

Town of Washington Park
Town Crier – November 2025

New Roll-out Household Garbage Carts

With the addition of the new Washington Park garbage truck, the Town will be transitioning to 95-gallon roller carts that connect on the new tipper. **The Town of Washington Park will provide one (1) cart to each household***. The Town issued cart is to stay with each residence. If you move out of Washington Park, the cart will remain on the premises for the next homeowner. Should you relocate within Washington Park, the cart will still remain with the old residence, as there will be one at the new address. There are a few “housekeeping” guidelines with the new carts and truck:

- ✓ Please place carts with the wheels next to the road.
- ✓ Household garbage shall be **bagged** and placed **inside** the cart.
- ✓ No motor oils, paint, gasoline, or similar items are to be included in the household garbage. These items can damage the truck and/or cause leaks on the roadway. These types of items should be disposed of at the County convenient sites. Additional information concerning the County convenient sites can be found at [Solid Waste | Beaufort County, NC](#).
- ✓ The Town issued garbage carts are **NOT** to be used for yard debris**.

The new carts do not affect hardship cases for anyone currently exempt from street-side collection.

*Each cart has a **serial number** that will be assigned to an address. It will not be necessary, and is discouraged, to write your name / address on the cart.

****Yard Debris:** Larger limbs and items should be placed next to the roadway (not in the road, medians, nor in the bike lanes on River Road) and cut to the following sizes: no more than 60 inches in length or 4 inches in diameter. Carts/cans previously used for household garbage can now be used for loose items like grass clippings, leaves, etc., if they have the bar on the front of the can to attach to the tipper on the truck. Items placed in a cart that attaches to the truck allows for a more efficient process of removing debris, an important safety factor especially when collecting items on River Road. It also eliminates the need to manually lift cans or containers to place items in the truck, which can cause injury.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work through this transition!

- ❖ **Washington Park Ordinance Review:** The Planning Board and Town staff continue to work with the MEC on reviewing and updating the Town's ordinances. Draft copies will soon be available on the website and at the Municipal building. A public hearing on the proposed changes will be held prior to adoption of the ordinances. Once the hearing date is set, the Town calendar on the web site will be updated, as well as a note sent out via Sender.net (see note below to sign up).
- ❖ **Access to Town Information via Sender.net:** If you have not set up your contact information in Sender.net, it's not too late. There is a link at the bottom of the Town webpage ("Join our mailing list"), or you can email the Town Clerk (aawashpark@outlook.com) and ask to have your email added. Sharing information through this platform allows the Town an efficient and timely way to get important updates and news out to everyone.
- ❖ **Planning Board Vacancy:** The Town is still looking for individuals to serve on the Planning Board. If you are interested in serving, please reach out to any of the Town Commissioners, current Planning Board members (Dylan Bowen, Beth Byrd, Ashley Jones, Bren Whitford), or the Town Clerk, to share your interest. Thanks for considering to serve your community.
- ❖ **Townscape Committee Update:** The Townscape Committee recently met and developed plans for their next projects: work on the memorial gardens (for former Clerks Dunston and Bowen) adjacent to the playground and tennis courts, and planting trees in the Isabella median between Edgewater and Beech Street. Please notify committee members (Ann Baxter, Derek Cooper, Isabel Farrell, Frances Hogan, Neil Kirven, or Kathleen Taylor) if you have immediate concerns about any trees in the right-of-way. They will coordinate with the Town to ensure proper actions are taken. Also, if anyone has an interest in assisting this committee, you are welcome to attend any of their meetings. Just contact any member to find out the meeting dates and times. Input for areas of concern can also be presented to them at any time.
- ❖ **Holiday Garbage Pick-up:** Garbage pick-up schedule will follow the normal schedule for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. Pick up days will be:
 - **Tuesday, November 25 and Friday, November 28** (No Town services Thursday, November 27)
 - **Tuesday, December 23 and Friday, December 26** (No Town services Wednesday, December 24 and Thursday, December 25)
 - **Tuesday, December 30 and Friday, January 2** (No Town services Thursday, January 1)