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## Recycling Contract Update

The Town has solicited proposals for the recycling program, as our current contract with North Davidson Garbage Service (NDGS) ends at the end of August. We requested bids from service providers to bid on curbside recycling pickup via three different methods: collection of recyclable materials in bags; collection of recycling in Town-provided carts; and collection of recyclables in vendor-provided carts. As anticipated, no vendors bid on collection of recyclables in bags – NDGS was the only vendor willing to collect bags in the previous bid in 2013. Republic Services and NDGS provided pricing for collection of recyclables in both Town-provided and vendor-provided carts.

4 Town staff met with Council members individually after the proposals were submitted to discuss each submission and exclusions/changes from the Town-supplied proposal package. The Town-supplied package had specific guidelines for the proposals, but allowed any vendor to provide exclusions in their submission, as each vendor runs their operation differently. In these discussions we came up with additional questions for each vendor to clarify specific items. Generally, we wanted to minimize the changes from our current program to the new contract. Thus, we looked into keeping the pickup day on Mondays and weekly pickup in lieu of bi-weekly pickup with carts. Based on the proposals and follow-up questions we determined that we would have two to three missed pickups per year with Republic and zero missed pickups per year with NDGS – only the years where Christmas falls on a Monday (the next such day is in 2023 after the five year contract). Additionally, NDGS offered to pick carts up weekly with a smaller cart at the same price. At the Town Council meeting on July 17, Council moved to have the Town Manager to negotiate a recycling contract with NDGS pursuing weekly pick up of 65 gallon carts on each Monday, and a budget amendment was approved to provide the difference in the cost of the current contract versus the new pricing.

Perhaps that is more information than most people want to know, but that is a quick synopsis of why we are moving forward with a curbside cart program. There are several operational reasons why we cannot continue to have our recycling collected in bags. Most importantly, no vendor provided any interest in collecting recycling in bags. The reason vendors do not want to pick up recycling in bags is the bags, not picking up bags by hand. The bags become a dangerous nuisance in the recycling stream, as they are a problem for the series of conveyors and rotary equipment that are used to sort the recyclables. The bags are a safety issue when workers have to manually cut and remove the bags from the conveyors, pulleys, cogs, etc.

One of the many important issues we addressed in the proposals concerns certain townhomes that either do not have garages or have limited space for a cart. We have provisions for an 18 gallon bin option for such townhomes. The vendors were exceedingly clear that this type of collection tends to be problematic because: large pieces of cardboard must be cut down; materials are exposed to rain/sleet/snow/wind; and bin collection cannot be automated. Thus, bin collection will be limited to those townhome locations. Those townhome residents will have the opportunity to choose a 65 gallon cart or an 18 gallon bin. Additionally, the 65 gallon cart with weekly pick up was selected over the more popular 95 gallon cart with bi-weekly pick up. NDGS will pick up the 65 gallon carts weekly at the same rate it would collect 95 gallon carts bi-weekly.

We will probably make the transition to carts some time this fall. We will provide information regarding these changes to the public soon. We intend to update information on what is and is not recyclable. We need to update the solid waste policy to address numerous items. One key piece of information will be to put the recyclable materials in the cart (or bin) loose, that is, do not put it in a bag. Also, we have a 65 gallon cart and an 18 gallon bin at Town Hall for residents to stop by and look at.

Staff would like to thank Council for spending a great deal of time looking into the recycling proposals. We look forward to the new program.

**Special points of interest:**

- Aug 7 National Night Out
- Aug 21 Town Council Meeting
- Sept 3 Town Hall Closed
- Sept 7 Music at Wrenn Miller
- Sept 18 Town Council Meeting



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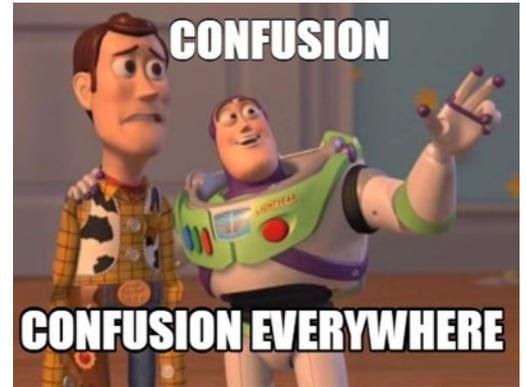
# HELLO FROM THE CLERK'S CORNER

We had our monthly Town Council meeting a few days ago in the Ragsdale Civic Center. There was a pretty large turnout and we were so happy to see everyone there! It's great to have public input and know that people want to be involved in what's happening in the community.

