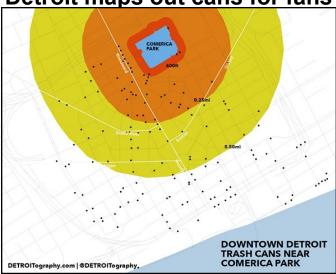
# THIS WEEK IN "LITTERLAND"

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**Detroit maps out cans for fans** 



Detroit tried to hit home with the above <u>map</u> for baseball fans in advance of the season home opener. It pinpoints the locations of trash bins in and around Comerica Park.



This voting ashtray in Bundoran, Ireland asks smokers to register their choice of favourite occasion, Easter or St. Patrick's Day by depositing spent butts in one side or the other.

#### Beach may ban butts because of littering

A smoking prohibition on the beach in Isle of Palms, South Carolina may be in the wind. It has been proposed after a volunteer cleanup team in 11 hours gathered 8,000 cigarette butts. "This beautiful beach is not an ash tray," says Susan Hill Smith, one of the council members pushing for an all-out ban.

#### Study flushes out facts on wipes

Now there's scientific proof that wet wipes aren't flushable as often advertised. A research team at Toronto's Ryerson University ran 23 such products through a "flushability test". None of them passed the test and 21 of them didn't disintegrate at all. "Toilets are not garbage cans," said study lead Barry Orr. He said Canada spends about \$250 million a year unblocking clogged sewer pipes. From 2010 to 2018 Toronto had 10,000 sewer "line blocks".

#### **Trouble in Denmark over cans**

Non-refundable cans are flooding the Danish countryside from neighbouring Germany, where no deposit is charged on the cans. Denmark's environmental authority says 600 million rogue cans enter the country each year and of those 100 million wind up as litter and 300 million go into trash and miss being recycled.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Groups in Ireland have until April 30 to apply for a share of €3million in grants from a government Anti-Dumping Fund for projects, such as "innovation and surveillance using drones" and "spreading awareness among young people". Details are here.

## HEADLINE LITTER GRABBERS (MAR 31 - APR 7)

Some of what made our News Reel this week

Milwaukee makes moves against litter (4/1)

City leaders in Milwaukee held a press conference to announce a new flat fee of \$500 for littering starting April 1 instead of the old range of \$25 to \$500 fines.

Talking bins being studied for possible trial (4/2)

Talking litter bins are on a list for staff to study in County

Talking litter bins are on a list for staff to study in County Cork, IE. Councillors brought forward ideas. Used now in Longford, talking bins warn people not to leave litter lying around a bin and tell them, if full, take it home.

West coast mayor tries to out litter lout (4/3) Coquitlam, BC mayor Richard Stewart took to Facebook to post a partial plate number and make of car after he saw a man toss a Taco Bell bag out a car window.

Tag team challenge taken to net more litter (4/5)
To get the optimum haul from their litter clean-up in
Coeur d'Alene/Post Falls, Idaho, the two communities
competed to see who could collect the most.

Deer dies in park, prompting official's plea (4/5)
A young buck at Bradgate Park in Leicestershire, UK
met a tragic end. Slowly being strangled, its head stuck
in a plastic bag, it was severely injured as it tried in a
panic to jump a wall and had to be put down. The
incident prompted the park director to plead for people
to stop littering.