

Privatized Trash Service

The majority of the PUD Board is in agreement to discontinue the dumpster service as it is not feasible or sustainable.

We have been in contact with a Trash Removal Consultant – someone who will contact various trash removal services to negotiate the best contract for our community for door-to-door pickup. The PUD will cover the initial cost for this Consultant; when the service is renegotiated at the end of the contract period – there will be a nominal cost that will be absorbed by all who use the service.

We cannot go forward with the Consultant until the POA Board agrees to allow trash trucks on our roads. This agreement will need to be **in writing**.

If the POA is on-board with privatized trash service:

- With the POA on-board to allow trash trucks in our community, the Consultant can negotiate a much better contract if there is also a guarantee of the trash company being the sole provider of trash removal in the community.

The POA will not be responsible for paying the trash service for each home, the individuals receiving the service will pay for their own service.

- Current cost for individual pickup is around \$25 / month - with a guarantee of only one service in the community.
- With NO guarantee of only one service – the cost can be \$35-\$40 / month or even higher, with no control over the frequency of price increases.

If the POA refuses privatized trash service:

- If the POA does not cooperate with making the changes to allow trash truck on our roads - then the community will be left to find a way to remove their trash on their own – as the dumpsters are going to be removed, regardless.

History of Heavy Trucks on our Roads & Related Covenant Changes

- For years the Resort, while improving their golf course, traveled our roads frequently with huge/heavy equipment.
 - Republic Services gave us a weight of 64,000 lbs at capacity on their trucks – this is considerably less than a concrete truck.
- There are also many delivery trucks traveling our roads multiple times a day.

A previous POA Chairperson was approached by then PUD President JD Upchurch & PUD Admin Janet Williams to change from dumpsters to individual pickup.

At the time, the POA Chair was in favor – but some POA Board members were not in favor. This is apparently when the POA Board added a covenant stating that trash trucks will not be allowed on our roads and the dumpsters would have to stay.

Fact of the Matter

The POA covenant to prohibit trash trucks on our roads CANNOT mandate the PUD to keep and or maintain dumpster service; and it will not change the fact that the PUD is eliminating the dumpster service.

The PUD is not under any obligation or contract to continue offering trash removal service.

The POA covenant to prohibit trash trucks on our roads CAN greatly inconvenience the members of this community.

If the POA Board believes that “everyone for themselves” regarding trash removal is better for our community than a privatized service - then that’s the way it will be. The community will be left to find a way to remove their trash on their own.

Recap:

1. The dumpsters **are** being removed.
2. To move forward with the privatized service and to get the best negotiated rate,
 - a. the POA must agree, **in writing**, to allow trash trucks on our roads *and*
 - b. that no other trash removal company will be allowed in the community.
3. The PUD will hire a Consultant to negotiate the best privatized trash removal contract for our community.
 - a. When the contract expires, said Consultant will renegotiate the contract for a nominal fee (*to be absorbed by all using the service*), as well as making sure all the cans are delivered, and everything is setup properly.
4. Individuals utilizing the service will be billed quarterly for the service.

In CLOSING – the PUD is eliminating the dumpster service. The quicker the POA Board delivers the requested written agreement to the PUD Board, the quicker the PUD can *voluntarily* facilitate getting the privatized trash service up and running for the community. There will be no other “warnings” that the dumpsters are being eliminated. The community will be informed when we know the exact date the dumpsters will be removed or they will be informed when the new door-to-door service will begin – The Choice Is Yours.