baker County Library District or going to the meeting on the 12th at noon. Much better.

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**Andria Weber**  
Attacking a safe solution to protect our kids from the needles thrown out in the grass and on the parkway, is not solution focused. The needles/drugs are being used in and around the park for years that is the problem. I don't agree with the use of drugs in the places where kids are supposed to be carefree and wild, my opinion isn't going to stop the use. I am grateful for the steps being taken to protect our community from dirty needles and diseases.

1w Like Reply 18

**Amanda Baker Moderator**  
Andria Weber but this will also attract more users to use at the park & library

1w Like Reply





**Andria Weber**  
Amanda Baker no more than are already there

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**Amanda Baker** Moderator  
Andria Weber if you look at city's that have done this then you'd see that's incorrect

1w Like Reply



Reply to Amanda Baker...



**Tessa Neill**  
Andria Weber backwards logic. People that don't use are assuming people that do will decide to do the unselfish, responsible, moral and correct thing when they already live in an opposite way. Every day making bad choices for themselves that negatively affect others in their lives.

It's backwards.

Disagreeing isn't attack, by the way.

1w Like Reply Edited



**Andria Weber**  
Tessa Neill disagreeing always welcome. My experience is different than yours we will have different opinions. If the receptacles keep 1 or 1000 needles off the ground it is a win. If it doesn't collect any needles it is still a win. It is a solution being offered, regardless of where it is installed. Facebook is filled with people whining and complaining, but not being part of the solution.

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**Beverly Spencer**  
Andria Weber id be surprised if it works if using the person would be highly suspicious because it could be a trap to catch and prosecute them..😬😬

1w Like Reply



Reply to Andria Weber...



**S.s. Jury**  
Although I understand the intentions behind the proposal are good, I don't think the idea itself is a good one. People shooting up in/around the park, pathway, etc already can't be bothered to throw their needles in the nearest trash can; they won't be going to the library to properly dispose of them. What is more likely to happen is that these people will be going to the Dropbox to try to dig out a needle when they don't have one, effectively attracting more drug abusers to the library and vicinity.

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**Amanda Baker** Moderator  
S.s. Jury & shooting up near it

1w Like Reply



Reply to S.s. Jury...



**Seth Wilde**  
Put it at city hall. Kids go to the library, keep it away from them.

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**Seth Wilde**  
The location makes me think people want more addict-child interactions. I am against that.

