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Dear Resident,

The purpose of this letter is to provide transparency and communication regarding our Village trash pickup contract, which expires in May 2022. In recent years the cost of trash collection within the Village has increased tremendously. Our base contract was negotiated, as always, with residents' best interests in mind. However, charges have increased well beyond a level that makes the sticker system sustainable. A large part of the rising costs are increased tipping fees (related to weight) and OCRA began to charge to haul away recyclables, which was not the case previously.

As one of only two remaining Villages who utilize the sticker system within our area, we are researching the benefits as well as hinderances of converting to a system where stickers would no longer be utilized and a modest amount would be added to the tax bill to pay for hauler services. Immediate and longer-term benefits include:

- Universally sized bins provided by hauler
- No weight limits on trash, if it fits in the bin, they take it (no hazardous materials, as usual)
- Time hauler spends in Village will be drastically reduced (less traffic disruption, more reliable pick up times)
- Less wear and tear on roads
- More haulers willing to come into Village, more bids, lower cost to taxpayers

The cost of trash removal has spiraled out of control, all local municipalities have been faced with these increases and, with the expiration of our current contract, it is time for our Village to do the same. We realize this affects each and every one of you and we plan to include you in these decisions. As always, our goal as your representatives, is to give you the best possible service for the lowest possible cost and we truly do believe that moving away from the sticker system is the way to do achieve that goal. Moving forward we will schedule Public Hearings to discuss the trash contract and potential changes. All residents are welcome to attend and there will be an opportunity for residents to share their opinions. Please keep an eye on the Press Observer, the Village Hall postings and the website. We will make every effort to ensure the information on these meetings is freely available

We look forward to making some positive changes in our constant efforts in keeping our Village a beautiful and welcoming place for you and your families.

Thank you,



Christopher A. DeCola
Mayor