



# INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF UPPER BROOKVILLE

April 17, 2017

Dear Residents,

We are delighted to report that the Village received very competitive bids for the new Garbage Disposal District ("GDD"). The GDD was designed to lower the cost of collection for participants, reduce taxes over time for all residents and improve the environment and quality of life in the Village.

This letter lays out the first year pricing and rationale for forming the GDD. Three exhibits are attached with questions and answers, GDD rules and an Election Form.

## **Carter and Contract**

We awarded a 5-year contract to Daniel F. Allen & Co. They are family owned, in business since 1951 and have a contract with our neighbor: the Village of Matinecock. They have been operating in Upper Brookville for decades. They purchased a state-of-the-art, custom-built small collection truck to service Upper Brookville which can collect recycling and trash at the same time.

The first year cost including administration expense is \$45.00/month per home, payable annually in advance. When you pay the Village there is no sales tax. There will be two pick-ups each week. Service is "back door" and begins the first week in July. If you prefer to start now, you can get the \$45.00 price (plus sales tax) by calling D. F. Allen today at (516) 333-5711. Ask to speak to John Allen

**If you do not "opt out" by June 5th, you will be included in the GDD. If you previously opted out, you have until June 5th to opt back.** All the details are described in the attached questions and answers memo.

## **Why Form the District?**

We expected the buying power of hundreds of residents would generate meaningful savings for residents who participate, and it did. With up to 550 homes in a 4.2 square mile area and a five year contract, a single carter has the economies of scale to operate efficiently at a cost far less than normal to service that many homes, and the savings would be passed on to our residents.

Currently, villagers pay roughly \$90/month plus \$8 sales tax for two pickups a week. The GDD provides back door service for \$45/month with *no sales tax*. So—with no change in service (other than a smaller collection truck) the savings could be \$636/year. Some residents who are paying \$300/month will save \$3,300/year.

If 80% of our residents join the GDD, their combined savings may be over \$280,000/year.

Residents formally served by large garbage trucks should be pleased with the GDD's more compact, lighter weight trash/recycling truck. This means their driveway pavement should last longer with less risk of damage to entry gates, Belgian blocks and shrubbery.

More importantly, the GDD could save village taxpayers about \$750,000 over time from longer lasting roads and lower village road maintenance expenses. With fewer heavy trash trucks on the road we expect there will be less collection and related noise, and fewer diesel emissions, fewer potholes, fewer days when garbage trucks are seen on many roads and the restful sleep that comes with better adherence to early pick-up hours.

R3 Consulting found that creating the GDD and requiring smaller trash trucks “will significantly extend Village road life and, over time, should result in materially lower street maintenance related taxes for your residents.” You can find the letter from R3 Consulting on the village website at [www.upperbrookville.org](http://www.upperbrookville.org). Look under the “Resources” tab.

### **The Math**

Trash trucks are typically the heaviest vehicles regularly operating on residential local roads and are a major contributor to wear and tear on those roads. How much wear and tear? Research found<sup>1</sup> the pavement wear and tear caused by a standard residential trash truck is the equivalent of more than 1,000 passenger cars. Assuming two pickups a week, this is more than 133,000 passenger car trips per year on Village roads (and driveways).

Because Upper Brookville has seven haulers, the impact on village roads is magnified up to seven times. Trash truck damage to some village roads may equal the wear from over 900,000 passenger car trips per year. Other communities have estimated that a single hauler district could reduce road damage by up to 85%.

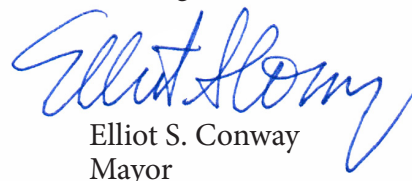
Excessive truck weight can materially shorten the life of a village road. Our Village engineers estimate the life of Upper Brookville roads is 15-20 years. A Roseville, CA study, for example, found that limiting the number of garbage trucks to only one hauler could extend the usefulness of their roads by 5 to 10 years.

Road maintenance is Upper Brookville’s single largest expense after the cost of police and fire protection. Extending road life by 5 years could save the Village about \$750,000 in road maintenance expense over the next 20 years.

We are very excited about the launch of this new service and we ask your patience in the first few weeks as D.F. Allen gets to know their new customers in the village. Please do not hesitate to call either Zack Allen at (516) 581-5887 or Tracy Lynch, Village Clerk, at (516) 624-7715, Ext. 1 if you have service issues or questions.

We hope all villagers will join the GDD and take advantage of the tremendous benefits to the participants as well as the Village as a whole.

Best regards,



Elliot S. Conway  
Mayor

**Attachments:**

Questions & Answers, Collection Rules

Election Form to complete and send to the village by June 5, 2017

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<sup>1</sup> The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization that sets technical standards used in highway design and construction throughout the United States. AASHTO serves as a liaison between state departments of transportation and the Federal government.