

Thinking about Trash!

Howdy Neighbors -

Over the years, several of the Montrose-Mount Curve neighbors have discussed the idea of working together to **consolidate the trash hauling** for the alley between the two streets. The goal would be to align ourselves primarily with one trash hauler. The main advantages of doing so would include:

- **Fewer trucks** making the run down the alley each week. So: Less noise, less air pollution, less difficulty with trucks blocking the alley in the morning, less wear and tear on the alley, and greater safety for those in cars or on foot.
- **Lower monthly rates**

People have also mentioned an eagerness to identify and make use of **local haulers**, rather than give their business to large national or multi-national firms.

With all this in mind, we've done some research. Tables 1 and 2 (attached) show the results.

Table 1 shows the current situation – how many of the alley neighbors are currently signed up with the listed haulers. Table 1 also gives background information on those haulers – where they're based, where they operate, how big they are, what they do with the trash, etc.

Table 2 shows the "block rates" that local haulers would offer us. Rates are given only for the local haulers currently engaged by alley neighbors. The assumption is that if there is to be consolidation, people will generally prefer 1) a local hauler over a national or multi-national firm, and 2) using one of the local firms already being employed by alley neighbors.

This information is provided to give you a chance to think about the idea in advance of the **alley cleanup and picnic this Saturday May 12**. We plan to have some discussion of the idea of consolidating trash haulers at the picnic. So do bring your ideas, questions, comments, and concerns.

See you Saturday!

The Alley Committee

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