

Too Many Garbage Trucks.....Step Two.....

First of all I want to thank everyone for all the nice calls of support that I have received over the last several weeks. I think this has been on a lot of people's minds. So the ball has started rolling and there have been quite a few who have signed up with Berquist. Now onto step two.

Step Two:

This is a very important step because this is where we will work together to get results. Currently there are a handful of us who have been working on getting the process of reducing the number of garbage haulers used in the neighborhood, but we need more people for this next step. We need two to three people to represent each alley from Jefferson to St. Clair between Pascal and Hamline. That adds up to eight alleys. Do the math and we will need 16 to 24 people working together to reach our goal. Berquist will give a neighborhood discount to alleys with a certain percentage of neighbors who have their service.

You may be asking what is involved in this process:

1. The first step is getting the 16- 24 neighbors to help with this process. Once we have more neighbors, we will begin targeting alleys. Our first meeting will decide what alleys we are doing and who will work on those alleys. Alleys with no volunteers will be put on the back burner until later. Those assigned will write down the different garbage services in that particular alley. If a house has an unmarked container, contact will be made to that house to find out which service they have.
2. Our next meeting will explore how we want to go about reducing the current garbage traffic in each alley. Can we get it down to three trucks, two trucks, or even one truck? How are we going to approach the neighbors in the alleys? Things like that will be discussed.
3. After that is done we will have one more meeting down the road to talk about the results of all our hard work. Were we able to create a neighborhood where our alleys can breathe a sigh of relief? What kinds of reactions did we get from our neighbors? It will be interesting to see where this goes.

I do know one thing. We can do this! We can make a difference and let other neighborhoods know that it is possible to get a big task accomplished. We need your help to do this, so please don't wait to call or hope that your neighbor will take this on. We can make a difference and all it takes is a phone call to let me know you are interested in volunteering. Please call me by August 30th if you are interested in joining this process.

Thanks again,
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