

Shock treatment

Lakeview Shock inmates and officers clean city of Dunkirk

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It's amazing how far a little good will and a lot of muscle can go.

Over the past seven weeks inmates from the Lakeview Shock Incarceration Correctional Facility gave back, in a big way, to the city of Dunkirk.

"The city of Dunkirk, Mayor Richard Frey and myself, want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank superintendent Ron Moscicki and his men from Lakeview Correctional Facility, who have spent over seven weeks of solid work in the city of Dunkirk area," said City of Dunkirk Department of Public Works Superintendent Tony Gugino. "Over these past weeks they performed all kinds of important cleanup and renovation issues relative to drainage. They worked extensively cleaning up the whole Point Gratiot area of brush, foliage and debris. We've done work at Main Street beach, and they've done work throughout the whole Wright Park area including drainage systems."

Officers supervised eight prisoners, five days a week over the past seven weeks to accomplish what Gugino said would not have been, without the volunteer effort.

"We couldn't have done it, because as hard as we all work we just don't have the manpower to take on huge projects like this, with all of our normal work and emergencies that come our way. Without their help there's no way we could have gotten this done," he said. "They cleaned out a major drainage problem in the Swan Street area, down even at the high school cleaning out overgrowth and drainage concerns. We also just finished a very big project at Smith Court where we had persistent flooding over the past two winters, and with their help and the city DPW crews working hand-in-hand from the parks department and street department with these prisoners and corrections officers in charge of those crews we've done phenomenal in the city."

Article Photos



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Left to right, City of Dunkirk DPW superintendent Tony Gugino, State of New York Department of Correctional Services superintendent Ronald Moscicki, Corrections Officers Glenn Baron and R. Rosplock and Mayor Richard Frey at Point Gratiot, the site of a cleanup performed by Lakeview Shock Incarceration inmates and officers.

According to State of New York Department of Correctional Services superintendent Ronald Moscicki, the effort is a win-win for everyone involved.

"We live here so it's important to us, and it gives the inmates a chance to give back to, so it's good for us and it's good for the community. It's a win for everyone," he said. "Over the years we've been sending crews out here for a long time, we sent crews to Evangola State Park and Lake Erie State Park. If the community wants a crew they notify us and we'd send a sergeant out to look it over and see if it's something we could do, because we don't want to take jobs away from anyone else either. Pretty much we do the kinds of jobs most people couldn't have done or don't want to do, so it works out fine."

From this point on Gugino says the cooperation efforts can only grow stronger.

"We've developed this over the last few years to further develop and increase the communication and the joining of forces that it takes to pull these kinds of operations together," he said. "It's a big effort on all sides. We have a really good system now, the city provides tools, equipment and the prison brings forth the man power and the phenomenal direction and supervision of that manpower and it's a perfect match."

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