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Subject: Garbage Collection in Timber Trails

Hello everyone & Happy Holidays! In October prior to the TTCA Annual Meeting you received a copy of the approved budget for 2019. At the Annual Meeting it was announced that there was going to be some changes to the trash collection process for 2019.

As you may recall about 2 1/2 years ago we entered into a contract with County Waste along with the PPCA to pick-up garbage on a weekly basis through the Lake Naomi community in order to address the issues of unsightly trash being left on the streets and the attraction it made to the bears. We viewed this as an experiment and there have been some issues in the services, most of which were addressed.

Approximately a month ago we were informed that County Waste no longer wanted to provide the trash hauling service and intended to terminate the contract. The PPCA and TTCA sought bids to continue the service with no change. This led to a contractor being chosen who would assume the job, but at an increased cost. Unfortunately, PPCA opted not to proceed and the contractor then declined to serve just TTCA. County Waste came to our aid and is willing to service just TTCA for a one-year term, but at an increased price of $288 per property for trash and recycling, per year, the same price offered by the lowest bidder to get us through 2019 without interruption. We now find ourselves in a position where we need to increase the TTCA Assessment for refuse pick-up service. We already placed in our budget $100/per property and thus to continue with this important community service, the Board has agreed to enter into a new one-year contract with County Waste and there will be a $188/member increase to the TTCA Assessment for next year.

The services provided will be the same as currently in place. Pick-up will be on Mondays, and please remember, ALL CANS MUST BE SECURED TO PREVENT BEAR INVASIONS and your cans MUST be put away after pick up. This means that either the cans need to be brought back to your house/garage, or they must be placed inside a wooden enclosure. Cans cannot be left out by the road!!

During the next year, it is our intention to explore creating our own internal trash disposal facility for accepting garbage to be removed by a single hauler. Many other communities have a similar program and in the long-run this may be a viable, more efficient and less expensive approach.

We hope you understand this fee is unexpected but necessary, as we, as a community, continue to search for the best solution for the disposal of our waste. If you have any questions, please direct them to Community Manager Wendi Freeman via email, wfreeman@lakenaomiclub.com.