

Teen tells others to put litter in its place

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In the future, Kankakee could be a safe place to raise a family, a wonderful place to find entertainment, a much, cleaner environment, and better paying jobs will be available.

If I were in charge, I would make Kankakee a safer place to live by doing whatever I could to take power away from the gangs and other criminal elements. I would fight for laws that would punish lawbreakers. I would do my best to try to help criminals change, so they would use their time more wisely. It would be a healthy idea to hire more police and firemen, and provide more training for them.

Kankakee could get rid of its awful impurity in theaters, and show something more constructive and worthwhile. Maybe then, female teens wouldn't be getting pregnant before they got married. Pictures create an everlasting impression on one's mind, and therefore a person must

be careful what they watch.

I would promote a program, in which groups gathered to clean up parks, and other public places. It is a known fact, that if a place is not appealing, or if it is littered all over, not very many people will want to spend their time there; which means they must find something else to do, and sometimes that something else is not healthy for the person at all. So let's keep public places clean, it will make a difference. "What do we do with the litter?" The best spot for it is recycling bins, not in landfills, or on the ground, but in recycling bins.

A fitting reason to put litter in its place, is because the government gets money for every pound of material put in the recycling bins. "What does that money go towards?" It goes towards cleaning up the public places many people enjoy for entertainment, such as parks, football, baseball, and soccer fields, and other places like this. As one can see, people's hard work

really does pay off. So encourage people to do the right thing, **PUT LITTER IN ITS' PLACE!!!**

I think, that there are too many people on welfare, and taking advantage of it. I would make the system a six month to one year period on welfare. That way, women would be forced to find a job for them and their children, instead of living off of welfare. This also causes a problem with how the working people are getting paid. The government has less money to pay the workers, because they spending a legitimate fraction of their money on the welfare system we have now. The future welfare system will be different, and more fair to the middle class workers. I think that this will make a great deal of difference in the society of the future.

The biggest challenge in accomplishing these things will be to get the public involved. However, someday, Kankakee will be a place where everyone will want to live. It will be safe, clean, and fair.