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Village Agrees to Contract Extension for Refuse, Recycling and Yard Waste Collection

At the Village Board of Trustees meeting held on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, the Village Board unanimously approved a resolution to enter into a five year contract extension with Waste Management Metro for refuse, recycling and yard waste collection. The contract continues to provide for a "take-all" based program that is currently in place. The contract covers all refuse, recycling and yard waste materials generated by single-family detached homes and multi-family structures of up to three dwelling units. The contract does not affect industrial or commercial properties. In accordance with the contract extension, there will be no modification to the collection days.

As part of the contract extension, a two tiered rate structure that institutes a reduced rate for senior citizens. The monthly rate for services in year one of the contract is \$19.30 for non-senior residents and \$17.40 for senior residents age 65 and over. Any person receiving a senior discount must complete the authorization form and provide sufficient proof of meeting the requirements. The five year contract provides for an annual increase of 4% per year during the term of the agreement.

In response to numerous complaints regarding the recycling program, the Village has included the issuance of a 35 gallon covered toter for recyclable materials. This toter is a smaller version of the toter used for refuse and will help to keep the material from blowing around the community on collection days. These toters will be blue in color and be clearly marker "RECYCLING ONLY". Waste Management will drop off the toters the week of August 20, 2007. The use of the toter is not mandatory but will be delivered to each unit covered under the contract. The toter will have a smaller footprint (requiring less floor space) than the 18 gallon bins currently used for recycling. Residents not wanting to use the 35 gallon toter or wanting to return the 18 gallon bins should place these items at the curb the week of August 27, 2007 on their normal collection day with a note clearly stating "PLEASE REMOVE".

Residents should receive a brochure outlining the services offered by Waste Management in the mail within the next few weeks. Information is also available on the Village of Westchester website at www.westchester-il.org. Individuals with questions should contact the Village Hall at (708) 345-0020.