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Growth and efficiency lead to changes in trash pickup

LITTLE ELM (December 6, 2016) In the ten years since 2006, the Town of Little Elm has undergone an unprecedented level of growth in population and an accompanying increase in the number of single family homes, neighborhoods and subdivisions.

“In the last decade, this community has attracted residents at a rate many demographers would consider exceedingly high,” says Kevin Mattingly, Public Works Director. “The Town, in cooperation with its external partners, has worked hard to keep pace with the rapid expansion, providing the necessary infrastructure and services that the growing population requires.”

In 2006 the population was pegged at 19,925. That number has increased by almost 14,000 to the current estimate of 33,842, according to the Little Elm Economic Development Corporation. That ten-year 70 percent increase represents a rise never seen in Little Elm, much of it having occurred in the last three to four years.

Improved and expanded roads, renovated parks, more Police and Fire personnel, extended water and wastewater services and increases in special events and recreational programs have been incorporated to satisfy the needs and requirements of the expanding citizenry.

“As we continue to see more rooftops, we try to find innovative and cost-effective ways to provide critical and essential services,” said Mattingly. “Chief among these is the orderly collection of trash and recycling.”

Long-time partner in this endeavor is CWD, an experienced, professionally-run solid waste collection company. “CWD has been witness to Little Elm’s growth over the last several years, and has been a reliable associate in serving our residents,” he said. “They have been flexible and accommodating to ensure continuity of service.”

Over the years, pick up routes for neighborhoods have shifted, based on population changes. Due to a similar increase in service needs, changes to some routes and ancillary services will be implemented next year.

Starting on January 1, 2017, changes in pickup days for some neighborhoods will be implemented, whereas others will remain unchanged. Detailed information will be shared with affected residents through a variety of sources, including the Little Elm website, social media platforms, news releases, temporary signs, placards, message boards and marquee messages.

A major change will involve the bulk and brush pickup schedule. Rather than having residents place their bulk trash items out on Wednesdays, the new schedule has residents place their bulk items out on Mondays of their designated weeks. As before, items must be curbside no later than 7 a.m. on the appropriate Monday of the neighborhood’s scheduled weeks. The change from Wednesdays to Mondays reduces the amount of time bulk trash remains out on the curb.

More information on the changes to pick up routes and bulk trash schedules will be shared in the coming weeks. Residents are encouraged to visit the Public Works page on www.littleelm.org for the latest information on the changes.

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ABOUT LITTLE ELM – Little Elm is one of the state’s fastest growing communities. Nestled on the shores of Lake Lewisville, the Town was incorporated in 1966, adopting the Council/Manager form of government. The population increased dramatically over the last several years, growing from under 4,000 in 2000 to over 30,000 today. Little Elm’s population exceeds the state average in education and income, and is increasingly trending younger and technologically proficient. The Town’s footprint is just over 21 square miles and boasts some 66 linear miles of shoreline within its boundaries.