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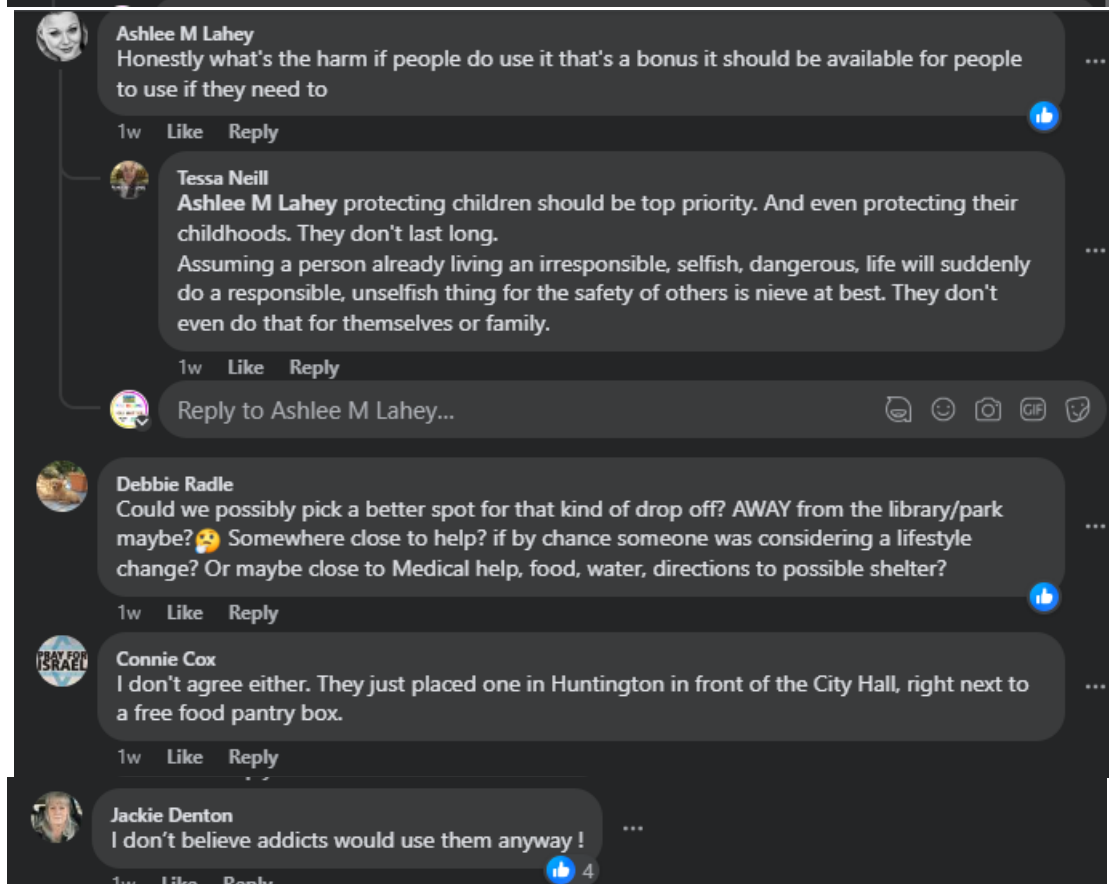
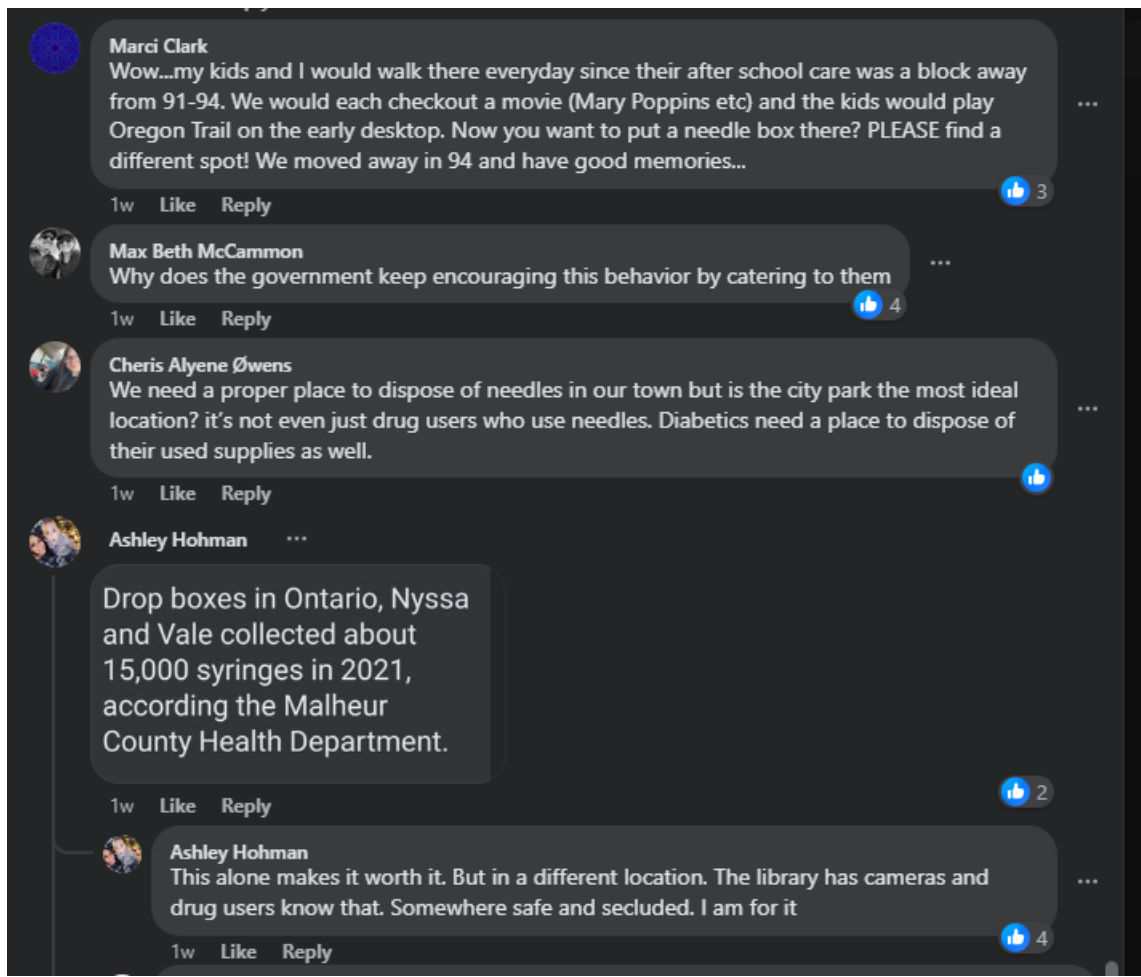