However, I noticed that there was a little bit of confusion about the difference between the public comment period and the public hearing. I'm going to attempt to use this article to make things a little more clear. I know it's hard to differentiate between the two without some background info.

There is a public comment sign in sheet at every meeting. It should be placed on a table at the entrance of the meeting. Citizens can choose to sign this sheet and be called forward to address Council during the meeting. They are given three minutes to talk to Council about anything they want. It does not have to be something relevant to any of the items listed on the agenda. If you want to talk about how great the cookies are at Cakes by B or how wonderful the soap smells at the Soap Lady store, then do it! This is your opportunity! You can talk about anything.....within reason.

There are certain decisions that Council has to make that require a public hearing. For example, if there is an amendment to an ordinance or a rezoning, the Town will hold a public hearing. When that item is up for discussion, the Mayor will ask for anyone that is for or against the change to come forward. This gives citizens an opportunity to tell Council why they are in favor or opposition of a specific thing. Everyone that comes forward has three minutes to speak. You do NOT have to sign up to speak at a public hearing. If you feel moved to speak after the public hearing begins, you can address Council without having committed to anything in writing.



Public Comment= speak about anything & have to sign up  
Public Hearing= speak about specific topic & don't have to sign up

I know it's a little confusing, but I hope this helps a little bit. If you have any questions feel free to call me at Town Hall!

-Katie McBride  
Town Clerk

## PINECROFT SEDGEFIELD

Like most parents in our community, the Pincroft Sedgefield Fire District is gearing up for the start of a new school year. We want to provide parents and other community members a few safety tips to keep our children safe while they are on the way to and from school and while they are there.

Let's talk about traveling to and from school. Our streets and areas around our schools get more congested every year. Schools often have very specific drop-off procedures for their schools so please be aware of those and follow the instructions. According to the National Safe Routes to School program, more children are hit by cars near schools than at any other location.

### Parking at or near school zones

- Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles approaching the area
- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school
- Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school

### Sharing the Road with school buses

- Never pass a bus if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop
- Be alert, children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risk.

We also want your child to be safe at school by following these safety tips: Backpack Safety, Playground Safety, and Head Up – Phone Down!

### Backpack Safety:

- Choose an ergonomic designed backpack
- Choose a backpack with padded back and shoulder straps
- Backpacks with multiple compartments will help distribute the weight

### Playground Safety

- Look for improper protective surfaces
- Protrusion hazards such as bolts, hooks, or rungs that might cut your child or catch their clothing
- Head entrapment hazards
- Lack of maintenance issues
- Platforms with no guardrails

### Head Up – Phone Down!

- Never walk while texting or talking on the phone
- Never cross the street while using an electronic device, especially with head phones
- Be aware of your surroundings!
- 61 children are hit by cars every day in the US (*National Safety Council*)

The Pincroft Sedgefield Fire District wishes each and every child a safe and exciting school year. To find out more information about PSFD please visit our website [www.psfed.com](http://www.psfed.com) and Facebook site.



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with the Mayor**

**Upcoming Events**

- Aug 6 6:00pm Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
- Aug 7 5:00pm National Night Out at Wrenn Miller Park
- Aug 17 5:00pm Movie in the Park by JBA
- Aug 21 6:30pm Town Council Meeting
- Sept 3 Town Hall Closed for Labor Day
- Sept 7 6:00pm Music in the Park—Wrenn Miller Park
- Sept 21 5:00pm Movie in the Park by JBA
- Sept 18 6:30pm Town Council Meeting

Check the "[Calendar of Events](#)" section of the website for updates

**Town Manager Selected for Leadership Academy**



The Town Manager, Kenny Cole, was selected to attend the UNC School of Government's Public Executive Leadership Academy (PELA). PELA provides city and county managers, assistants, and key department heads the opportunity to learn about themselves as leaders and to gain skills to lead and manage change within their community. Being selected from the many applicants as one of 25 participants from around the state is an honor. As a condition of their attendance, participants are responsible for selecting a "real world" project for leading change within the community and to develop a plan for implementation.



Pictured right are samples of the recycle bins residents will be able to choose from.

