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Memorandum

To: Downtown Business/Residential District
From: Department of Public Health
Date: November 1, 2011
Re: **IMPORTANT:** Changes to downtown trash and recycling

The City of Newburyport has been looking to improve our trash and recycling program for the downtown area (see attached map for designated area). After much research that included public meetings, stakeholder discussions, and a survey to the business community, a new trash and recycling pick up program will begin the week of November 14. There are three fundamental changes taking place:

1. **weekly** recycling pick-up in the downtown designated area only
2. **one day per week trash pick up**
3. all trash must now be put on the curb in a Mello Disposal (or similar) container.

Details of the downtown area trash and recycling program are outlined below.

When will the New Program start?

The new program will start the week of November 14th, 2011. There will be a 2-week grace period starting on November 14th and ending on November 28th to help people adjust to the new pick-up schedule. After the 2-week grace period is up, enforcement will commence. Enforcement will start with one warning followed by fines for improper adherence to the regulations.

Pick-up Day

- The downtown area trash **and** recycling pick-up day will be **Friday**.
- Even if there is a holiday during the week, your pick-up day will still be Friday.
- Recycling pick-up will now be **weekly** for the downtown area only; there will be **no more A and B** weeks.

RECYCLING—What is allowed?

- Paper of any kind, (if it rips or tears, it is recyclable) magazines, cardboard, plastic containers numbered 1-7, metal cans, and glass bottles.
- Our curbside recycling program does **not** include any type of plastic bag (unless it is a large CLEAR plastic bag used to store recyclables) or any type of Styrofoam. For your information, Pak Mail on Storey Ave. recycles packing material.
- The city also offers drop off recycling for large volumes of paper and cardboard at its recycling center on Crow Lane. Additionally, fluorescent bulbs and electronics can also be brought there.

Trash—What is allowed?

- Businesses, like residents, are only permitted 3 (three) 35 gallon barrels.
- Establishments that need more than one pick up per week should make arrangements with private contractors for additional pick-ups.
- Food establishments are required to adhere to sanitary codes and may be subject to capital improvements or use of interior trash containers if warranted.

Containers:

Trash Barrels

- All trash must be put on the curb in a Mello container (purchased or provided) or similar container.
- Mello Disposal will be providing one free 35 gallon trash barrel to all businesses that request one—please call Mello at 978-352-8581 to make arrangements. Additional containers are available from Mello for interior storage for \$40.
- Residents can purchase trash barrels from Mello for \$40.
- Barrels have identification numbers which will be recorded. The barrel is the property of Mello Disposal.

Recycling Containers

- Upon request, Mello will provide one recycling barrel to residents who have not received one.
- Businesses can purchase recycling barrels from Mello for \$40.
- Bundle and tie all cardboard together. It is ok to fill boxes with broken down / folded cardboard as long as it is secured with clear tape or twine. Empty boxes with other material in them will **not** be taken and will be returned to the owner.

Placement:

- Remember that the public barrels in the city are for pedestrian use and are not to be used for residential or business trash. Violators will be fined and or prosecuted.
- Please place all trash and recycled material separate from each other on the curb.
- INN STREET: As you face the parking lot with Inn Street at your back please put all trash on the right side of the walkway next to the parking lot and closest to Merrimac Street. All trash must be in containers. No bagged trash allowed.
- INN STREET: As you face the parking lot with Inn Street at your back put all recycling on the left side of the walkway next to the parking lot and closest to the Montessori School.

Why is the City implementing these changes?

