

# MEMO

To: Travis Perterson – DPW Director

From: Joel Kolste – Street Superintendent

Date: 10-16-24

Re: Change to “Dumpster Day” events

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Good Evening,

I’ve been asked to provide an update on an important change coming for the 2025 Large Item collection days (otherwise know as Dumpster Days) for the Neighborhood Associations.

In 2025, we will transition to a single collection site for all Neighborhood Large Item Collection Day Events. We will be supporting 3-4 events at the same time on a scheduled Saturday. The typical collection sites of the past will now be moved to the Municipal Service Building on New Jersey Avenue for all scheduled Dumpster Day events.

While this change may not be ideal for all, the change was necessary for the City to continue providing support for these events for the following reasons;

- As the City continues to encourage and provide support for additional neighborhoods to become “official’ and recognized, additional event dates need to be added to the calendar. With the many other weekend events and responsibilities throughout the year, finding available weekends to hold these events are limited and becoming more difficult to establish.
- Making the switch to this model will set up the Department to effectively manage an anticipated increase in scheduled events for years to come.
- This model will increase efficiencies in terms of staffing time and cost to provide support for these events ultimately reducing the burden on the Annual Budget.
- Having a centralized collection location will allow for better material management ensuring disposed items are properly sorted.
- Staff also believes that having a large “drop off” area off the street will provide a safer environment for those providing support and those dropping off materials.

**What has not changed:**

- These events remain Neighborhood Events and must be organized and managed by the Neighborhood Associations.
- Collection events will only be available to Official Recognized Neighborhood Associations on the schedule date provided.
- Acceptable Materials collected will remain as in the past. (Bagged or Boxed garbage, unusable furniture, Mattresses / box springs, toys, swing sets, misc. junk and Un-repairable items (bicycles, BBQ grills, etc. )
- A Project Coordinantor is required. Responsibilities remain and requirement and responsibilities unchanged.
- Neighborhood Volunteers! Volunteers will still be assisting their own neighborhood residents in the disposal process.

Additional information will be provided as we begin to plan for the spring / early summer events.

Thank you