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From: Bingham, Travis <Travis.Bingham@vermont.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2026 2:22 PM

To: Taylor, Lance <Lance.Taylor@vermont.gov>

Subject: Contact

Hi Lance, I will be in touch within the next couple days.

TB

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RE: Contact

From Taylor, Lance <Lance.Taylor@vermont.gov>
Date Wed 7/8/2026 1:38 PM
To Bingham, Travis <Travis.Bingham@vermont.gov>

Thank you,
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Subject: Re: Contact

Hi Lance, see attached note I put together in reference to our conversation yesterday

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From: Taylor, Lance <Lance.Taylor@vermont.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2026 2:36 PM
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Thank you... The more complaints from local businesses the better and any crime stats or number of complainants will help – Disorderly conduct – public intoxication, public urination .. you get the picture..

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To whom it may concern:

I want to address issues we are having with people loitering and hanging out all hours at the Gazebo area in Newport City. The Gazebo's are located on State property on the waterfront in front of the state building. Since the summer months we have had a gathering of folks that hang out all day long drinking and causing issues with members of the public that are trying to use the space. Intoxication, disorderly conduct, assaults, threatening and harassing behavior are mostly what we have been responding to. The general public feels threatened to use the space that is open to everyone because they take over the space daily. One (1) specific individual we have dealt with ten (10) times mostly for intoxication. We issue civil tickets for open container violations when we witness it. This issue is draining my resources every day because we have to focus on complaints and trying to keep civil order. Below is an email I received from the mayor after a citizen spoke in public comment at our council meeting on Monday night.

Travis,

Last night Kristy Griggs attended the Council meeting and described her growing frustration with loiterers who are hanging out in the Gazebos on the boardwalk and being verbally abusive to visitors. She described an incident where she was asked for a light, responded that she didn't smoke, and then was treated to an aggressive, foul verbal assault for not having a lighter.

There was general agreement among those in the Council room that this is a growing problem. Sharon Pare, a council member, described a recent decision in which she took her grandchildren for ice-cream and then chose not to follow through on a plan to go down to the gazebo because there were a group of folks who were obviously intoxicated.

Dena Gray, owner of Le Belvedere, called me two weeks ago to complain that the group assembled there is impacting her business because of their loud yelling, aggressive behavior towards others, and physical altercations with one another. Her staff called the police in an instance that devolved into a fistfight between two people hanging out in the gazebos.

This afternoon, I received a report from Donna, who staffs the Welcome Center, that she had a highly agitated older woman who was visiting the area with a group of 8 friends and who came in to ask Donna to call the police because "they were afraid to file a report themselves."

Those are three specifics, in addition to a steady stream of complaints I have been hearing over the past few weeks.

Let me know how I can be helpful.

Rick (Mayor of Newport City)

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'TRB', is written over the printed name.

Chief Travis R. Bingham