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Mary Gabriel Historian RE: Sanitation update

Dear residents:

January 2, 2025

Thank you for your patience in dealing with our sanitation service issues since the change in ownership and management of our waste disposal contractor, Meadow Carting. We have been dealing with two issues and they are pick-up time and equipment (small, single axel truck vs. larger double axel truck). We have heard from many residents by email, phone and in person and your feedback helps guide our actions.

<u>New schedule and equipment</u> - I am pleased to report that Meadow has advised that they will return to the old pick-up time starting between 7:00 and 7:30 beginning on Monday, January 6, 2025. Then, on Friday, January 10, 2025, they will replace the double axel truck with a new single axel truck. I think that this solution will address all of the concerns over coming too early and noise.

<u>Continuing issues</u> - We continue to have issues with (1) using proper, covered trash cans and (2) use of our side-yard pick-up.

Public health and safety require that your trash be stored in proper, covered impervious trash bins. It is not appropriate to put out trash in paper bags or boxes (i.e. pizza boxes) not in plastic bags (except for yard waste, cardboard boxes and other non-food items). This is the law, and it is for the health and safety of your neighbors. If you need to make adjustments to your procedure, please do so.

<u>Side-yard pickup</u> - Regarding "side-yard pickup," let me give you my own example. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening, around 10:00 p.m., I put my trash and recyclables in covered bins at the side of my home, behind a shed and hidden from the street. <u>At that point, I am done</u>. In the morning, the sanitation workers come to the side of my home, pick up my trash and recyclables and return my cans to the side of my house. This is a wonderful convenience that I have enjoyed from the day I moved in, long before I was Trustee or Mayor. You should consider taking advantage of this service. A good start might be leaving your cans in front of your garage so the workers know there is a change at your home.

So, we start the new year with new sanitation service. Comments, questions and complaints, as always, are cheerfully accepted. Happy New Year!

Sincerely, INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PLANDOME HEIGHTS

Kenneth C. Riscica, Mayor