

There has been significant improvement on the retail block of Lakeshore Avenue recently. A growing cancer of waste containers has been defeated!! The many many cans (10 to 20 to 25) left out daily on the public street. . . blocking pedestrians, bikers and children . . . are now being properly kept inside each store! In addition, our local Lakeshore business owners have agreed that, on pickup days, they will only put their cans out AFTER they close and will immediately bring them in first thing in the morning when the store opens the following day. Everyone agrees that unruly waste containers should go out after dark . . . and never be mingling with customers during the day!

What a success! On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday* (since July 15th) we essentially have had no waste containers on the street. Lakeshore looked great! without all those cans! Those businesses recently making a special effort to keep our neighborhood beautiful include the Gap, Starbucks, Noah's Bagel and Chipotle. We wish to also thank the many other businesses which have been keeping their cans out of public view as required by city ordinance.

Interestingly, as a result of our conversations with these and other Lakeshore businesses and cafes, we discovered there are 8 (yes . . . 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8!) "lost" grey recycle containers out on our street that do not belong to any Lakeshore business. Apparently, for many months no one has realized these cans were abandoned. This helped create our waste container problem, as the impolite behavior of leaving waste cans out on our public street spread up and down the block!! California Waste and Waste Management and the City of Oakland have now been advised of the abandoned cans. California Waste has promised to pick them up immediately.