



## **VILLAGE OF UPPER BROOKVILLE GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT (GDD)**

### **Questions and Answers For Residents**

#### **1. What is a Garbage Disposal District (GDD)?**

A Garbage Disposal District is a Special Benefited Assessment Area (GDD), created by the Village to provide garbage collection and disposal services to residential property owners (RP Owners) under the Village's contract with a private carter (Carter). Under the Village's contract, the Carter will provide collection and disposal services to all property owners, who are part of the GDD, under rules and regulations established by the Village.

#### **2. Why was the GDD for collection of solid waste created?**

The Village of Upper Brookville determined that the creation of a GDD would be a community improvement, which would enhance the quality of life in the Village by (a) lowering the costs of garbage collection for those RP Owners, who are part of the GDD, (b) extend the life of the Village roads reducing the need for and cost of future repairs and (c) generally improve the health, safety, comfort and general welfare of all Village residents.

#### **3. Which Carter was selected?**

Daniel F. Allen and Co headquartered in Westbury, New York was awarded the Village contract. The Carter is family owned and has been in business since 1951. Daniel F. Allen and Co. also serves the Village of Matinecock.

#### **4. What will the service cost?**

In the first year, all RP Owners in the GDD will be charged \$45 per month for twice a week pickups of trash and recyclables for each dwelling. The first year will be for eleven (11) months starting on July 1, 2017 and ending May 31, 2018. Payments of \$495 per dwelling for the initial 11 months service must be postmarked no later than July 31, 2017. Thereafter, the Village will bill annually for the coming year on June 1st, with payments postmarked no later than July 1st of each year. Payment for participation in the GDD is on a yearly basis.

#### **5. What if I prefer to use Daniel F. Allen now, before the GDD begins on July 1, 2017?**

Daniel F. Allen will serve any Village resident during the period prior to actual commencement of the GDD at the rate of \$45 per month, plus sales tax. If interested, arrangements should be made directly with them. Call John Allen at (516) 333-5711.

#### **6. What if I am bound by a contract with another carter that ends after the GDD begins? Can I opt into the GDD when it expires?**

During the first year, Daniel F. Allen will accommodate any Village resident who wishes to commence service between now and June 1, 2018 at the rate of \$45 per month,

plus sales tax. If interested, arrangements should be made directly with them. Call John Allen at (516) 333-5711. You may then opt in to the GDD starting in the second year of service.

**7. Who is eligible to participate in the GDD?**

All parcels of land located in the Village of Upper Brookville that have a residential dwelling unit will be included in the GDD, unless they have timely elected to be excluded from the GDD in accordance with the Opt Out procedure below. Properties that are operated under special use permit, and legally used for commercial purposes are not eligible to be in the GDD.

**8. Are RP Owners required to be part of the district?**

No. An RP Owner may request to be excluded from the district (“Opting Out”).

**9. When and how can a RP Owner in Upper Brookville initially Opt Out of participating in the Garbage District?**

All Village RP Owners will have until June 5, 2017 to notify the Village in writing using the yellow Election Form, that they have elected to be excluded from the GDD (Opting Out). Please include your email address so the Village can confirm receipt of your Election Form. Once you have elected to Opt Out of the GDD you are no longer part of the GDD and no further actions are needed to be excluded from the current and future years.

**\*\*\*If you do not Opt Out of the GDD by June 5, 2017, you are part of the GDD for the full 11 months and will be billed the annual charge.**

**10. I previously filed a notice with the Village to be excluded from the GDD. Now that I know the full cost and terms, I prefer to be included in the GDD. How do I do that?**

Village RP Owners who previously filed to be excluded from GDD will have until June 5, 2017 to request to now be included in the GDD, using the yellow Election Form provided. Please include your email address so the Village can confirm receipt of your Election Form.

**11. Can a RP Owner Opt Out of the GDD after June 5, 2017?**

Yes they can, but only for subsequent calendar years commencing June 1, 2018.

If you do not Opt Out of the GDD by June 5, 2017, you are part of the GDD for the full 11 months and will be billed the annual charge. For subsequent calendar years, any RP Owner can file a written request with the Village by March 15th of the coming year to have their property either excluded from, or then to be included in the GDD for that upcoming year.

**12. If a RP Owner is happy with the service and wishes to remain in the GDD are any further actions or notices required?**

No further action by the RP Owner is required.

**13. What happens in the case of property purchases/sales?**

Within sixty (60) days of purchasing property that had been previously either excluded from or included in the GDD, the new RP Owner may petition the Village to have the property included or excluded from the GDD.

Under special circumstances, The Board of Trustees is authorized to add to or remove properties from the GDD, in its sole discretion.

