

## **NEW CONTRACT WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Over the past several months, your board has received several complaints from our homeowners concerning Waste Management. Most of these complaints referred to the unequal charges affecting several of the properties within our association. Because of this, the board requested to renegotiate the present contract with Waste Management.

I'm sure that the new contract will not please everyone but the the largest complaint of different charges for several homeowners has been addressed and remedied.

Everyone will receive the same bill starting with the June statements, the effective date of the new contract.

The initial statement will reflect a charge of \$16.50 per month, or \$66.00 for the tri-annual cycle. Those in the May-August cycle and who have already received their bill at the old rate should see an adjustment on their September statement reflecting the new rate.

Also, the board decided to keep the present schedule of two-times-per-week trash pickup and one-time-per-week recycle pickup instead of a one-time-trash-and-recycle pickup. The board felt that the obvious benefits of this, especially during our hot summer months, more than justified the extra \$3.00 per month cost.

Waste Management has been most cooperative. They were not required to renegotiate a new contract until within 90 days prior to the expiration of the anniversary date of March 2012. However, they agreed to do so, understanding the issues that we were having with the present contract.

I believe that the board and the majority of our homeowners agree that the service that Waste Management provides has been exemplary. This new contract will assure us of a favorable rate for the next five years unless we feel that it needs to be revisited at some later date.

Len Defendorf, President, GVFPOA

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