

Dear Residents,

March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Attached to this letter is your new garbage can, which will take the place of your existing blue 96 gallon toter. This change is in keeping with the new garbage regulations passed at the last HOPA meeting held on February 12<sup>th</sup>, which are:

1. Toters and recycling bins are to be kept off of lawns, planter beds, and sidewalks facing Old Fifth Circle and Fifth Street Extended on non-refuse pick-up days (i.e. Friday, under the current refuse removal scheme).
2. Toters and recycling bins should be placed at curbside the evening before pick-up (Thursday, under the current scheme), and removed to their storage positions by the end of the day on refuse pick-up day (Friday, under the current scheme). On occasion, recycling does not pick up on the designated day, due to backlogs (e.g. over Christmas when they were running one day behind). In these instances, residents may leave their recycling bins on the curb until they are emptied (which would be on Monday at the latest under the current scheme).
3. Due to the size of the toters and the position of many houses, removing toters from sight may not be feasible. The following remedy will therefore be adopted: smaller toters with a uniform color scheme will be provided (either by WTPOA or the current contractor), and the existing toters will be removed by Allied (the current recycling bins will remain).
4. **Allied Waste will be removing the current toters tomorrow after garbage pick-up (Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>), so please make sure that your blue toter is left out so that they can remove it.**

The new garbage cans are the property of the WTPOA, as they have been purchased with WTPOA funds. However, each can has been assigned to individual units, and its maintenance is the responsibility of the owners/residents of the designated unit.

Please abide by the new regulations in terms of storage of these units. The neighborhood looks unappealing when garbage cans are left on the curb throughout the week, and the containers left on grass in front of houses results in unsightly dead patches. If you cannot easily store garbage cans out of sight (either in the garage, or around the side or back of the house), then please put your garbage can on the front porch—these new containers are small enough to fit and should be unobtrusive.

Lastly, we would like to once again take the opportunity and appeal to dog-owning residents to pick up after their hounds. There is a rather noticeable amount of dog excrement around the neighborhood. Also, there have once again been complaints of barking dogs being left on porches unattended. Please don't disturb the neighborhood with your pet.

We would like to appeal to everybody's personal responsibility in following the above mentioned regulations and requests (regarding pet clean-up). We would by all means like to avoid a situation in which it becomes necessary to adopt unpleasant enforcement and policing measures (e.g. a doggie doo and garbage can neighborhood watch), as this would be no fun for everyone involved. Thanks!

The WTPOA Board.