

Darwin McClary

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Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 3:00 PM
To: Darwin McClary; Sonja Stout
Subject: Public Notice Leaf Pick up program

Please accept this letter as an official written public comment to be included in the record for the next Village Council meeting. I respectfully request that this letter be **distributed to all Village Council members** in advance of any decisions regarding the future of curbside leaf pickup.

I am writing as a resident of Lake Orion regarding the proposed elimination of the Village's curbside loose leaf pickup program. I understand that budget decisions must balance efficiency, cost, and service, but I believe residents deserve clarity on how such changes will impact the community — both in terms of resources and financial planning.

Specifically, I would appreciate more information on the following points:

1. Disposition of Equipment:

What are the Village's plans for the specialized equipment previously used for leaf pickup (such as vacuum trucks)? Will this equipment be sold, reassigned to other duties, or stored indefinitely? If a sale is anticipated, will the revenue be returned to the general fund or designated for a specific purpose?

2. Reallocation of Operating Funds:

With the discontinuation of this service, what will happen to the budget previously allocated for seasonal staffing, fuel, equipment maintenance, and disposal costs associated with leaf pickup? Will these funds remain within the Public Works budget, or will they be reallocated?

3. Support for Utility Projects or Rate Relief:

Given the significant water and sewer infrastructure needs — including maintenance of water mains and the sewer lake pump project — could some of the cost savings be redirected toward these capital improvements? Alternatively, would there be any opportunity to pass cost savings back to residents through rate stabilization or a reduction in future water and sewer charges?

This is an issue that affects nearly every household in the Village, and I believe residents would appreciate transparent communication on the long-term impact of this service change. I would welcome the opportunity to hear more about your plans during a future council meeting or in a community update.

Thank you for your time and your ongoing service to the Village of Lake Orion

Thank You
Matt Szadyr