

# THIS WEEK IN "LITTERLAND"

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## Scotland unveils long-awaited national plan to combat littering

Scotland gave the nation its first peek at a work 18 months in the making aimed at achieving litter-free status for the country. *Towards A Litter-Free Scotland* contains a basket of goodies – a 5p plastic bag fee come October, cash rewards for cleaned up

communities (details to come), rigorous attention to cleanups, which numbered 295 a month there this year. Zero Waste Scotland hails the proposed steps, particularly the move to have manufacturers cut back on packaging. [www.scotland.gov.uk](http://www.scotland.gov.uk)

## KILLER LITTER FALLOUT

Politicians reacted sharply to the death of a woman who was struck by 'killer litter' – a plague in Singapore. The term describes heavy objects hurled from high-rise balconies. Sofas, barbecues, bottles and bike wheels are among the cascade of deadly falling debris that had injured several people before this fatality. While the government considers toughening laws, some lawmakers express doubt this measure would curb the current epidemic. The sister of the boy, 16, who police allege dropped the wheel that hit Mahani Abdullah, 67, told the local paper her jailed brother deserves stiff punishment and his hands are "stained with blood."



Above, a group in Ghana pickets for clean and tidy.



Left, Fort Stockton, TX and, below, Fredericksburg, VA: Two cities find their own unique ways to prevent litter and catch the public eye.

World No Tobacco Day, June 24, has sparked Salvation Army students in PA to plan "The Big Butt Cleanup" that day.



### DID YOU KNOW?

China is concerned that its citizens will make a poor impression on foreign dignitaries coming to November's APEC forum in Beijing. Cognizant that overall manners need improving, the city promises to hold "teach-ins" for residents on green lifestyles, waste management and courtesy, will run a student essay contest and a campaign asking Beijingers to sign civility pledges.

### HEADLINE LITTER GRABBERS (JUNE 8 - 15)

Some of what made our News Reel this week [litterpreventionprogram.com/news-reel.html](http://litterpreventionprogram.com/news-reel.html)

- Nova Scotia town may vote to fund cleanups** (6/14) Yarmouth Town Council will first wait and see whether the regional government will pay before voting on a motion to help fund non-profit groups who clean up communities.
  - North End Winnipeg mailboxes: all's not well** (6/14) Councillor Ross Eadie voices dire predictions for the Canadian community he represents, among the first targeted to lose home mail delivery. He wants federal agency Canada Post held accountable for "accidents" he worries will follow the shift to community mailboxes when seniors start to trip and fall. "Who will be responsible for ice and snow that blocks access, especially after heavy snowfalls? Who will pick up litter?" Eadie rightly rails.
  - Cycle trip in Barbados an "awareness mission"** (6/6) Kammie Holder, Michael Bellamy and Jamar Pilgrim began a cycle trek around Barbados on World Environment Day June 5. Wearing breathing masks and toting garbage, their goal is to raise awareness about global warming, littering and air pollution.
  - Governor tells candidates to play by the rules** (6/10) Gov. Rochas Okorochoa banned the littering of election posters in Imo State, Nigeria on Monday. Candidates must use billboards in approved locations and play fair, he said.
- Calendar Note: June 8 was World Oceans Day**