**Arin Lemmon**  
No way, keep this away from our children. We do not need to bend for druggies. We put up stuff like this and it will just make a bigger problem.

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Chad Williams

I think it should not be at a public library. The Health Department on 2nd would be a good place.

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Cindy Fuller Admin

The ones that are just leaving them on the ground are gonna continue to just leave them on the ground. No matter how many dropboxes you put up or where the Dropbox is. If they wanted to make a 1/2 a\*\* effort, they would have at least put it in a garbage can. But they didn't even care enough to do that. So why would they make the effort to go to a disposal box? Like someone else said they're high on drugs. And they're just gonna leave the needle right there or keep it and take it with them To reuse.

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Carolyn Crabb

It is a safe disposal system, but the ones who won't even throw them in the trash won't put them in that either.

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Doreen Collins Mandara

Where do these user get the needles??

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Jennifer Orr

Deana Leinbach

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Mark Luker

what happened to supporting a clean community? yes, some do drugs - but that doesn't mean we need to cater to them like portland does! 🙄🙄🙄🙄

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Star William Kessler

"If you build it they will come"

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Tessa Neill

This is backwards logic. It's literally building a community settings those making the worst choices. It wasn't too long ago that Portland, in an attempt to clean up the streets, put porta potties all over. Instead of them being used, they were vandalized and destroyed by those they were out there for.

Guess what. Offering these things in hopes people will make better choices for themselves and community does not work.

People that don't use are assuming people that do will suddenly decide to do the unselfish, responsible, moral and correct thing when they already live in an opposite way. Every day making bad choices for themselves that negatively affect others in their lives.

It's backwards. Instead of offering addicts an opportunity to make a good choice for others, when they won't even do that for themselves or their families, we should be cleaning up any areas children frequent. This is a NO BRAINER.

End of story.

A library is a place for the public. A place where children frequent, especially. Who the hell thought this was a good idea?

This has nothing to do with how it looks. It has everything to do with protecting our children, and God forbid, protecting their childhoods. Protecting the community in general.

When are people going to make the connection between policy and outcome?

1w Like Reply



**Tessa Neill**

So I just read the survey form. Proposing it be located on library property or even worse inside the library restroom!!!

Here is my response on this form. These people want to help? They will pay for it? How serious are they?

"This is backed logic. Amazing a place that should know all about addiction would be naive to think someone already making irresponsible, dangerous, and selfish choices would suddenly decide to do the correct thing for the community's safety. They don't make those choices for themselves or their families.

