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HOMELESS DISPLACEMENT

'This is just a mess'



Police move from tent to tent, in Bantz Park in York, to remind people that the encampment is vacating within the hour on June 2. PAUL KUEHNEL/YORK DAILY RECORD

Finding places for the displaced

After Bantz Park clear-out, homeless struggle to relocate

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A number of the homeless people who had been living in the encampment in the woods between Bantz Park and Codorus Creek had found other places to camp in the month and a half since York City announced it would clear out the area.

Some sought shelters. Others spread out, finding spots elsewhere in York City, or in wooded areas in the suburban townships, word having spread among the loosely knit community about spots that were available to put up a tent and continue the difficult work of survival.

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By sunrise, Bantz Park homeless were packing up for York City eviction

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At about 6:15 Tuesday morning – the June 2 deadline that the city set for the homeless to clear out of the encampment at Bantz Park – Charles Hitchcock was in the park pavilion waiting for a friend.

Hitchcock, a thin, 43-year-old attired in a camo jumpsuit to ward off the early morning chill, had been living in the woods between the park and Codorus Creek for three or four months.

He went to live in the park after leaving a bad situation on West Market Street. The house he had

been living in contained “too many drugs,” he said.

He had worked as a roofer until a few months ago, when a splinter from a pallet embedded itself in his right hand and became infected. A large scar runs from the base of his thumb across his palm, caused by the surgery he had to remove the splinter. The base of his right thumb was swollen. He thought he might have been bitten by a brown recluse spider. Their poison bites have become common in the encampment. He struggled to secure his belongings on the back of a trike. “I had to be right-handed,” he said ruefully.

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Bishop Danny Evans gives a tour of the men's dorm at Temple of Grace Ministries. PAUL KUEHNEL/YORK DAILY RECORD

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