Washington Park garbage pickup procedure CHANGE

…. beginning October 4, 2022

At the August 1, 2022 Washington Park Board meeting, the Town Board approved a new garbage pickup procedure that directs the Town’s maintenance staff to initiate street-side pickup for all residents’ garbage beginning October 4, 2022. For those residents who need special assistance, the maintenance staff will continue side-yard or rear-yard garbage pickup.

The Town’s garbage pickup procedure has not changed for decades; currently, close to half the houses carry their garbage cans to the street… half don’t. Thank you to those residents that use a large-volume can (65 to 96 gallon) which has built-in fittings or molding that function on the Washington Park garbage truck lift-dump mechanism. FYI: Garbage cans (wheeled, with 65-to 96-gallon garbage capacity and with lift fittings) are available for purchase at a number of stores locally. Also, thank you to those residents who place their garbage in tied-off garbage bags within their garbage can. It would be helpful for efficiency and safety for all residents to do this.

The large-volume cans help the pickup process run very smoothly; however, with your help, this process can run even better. Currently, this process…

1) requires two walking trips for the maintenance men between the truck and residents’ side yards or rear yards. This more than doubles the time for a street-side pickup.

2) presents liability risks. Any time that the truck or the men spend on private property presents a chance of an accident or injury. There is always the possibility of any adverse interaction with territorial animals.

The Board recognizes that there are some residents that face physical hardships that require assistance in getting garbage cans to the street. The town will help those residents who may need help.

The Town Clerk will approve applications for qualified disabled and elderly residents. This service is available when there is no one in the home physically able to place trash containers street-side.

The Town Clerk will keep a list of residents that need a short-term or long-term exemption from street-side garbage pickup; those residents needing special assistance will continue to receive side yard or rear yard garbage pickup.

Please call the Town Clerk, Dennie Dale, at 252-946-3157, for an application for special assistance pickup. Please place items for pickup at the street until you receive notification of your approval for this service.

We appreciate your help and thank you as we implement the October 4, 2022 change.