No. Protecting the places children frequent should be top priority. If these people want to pay for something, they should pay for the clean up of public areas these needle users insist on destroying for all. And make it ONGOING. You can't make an addict do the moral, responsible, unselfish thing, but this company can choose to do the moral thing.

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**Doug Phipps**

Do you all know why they made heroin and hard drugs legal in Oregon? Because the Central intelligence agency has to have a place they can sell that. That's the swear to God truth you're sheriff in law-enforcement they're not gonna protect you and your families are government. They are really bad people.

1w Like Reply

## Grant's Post



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**Sierra Dougharity**

NOOOOO!!!! why put this stuff more in kids face!! It's bad enough they have to see how it effects the community. I am so against this!! Please don't put this b.s in our town. Promote clean sober living. Not clean and easy access "using materials"  
Have the drop box at mental health or inside somewhere else. (Not in our town)

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1w Like Reply

↳ Kim Nelson replied · 7 Replies



**Morgan Bogart**

It's a community safety effort. It is not only for addicts to dispose of dirty syringes, because honestly that would be way better than in in park or along sidewalks or even in garbage cans where the sanitation people can get poked emptying garbages, but it is also for those who may be doing IVF or diabetic who may have to put them in purses or pockets until they get home or somewhere they can dispose of them. It's not encouraging this behavior, it's encouraging safe disposal which decreases risk to our community and even Healthcare cost to those who may get stuck and contract diseases.

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↳ Al Jones replied · 10 Replies



**Jennifer Orr**

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↳ Randi Coffman replied · 9 Replies



**Jensen Longden**

I personally don't think this is a good idea, if they are already leaving them on the path way.

# Johnny's Post



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**Hal Kirklin**

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**Johnny Waggoner Sr** Author Admin

Hal, Just because we disagree its not bad. At least you did the Survey. I can respect your opinion as well. Thanks.

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**Hal Kirklin**

Johnny Waggoner Sr I appreciate that. I can also appreciate the public health and safety standpoint. I just feel the cons outweigh the pros of this particular initiative.

1w Like Reply



**Kim Nelson**

Hal Kirklin exactly and taking away our freedom to live in a healthy place. ...

1w Like Reply



**Hal Kirklin**

Kim Nelson Not to mention the proposed location is next to the park, that's full of children. Better this be placed in another location; perhaps further down the Leo Adler walking path, further away.

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**Lisa Millsap**

It can't hurt anything and can only help, so why not? The article said the Ontario area collected 21,000 needles in 2021. That's a lot of needles not on the ground. I don't understand why anyone would oppose this. Nothing about it encourages drug use, anymore than garbage cans encourage waste. Both exist, so let's have sanitary places to deposit all of it.

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**Kim Weber Hite**

Lisa Millsap I agree with you but I find it very sad that it's even needed. ...

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**Sheryl Rollins-Mashos**

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**Sarah Heiner**

I can agree that a centrally located, publicly available sharps disposal is a good idea. I think placing them indoors, in public restrooms just encourages folks to use in those locations though. And a library bathroom isn't the place for that.

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**Johnny Waggoner Sr**

November 28 at 6:58 AM · 🌐

<https://www.bakerlib.org/community-survey-outdoor-used...>

The library has received a proposal from **New Directions Northwest, Inc.** to host a drop box bin for used syringes on library grounds. Installation and maintenance would be provided by NDNW. The goal is to improve community safety by reducing the incidence of unsafe disposal in regular garbage bins or by littering on the ground. Malheur County reports collection an average c... [See more](#)

**New Directions Northwest, Inc.**

Specializing in Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Addictions; Mental Health; Developmental Disabilities, an

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39 comments

All comments ▾



**Johnny Waggoner Sr** Author Admin

Great idea if it can get one kid from being poked or infected by picking up a needle. Also convenient for Insulin users, who need a shot before they eat. Like during Jubilee or other events.