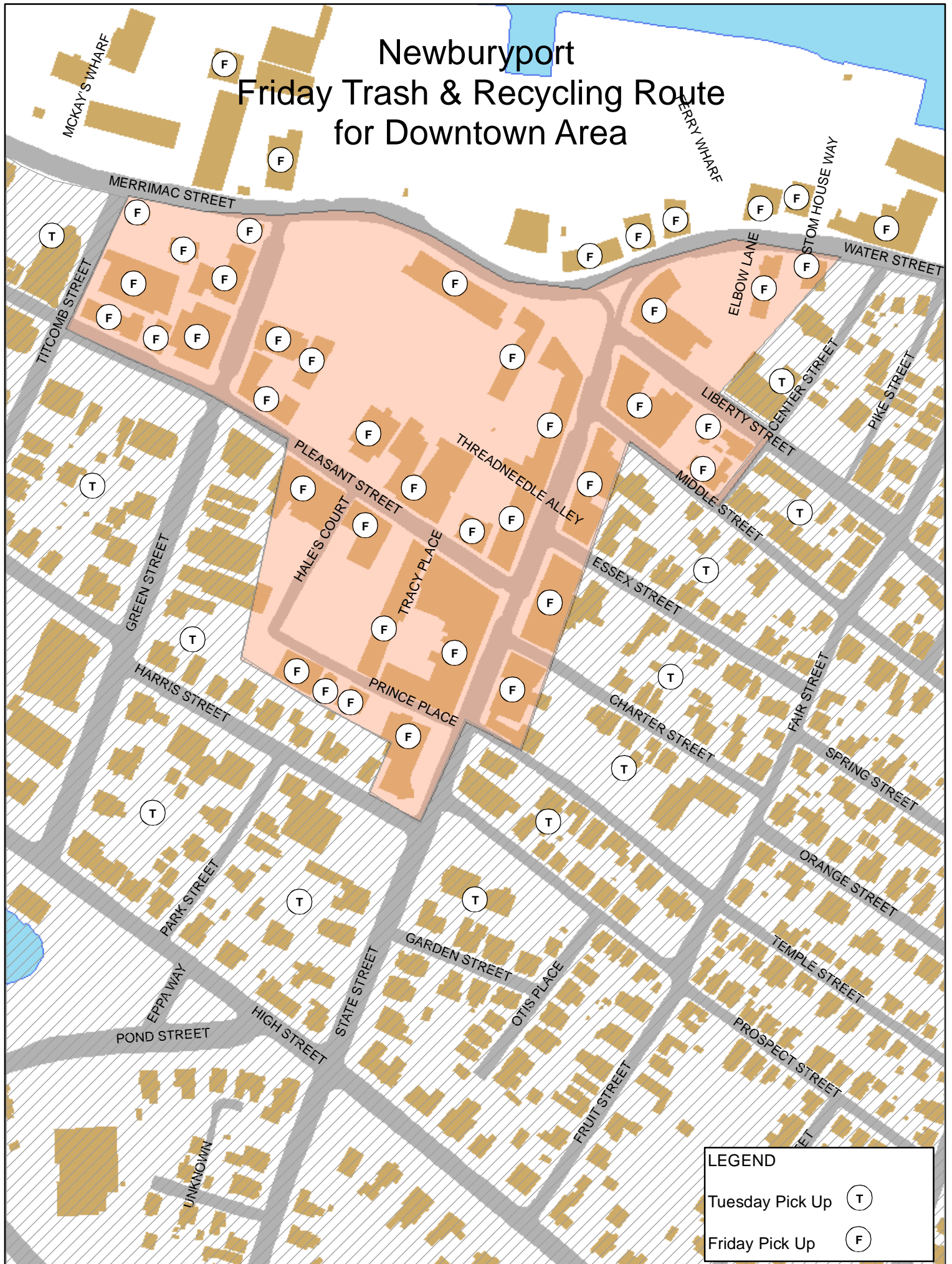
- To continue to provide this essential service to the downtown business and property owners.
- To be in compliance with new local and State and City storm water management regulations.
- To protect the City's sewer and catch basin infrastructure.
- To minimize environmental public health issues.

- To manage the City's trash & disposal costs. The city pays on a per ton basis to dispose of its trash.
- To encourage / increase recycling & City's recycling revenue. The city is paid for recyclables.
- To improve downtown aesthetics.

Please be advised that the Director of Health & the Health Department Food Service Inspector are currently conducting inspections of the exterior and interior trash and recycling storage areas for all downtown businesses to insure compliance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 111 "Public Health Laws". Depending on case by case circumstances, some businesses or property owners could be required to secure additional private collection of their trash, rubbish and recycling due to inadequate storage space on the premises.

Please know that we are working hard to provide quality services that are convenient and cost effective for all. Thank you for you cooperation and please do not hesitate to call the Health Department at 978-465-4410 or e-mail Molly Ettenborough at mettenborough@cityofnewburyport.com or 978-499-0413.

Newburyport Friday Trash & Recycling Route for Downtown Area



LEGEND

Tuesday Pick Up (T)

Friday Pick Up (F)