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Trash Pick Up Problem in Astoria, Queens

Upon getting off the N train to the very last stop which was 31st street in Astoria, Queens was very quiet and felt homey at first. Astoria is this small middle class family and commercial neighborhood in Queens with a population of 78, 793 people. There is a large demographic of Greek, Italian families. Astoria is known for its Museum of the Moving Image. Astoria is growing right now with its people, restaurants, and culture. It all sounds so nice and a perfect place for a family to go live in but when you take a closer look at Astoria you start to notice its litter on the streets everywhere.

When I went to Astoria with my group to “get lost” I was kicking around a can from the street and then I started to notice on the sides of the roads how much trash accumulations there was. As I walked around more I started to note the demographic. Lots of people minding their own businesses walking their dogs, playing with their kids, or just standing in front of their homes. Nobody seemed to care about the trash in their streets. It just seemed like a normal thing to them as people of Astoria.

31 street is the main street in Astoria because that is where the N and the Q drop people off but even down there where there are a ton of businesses and restaurants there was trash and not so many trash cans.

Going to Astoria to see what it's like

- Astoria is a middle-class and commercial neighborhood
- Population of 78,793
- Northwestern corner of the New York City borough of Queens
- Astoria was originally called Hallett's Cove
- Large Greek, Italian, and Muslim demographic
- Known for its famous Museum of the Moving Image
- Three parts to Astoria, Ravenswood, Ditmars, and Astoria Heights

Art and culture, demographics, economy

- Empty and quiet during the daytime
- Subways are the N & Q
- Construction site building new modern apartments
- Family friendly area
- Lots of big murals on the walls
- 31st has a Starbucks, Chase Bank, and a McDonalds
- Empty and quiet during the daytime, not many people walking on the streets
- Subways are the N & Q
- Construction site building new modern apartments
- Greek, Arabic, Muslim demographic
- Family friendly area
- Lots of big murals on the walls
- 31st has a Starbucks, Chase Bank, and a McDonalds
- Overfilled trash bins in people's yards
- Black trash bags piled on the ground waiting to be picked up

- Man casually tossing his cigarette on the ground
- Steinway street is the busiest street where all the restaurants, shops, bakeries...etc. are

Things i noticed

Observations of trash in astoria

Nyc trash background

What people of astoria have to say about trash

- Trash pick up: Monday, Thursday
- Recycle pickup: every thursday
- Frank Sicoli, lives on 31st, notices the trash
- Sicoli requested more trash can for Astoria from City Councilman to run along 31st
- 31st is the busiest because the N & Q run there

Solution