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**Jodena Beard**

The boxes are already in many restrooms, we've all seen them. Better in a closed box than on the ground.

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**Johnny Waggoner Sr** Author Admin

Please follow the link and vote... Your feedback is important to us. To participate anonymously, go to <https://forms.gle/BAtGCeTeqWBiq1Ey8>



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Feedback about Sharps Drop Box Proposal

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👍 4



**Eileen Andrew**

Great idea 👍

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**Lisa Millsap**

**Sheryl Rollins-Mashos** If you read the article it says that in Ontario 21,000 needles were collected.

Why not give it a try?

And where is all this garbage you speak of? There's public garbage cans all over downtown and from my experience people use them. I certainly do.

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**Sheryl Rollins-Mashos**

**Lisa Millsap** I have seen some since we moved here. Not a lot though. I'm just citing other instances in other places I've been. They tried it in Hermiston and Pendleton and it really didn't work well.

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**Rory Holloter**

**Lisa Millsap** What's the population difference? Drug users per capita? How many needles were collected here?

1w Like Reply



**Lisa Millsap**

**Rory Holloter** None because this is new. ...

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**Kim Nelson**

**Sarah Heiner** business owners should not have to deal with the mess these people do when in public bathrooms. Stop public bathrooms and slow it down. Change the laws don't change our home for this.

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**Jennifer Orr**

**Sarah Heiner** health department is just a few blocks away and they are Equipped to dispose of them properly.

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**Nathan Hodgdon**

**Jennifer Orr** I think we need a full awareness campaign for that too. ...

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**Hal Kirklin**

**Johnny Waggoner Sr** I appreciate that. I can also appreciate the public health and safety standpoint. I just feel the cons outweigh the pros of this particular initiative.

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**Kim Nelson**

**Hal Kirklin** exactly and taking away our freedom to live in a healthy place. ...

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**Hal Kirklin**

**Kim Nelson** Not to mention the proposed location is next to the park, that's full of children. Better this be placed in another location; perhaps further down the Leo Adler walking path, further away.

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**Karla Andrew**  
Put em at the police stations... too many kids around the library ...  
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**Rory Holloter**  
**Karla Andrew** Yes, at the police stations, is a good place. At or in the library where kids go (or should be going) is not the right place.  
1w Like Reply

**Kevin Walker**  
Seems they need to be put along the pathway. I've picked them up on several occasions , and thrown them away.  
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**Rita ODell**  
I think along the pathway away from library would be better, but we do need to something ...  
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**Sheila Thompson**  
Isn't there one at both the Sheriffs office and the Baker City Police already? ...  
1w Like Reply

**April Ewing Bowers**  
**Sheila Thompson** Sheriff's office does not accept sharps. ...  
1w Like Reply

**Sheila Thompson**  
**April Ewing Bowers** thanks ! ...  
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**Bruce Smith**  
No and no 2 ...  
1w Like Reply

**Connie Cox** ...



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**Connie Cox** ...  
Maybe they should give these out   
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**Johnny Waggoner Sr** [Author](#) [Admin](#) ...  
**Connie**, hate to say it they would end up in the river like the needles. ...  
1w Like Reply 2

**Kim Nelson**  
Stop giving in to the drug use and fight to change the laws on them. Change the laws and you will be fighting to stop drug abuse and get these people help. Or they have harder choices to make. But don't take away our freedom for them. Take away theirs and get them help. STOP BEING TOLERANT!!!!  
1w Like Reply



**Randi Coffman**

What I would love to know of how much the grant is for these boxes being put out???

1w Like Reply



**Sierra Koehler**

**Randi Coffman** you can access that info online through the BHRN grant portal. It breaks down county by county how much was allotted and designated what money is used for what. The locations that receive funding are required to keep track of their spending or face consequences. They've already cancelled contracts in Portland, Ontario and Klamath falls. And I think required the companies to pay the money back.

