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More antisemitic materials distributed in West Palm Beach

About 500 packets thrown in Flamingo Park area



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More packets with antisemitic messages have been thrown on lawns in West Palm Beach, this time in the Flamingo Park neighborhood.



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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — More packets with antisemitic messages were thrown on lawns in West Palm Beach.

This time around 500 items were found Saturday in the Flamingo Park neighborhood, just one week after material was [found in Northwood](#) and recently several other places in Palm Beach County.

Residents in the south end of Flamingo Park called police.

The agency said three men in a rented U-Haul truck — the same ones last week — were responsible. They again were cited for littering, the only statute on the books police can use.

"The fact is if you're going to litter in our city we have state statues on the books that we can enforce and we will take action when our neighbors raise those concerns," West Palm Beach spokesman Mike Jachles said.

If more neighbors come forward and give written statements to police at 561-822-1900, officers could be able to give the men responsible more citations of upwards of \$150.

Like in the past, the messages came in plastic bags with pellets. Last week about 100 items were collected and distributed by five people.

On Tuesday, Palm Beach County commissioners [took action](#) to curtail the recent rise of antisemitic messages.

By a unanimous vote, commissioners passed an emergency ordinance prohibiting the unauthorized projections of signs onto buildings, structures and other places.

The ordinance, which took effect immediately, will fine first-time offenders \$1,000 and repeat violators from \$5,000 up to \$15,000 if the Palm Beach County master finds the violation irreparable or irreversible in nature.

Among those disturbing incidents included the [projection of a Nazi swastika](#) on a downtown West Palm Beach building in January.

The Florida Legislature is currently considering **HB 269**, which aims to make certain antisemitic acts a hate crime.

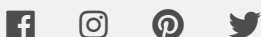
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- (1) It is unlawful for any person, either directly or indirectly, to dispose, discard, deposit, place, throw, scatter or cast any commercial or noncommercial **handbill** in or on any public thoroughfare, park, ground or other public place within the city. The provisions of this section shall not be deemed to prohibit the handing, transmitting or distributing of any **handbill** as provided by [section 54-61](#) of this Code. No person who distributes any commercial or noncommercial **handbill** on a public sidewalk or in a public park shall neglect to remove any such **handbill** which is distributed by that person or another person also distributing copies of the same **handbill**, which **handbill** is then disposed, discarded, deposited, placed, thrown, scattered, or cast on the ground by another person within 100 feet from the location of the particular distribution by said person.
- (2) No person, firm, organization, association, or business shall dispose, discard, deposit, place, throw, or distribute or cause the throwing, depositing, or distribution of any commercial or noncommercial **handbill** or unsolicited newspaper upon any private premises if requested by anyone on such premises not to do so by at least two notices to the distributor, or if there is placed on such premises in a conspicuous position near the entrance thereof, a sign bearing the words, "No Advertisements," "No Unsolicited Newspapers," or any similar notice, indicating in any manner that the occupants of such premises do not desire to have their right of privacy disturbed or to have any such **handbill** or unsolicited newspaper left upon such premises. Governmental agencies, or those acting on behalf thereof, or on behalf of any public safety or utility organization in the performance of their official duties are exempt from the requirements of this section.
- (3) No person, firm, organization, association or business shall throw or deposit or cause the throwing or depositing of any commercial or noncommercial **handbill** or unsolicited newspaper in or upon any private premises which are inhabited, except by handing or transmitting any such **handbill** or unsolicited newspaper directly to the owner, occupant or other person then present in or upon such private property. In the case of inhabited private premises which are not posted, however, such person, firm, organization, association, or business, unless requested by anyone upon such premises not to do so by at least two notices to the distributor, may place or deposit any such **handbill** or unsolicited newspaper in or upon such inhabited private premises, provided that such **handbill** or unsolicited newspaper shall be wrapped, bound or secured in such a manner as to prevent them from being carried or deposited by the elements upon public or private property and/or any such **handbills** or unsolicited newspapers are placed as follows:
Anywhere on the private premises of the owner or occupant. Consent shall be implied for placement of materials in the driveway or front yard, where no express denial of consent is made.
- (4) No person in an aircraft shall throw out, drop or deposit within the city any litter, **handbill**, or any other object.
- (5) No person shall throw or deposit any commercial or noncommercial **handbill** in or upon any private premises which are temporarily or continuously uninhabited or vacant. The presence on the property of two or more visible uncollected **handbills** shall constitute notice to the person distributing **handbills** that the premises are uninhabited or vacant.
- (6) It shall be unlawful for any person to distribute unsolicited materials to any premises where there is accumulated two or more items from the same distributor.