**14. How are the GDD costs computed and allocated among the RP Owners?**

The Village has entered into a 5-year contract with DF Allen to provide garbage pickup and disposal for those within the GDD. The annual assessment will be the contract cost plus Village administrative expenses incurred by the Village in providing this service.

The cost for this service will be based on a per dwelling basis and not on the value of your homes. The initial administrative allocation will be \$1.05 per dwelling in each of the first two years making the total cost per dwelling \$45.00 per month in year one and \$47.00 per month in year two.

**15. When is the annual payment due?**

In the first year, the GDD will commence service on July 1, 2017. The Village will assess each benefited property after June 5, 2017 and send invoices to the GDD participants. The full assessment of \$495 must then be paid by July 31, 2017. The village will accept payments without penalty that are postmarked no later than July 31, 2017.

The first assessment will be for an eleven (11) month period ending May 31, 2018.

**16. When are payments due for the second and future years?**

In the second year and thereafter, the Village will annually assess each benefited property in advance of June 1st for a 12 month period. Once levied, the Special Benefit Assessment will be a lien, similar to your Village taxes and must be paid on or before July 1st. The village will accept payments without penalty that are postmarked no later than July 1, 2017. If not paid on time, a 1% per month fee will be added until full payment is received by the Village.

**17. How will the cost of renewal be determined in five years?**

In 2022, the contract will be rebid and the costs will be based on the awarded contract price.

**18. How is the Garbage District administered on an ongoing basis?**

The Board of Trustees will administer and set rules, regulations, fees and procedures pertaining to GDD.

**19. What type of solid waste will be eligible for collection?**

Solid waste includes household garbage, recyclables, trash, refuse and rubbish, but shall not include hazardous waste and non-processible waste or construction debris. Also included are grass cuttings, bulky residential items (appliances and household items) with each category subject to size, weight and frequency limits.

**20. What size containers are eligible?**

Most standard residential containers up to 2-yard “estate” dumpsters are eligible for collection. Containers will be collected twice weekly and dumpsters once per week. Residents may provide a separately identified container for recycling, if desired. However, it is not necessary because the carter has the resources to separate refuse and remove recyclable materials via “Single Stream Recycling” at its plant.

**21. Will the Carter collect items for recycling?**

Yes. The Carter has invested in a custom designed, smaller, covered, lighter weight vehicle with two compartments in the back; one for recycling and the other for trash.

Paper products such as newspapers, paper, broken down cardboard boxes, junk mail should be tied with string and stacked next to the containers for recycling.



**22. Will the Village supply the trash or recycling containers?**

No. Residents must provide their own containers for trash or recycling.

**23. Will the Carter collect from my garage? May I leave containers on the curb on collection days?**

The GDD has contracted for “back door service” which means the Carter will drive up the driveway and collect the trash from containers adjacent to your home. If requested, for containers that are stored in your garage, the Carter will access the garage, empty and replace the containers. Residents will need to provide Carter with gate and garage access codes where necessary. Note: the Carter will diligently remove most items that are stacked next to, on top of, or leaning against the trash containers—so please keep items that are not trash in separate, distinct areas.

Residents may also elect to leave trash containers to be collected at the curb on collection days.

Please call Zack Allen at (516) 581-5887 if you have any questions about the service or special needs.

**24. Can the Carter increase their rates during the term of the contract?**

The Carter has bid yearly fixed rates with annual adjustments for each of the five years of the contract. The Carter assumes the risk of changes in fuel costs, consumer price index, producer price index, changes in environmental laws, increased landfill disposal costs or changes in any other costs beyond the annual rate adjustments.

**25. How could the GDD significantly extend the life of the Village roads and thereby reduce future Village property taxes?**

- In the Village, seven (7) carters compete to provide collection service. Multiple trucks travel the same streets six (6) days per week. Collection is non-consecutive because trucks skip houses; collecting only from their customers.
- Studies in other communities show standard sized residential trash trucks are the largest cause of pavement damage.
- A GDD will coordinate and optimize routes and labor with smaller collection trucks, reducing (a) the collection miles traveled and (b) the number of heavy garbage trucks on Village roads.
- This will result in a Village cost saving for road repair and maintenance.

**26. What are the beneficial impacts of a GDD on all Village Residents?**

The GDD with its planned collection routes, using smaller trucks with less truck traffic will benefit all Village Residents by:

- Reducing truck and collection noise;
- Improving compliance with NYS regulations and Village code, such as collection hours and manner of pickup;
- Less damage to private driveways, shrubbery, Belgian blocks and entry gates as truck size is reduced;
- Improving road conditions and safety with fewer trucks in the Village;
- Increasing the percentage of Village trash that is recycled;
- Reducing wear and tear on Village roads (and driveways); and,
- Lowering truck emissions, which is better for the environment.