1w Like Reply



**Randi Coffman**

**Sierra Koehler** I'm gonna look into it. Thanks

1w Like Reply



**Doreneia Anna-Marie Karolski**

Not having drop boxes and having drop boxes has not changed the problems we always have had. And I do not believe it ever will unless it is properly addressed.

Even though the library is a high traffic area I believe it is important to place these types of drop boxes away from childrens direct view. In more adult locations, if it has to be done. Kids of all ages use the library. But not as many younger kids use the pathways. Placing a drop box along the side of the sidewalks along the pathway would be more discreet if properly planned. (But not in the parks.) Most users don't like being seen using.

In regards to the inside in the bathroom. I believe there is/was a kids bathroom and an main restrooms and bathrooms in the park... I believe it would be "ok" if there was one in the main bathroom in the library up at an appropriate level out of reach and sight almost out of mind for little kids if they use the bathroom. I'd also like to point out that some young young adults and teens are experimenting with these types of drugs. And it may help keep them from disposing out on the grounds. Also it would be beneficial for those that need shots themselves for conditions before meals during events.

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**Rory Holloter**

Didn't the city just get one (seen on FB) somewhere at New Directions? How many are needed? They are certainly not free! How much is the cost of this to the already upside down City budget. And then we want it at or in the library? Come on in the bathroom, is nice and warm, and shoot up. Hey, little Billy, you wanna try this? Great! I am pretty sure insulin users already have a method of proper disposal.

1w Like Reply



**Jake Cooper**

It's good to have a safe place for these to go. Bottom line in my opinion though. The hard drugs need to go back to a felony charge not a slap on the wrist.

1w Like Reply



**Daniel LaPlaca**

To even entertain the idea that a drug addict, after shooting up, is going to get up and go look for a sharps box to properly dispose of a syringe is ludacris. Not gonna happen !

1w Like Reply







Grant's Post



Grant Berry

Moderator

Top Contributor

November 28 at 6:47 AM · 🌐



Baker City Herald

November 28 at 6:36 AM · 🌐



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**Baker library surveying residents about proposal to install syringe drop box near library**



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Jim Brill

Near hospitals, pharmacies or medical facilities makes more sense. ...

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David Gassner

If it's needed, yes. ...

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Johnny Torres

It invites more drug abuse. ...

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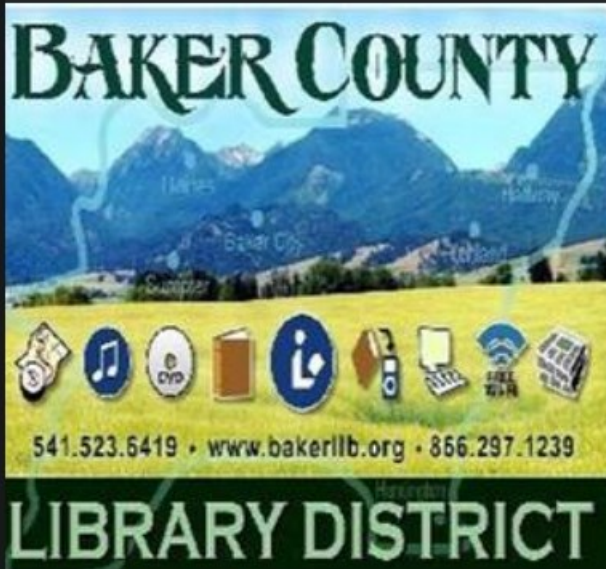




Elkhorn Media Group

November 29 at 7:00 AM · 🌐

BAKER CITY - The bin would allow safe disposal of used needles and syringes 24 hours a day. At a presentation to the library board in October, NDNW staff reported that the Leo Adler Pathway along the river is an area where used syringes are sometimes found.



