

April 9, 2012

All village residents were mailed a letter in March regarding the Council's decision to solicit a contract for garbage collection within the village. Granger Inc. was awarded the contract and will be collecting garbage on Tuesdays beginning June 5th. Charges will appear on the August water/sewer statements.

Many other communities have gone this route with great success. It cuts the cost of trash collection for our residents, reduces the wear and tear on our streets, and improves safety for both our residents and the trash collection workers. This decision truly seems to be beneficial to all.

To allow input from our residents, an open meeting was held on April 9th, prior to the regularly scheduled Village Council meeting. The Council appreciates those who asked questions and provided input. A few issues of clarification...

- Granger will send refunds to customer whose personal contracts extend beyond June 1st.
- Residents should contact Granger for pickup of large items (mattresses, chairs, appliances, etc.). These items are not covered under the contract.
- Waste Management will automatically discontinue service to residential customers on June 1st.
- Granger will be sending a letter to customers regarding container rental options.

I would like to thank the Village Council for supporting this initiative. Special thanks goes out to our Village Clerk, Sandy Smith, for making numerous contacts with various garbage collection companies, as well as other municipalities, to gather the information necessary for the Council to get the very best deal possible for our residents.

Just as a reminder, you must notify the Village Clerk if you...

- choose not to participate in garbage pickup (i.e. "opt out")
- choose to use the "bag tag" option
- turn 65 and should receive the reduced senior rate

The Village Council sincerely believes that the lower cost of trash collection, in addition to the reduced wear and tear on our streets, benefits all of our village residents. Please contact the Village Office by phone (989-587-4434) or email (village@westphaliami.com) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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