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*The city of Eureka has been a mess for quite some time. But now there are groups of concerned people looking to put it back together.*

*Perhaps the most successful new group, is Take Back Eureka is a focused group of local citizens -- fed up with the way things are progressing in Eureka, their mission statement, it has them confronting the hard realities of the the cities' high number of criminal drug addicts, to the constant break-ins and robberies.*

*You may have already seen them around town, wearing black shirts with bright, neon green lettering--they are hard to miss! They schedule walks, unofficial citizen patrols to confront the situation head on. From cleaning up trash to reporting illegal activity, Take Back Eureka is making our city a desirable place to live and work.*

*The group first took shape on Facebook. And it has become a grassroots effort that has made a big difference. Is this group for you? If you live within the City or run a business out of Eureka and you are sick and tired of seeing all the crime, drugs, solicitors, trash and vandalism joining Take Back Eureka might be just for you. IF you have a facebook account, you can look them up.*

*Local law enforcement already have a good relationship with the group. From sometimes participating and playing a supporting role in the citizen patrols, to attending the community meetings and discussing solutions, local E-P-D has done a great job! Even if you don't have the time to participate in person, the group wants to hear from you. Simply join Take Back Eureka, on Facebook- When you arrive, you can feel free to share local pictures, video's, stories of your perspective. The more people speak out, it makes me think that maybe we really can save thisplace. It's important for local officials to see and hear these stories, and that is the beauty of social media. IF you take the time to write about your experiences and your concerns, then chances are the local powers that be--will read it.*

*The most eye-opening experience for me, has been during the community clean ups. IT never really makes the local news, you never hear about just how many thousands of needles are being picked up and disposed of. But it is absolutely a public health crisis. And With several misguided efforts from people wanting to hand out even more needles, in these so called needle exchanges it is important for average people to speak up and stop the madness.*

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