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Baker Library asks for input on the proposed syringe drop box outside the library - Elkhorn Media Group

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Carol Pratt

Wouldn't they be better placed in the immediate area where the needles are found? who wants to carry a used needle around looking for a place to dispose it. IMHO

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Top fan

Lisa Millsap

Carol Pratt I think the library is kind of centrally located on the Leo Adler Pathway, next to the park and they have a public phone charging station there. It's probably the best option if you have to pick one spot.

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Devin Jean

Lisa Millsap next to where my kids play I don't think that's a good idea

1w Like Reply

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Devin Jean

Lisa Millsap I think it should be put at the sheriff's office or some place kids play and hang out. Kids and drugs don't mix plus junkies don't care if it makes it into a box so if a kid gets ahold of a syringe and hurts themselves who's responsible for that? I'm a home owner and help fund the library so I have a say in this

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**Tracy L Heyden** Top fan  
not at the library... kids go there. Maybe some were eles .. but in all reality a crack up junky is not gonna give a sparkled fart about their needled safety  
1w Like Reply 12

**Deby Smith**  
**Tracy L Heyden** That was my first thought. I find that kind of garbage all over the place. It is hard to imagine they would hang on to it until they get to the sharps box.  
1w Like Reply

Reply to Tracy L Heyden...

**Kevin Lee Kerl** Top fan  
Omg you have to be kidding me how bout they put it somewhere where children aren't exposed it. Come on people this isn't Portland for God's sake 🙄🙄🙄🙄  
1w Like Reply 16

**Barbara Sanders** Top fan  
**Kevin Lee Kerl** unfortunately our little communities are turning into Portland very very sad.  
1w Like Reply 2

**Kevin Lee Kerl** Top fan  
**Barbara Sanders** right  
1w Like Reply 1

**Jessy Brown**  
**Barbara Sanders** they're turning into little Portland's because people are making it convenient!  
1w Like Reply 5

**Barbara Sanders** Top fan  
**Jessy Brown** very very true  
1w Like Reply 2

**Doris Luker**  
**Kevin Lee Kerl** it is slowly turning in to it. Just cater to all riff raff and then wonder why we have those problems.  
1w Like Reply 7

**Devin Jean**  
**Kevin Lee Kerl** 100% correct sir  
1w Like Reply 1

Reply to Kevin Lee Kerl...

**Edith Love Hale**  
Oh I'm sure all the druggies will make it a point to go to the library to safely dispose of their junk. What an idea to try and attract them around our children! Really???  
1w Like Reply 11

**CarlaJoy Densley Koplein** Top fan  
**Edith Love Hale** Exactly  
1w Like Reply 1

**Devin Jean**  
**Edith Love Hale** 🙄  
1w Like Reply



Top fan

**Marlene Prowell**

**Edith Love Hale** We appreciate the sharing of this invitation and everyone's insights! While comments here will be conveyed to the library board, the most helpful way to contribute is via the anonymous survey form at <https://forms.gle/pkQsrqeuNpV92m5A> (Baker County residents only, please)



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**Marlene Gockley**

Very sad commentary...Is this what has become of eastern Oregon??

1w Like Reply



**Larry Miller**

**Marlene Gockley** the whole country is grappling with this issue.

1w Like Reply



Top fan

**Jennifer Nicole McCormick**

**Larry Miller** so true unfortunately. I read somewhere California schools are having so many OD's in classes they have Narcan available in lots of their schools classrooms now. It's so saddening.

1w Like Reply



Reply to Larry Miller...



Reply to Marlene Gockley...



**Beth Quinn**

Other options please. What are the current BC disposal sites' usage count?

1w Like Reply



**Cyndee Campbell**

Yes put one in the library and one on the pathway

1w Like Reply



**Jim Oneil**

This is about as logical as thinking that the homeless will keep their camps clean.

