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I have been a resident of West Downtown Portland for ten years. One of the draws for me was the beautiful South Park Blocks. I would frequently bring my book and sit on a bench to read.

In the past few years the park has become "home" to addicts and drug dealers. People openly deal and use drugs in the park, and Sundays are the worst. The addicts and dealers show up and wait for the individuals who hand out needles and foil. There is a crowd every week, and afterward there is garbage, drug paraphernalia and passed out people throughout the park. It is no longer an enjoyment for the taxpayers who live in the neighborhood. We feel unsafe already, and this just makes things worse. Please pass 1573. Thank you