1w Like Reply



**Deby Smith**

**Jim Oneil** I have been watching the homeless camp garbage clean up under the overpass at exit 261 in La Grande. What a horrible mess they are dealing with. Unfortunately, they are not touching the one on the other side of the fence next to the bulk propane tanks at Ed Staub and Sons. I wonder who has jurisdiction of the property. It seems like a risky place to let them camp out. They use propane tanks as evidenced by the ones they leave behind when they change locations. That plant had an explosion a few years back. And that was with professionals in charge!

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**Roy Fontenot**  
Baker County Library... I believe you've gotten your answer. 4

1w Like Reply

**Bonnie Watt** Top fan  
Perhaps next to the mailbox of all the idiots who think this should be outside a Library and having to be asked to cater to "the need". 3

1w Like Reply

**Baker County Library District**  
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**Devin Jean**  
Baker County Library District then make this public

1w Like Reply

**Devin Jean**  
Baker County Library District it's a bad idea as a property owner in baker I say hell no

1w Like Reply

**Kyle Johnson**  
Was there this much discussion with the one they put in at the back of the Truck Corral a couple of months ago? Bet a lot of people don't even know it's there.

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**Devin Jean**  
Kyle Johnson you really think it's a good idea to put it where kids hang out? Really dude


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**Kyle Johnson**  
Devin Jean Who said that I thought it was a good idea? I said zip about my views on it. Really dude.

1w Like Reply


Reply to Devin Jean...




 **Marlene Prowell** Top fan  
**Kyle Johnson** We appreciate the sharing of this invitation and everyone's insights! While comments here will be conveyed to the library board, the most helpful way to contribute is via the anonymous survey form at <https://forms.gle/pkQsrqeuNpV92m5A> (B... [See more](#)

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 **Devin Jean**  
Yea let's let kids and drugs mix real good idea let's put it next to the biggest park in town plus kids hang out at the library this is the stupidest thing I have heard of


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 **Esa Murrell**  
No, no, no....


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 **Bill Miller** Top fan  
Can't see the forest for the trees. An expression used of someone who is too involved in the details of a problem to look at the situation as a whole: My thought is this. You can have your own thoughts. Bless your heart. We can ignore the forest but for the trees, or we can address the root of the problem and keep throwing taxpayers dollars at it. The problem is not the needles folks.


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 **Vi Hansen**  
NOOOOOO


1w Like Reply

 **Karen Wyllie Brinton**  
**Vi Hansen** I don't know for sure if putting up a box for needles is good or not, but what I am pretty sure of is, the boxes will not be used by very many. You will still find needles scattered about wherever drug users hang out. We need places to put the people that will not, cannot take care of themselves. Most homeless drug users cannot be rehabilitated. There are success stories, but very few.


1w Like Reply 


 **Vi Hansen**  
**Karen Wyllie Brinton** true


5d Like Reply


 **Juanita Bayne**  
Read the letter suggesting/requesting this site at the library, I believe it was from New Directions Northwest. When I read it, I'm sure that it said in the past that as many as TWO needles had been found in that area but that in the last year it had dropped to ONE found. This justifies a sharps drop at the library??

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 **Brian Vegter**  
Ours is great at **Churchill School Art, Music, Recreation-Baker City, OR**. We have not seen any evidence of negative effects of having it here and are happy to be a resource for our community in this way with the help of **New Directions Northwest, Inc.**

1w Like Reply  5

 **Suann Donicht Rush**  
I have voted every time to help our library!! My hard earned money has gone towards making this a beautiful library where people of all ages can go, to read or just have peaceful time around the beautiful surroundings. As a tax payer and patron, I pray another area would to be considered. Not our our library!!!

6d Like Reply  2





Debbie Hansen DeMastus  
Suann Donicht Rush

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Janet Spriet

Not at our beautiful library. It's like enabling these people!

Please consider another area if need be, there are too many children around the area and they don't need to be exposed to this anymore than they already are.

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6d Like Reply





