



June 3, 2009

**Sanders Hauling Customers:**

It is with great sadness that the City of Town & Country wishes Charles Sanders farewell. On May 18, 2009 Mr. Sanders contacted the City to announce his retirement and request our assistance in securing continuous service for his long time loyal customers. Through an arrangement with Chuck Barcom of Meridian Waste Services, Mr. Sanders has secured this continuity for the over 900 customers he has served for these many years. Meridian Waste Service and Sanders Hauling have been serving their routes in concert over the last few weeks to insure the same level of service and a seamless transition. Any questions about the transition can be directed to Meridian Waste Services at 314-291-3131 or the Department of Public Works at 314-587-2824.

Please note that Sanders Hauling made the decision to work with Meridian Waste Services to make certain that Sanders customers were provided services without interruption. Mr. Sanders is commended for his continuing loyalty and dedication to his customers and friends by taking this course of action. However, the choice of waste management and recycling services remains yours or your subdivision association if waste management is covered by your subdivision's indentures.

In response to recent questions and concerns received at City Hall regarding the Sanders Hauling situation, please note that it is our understanding that Mr. Sanders made the decision to cease operations due to his senior status and inability to find someone from within his organization to continue the business, and not with regard to any changes in the City's waste management ordinance. In fact, the only substantial change to the city's waste management ordinance was to provide a choice to subdivisions relative to curbside or rear-yard pickup. The more substantial change in waste management was the passage of an ordinance enacted by St. Louis County, not the City, which mandated recycling county-wide beginning January 2009. Whether this change adversely affected the Sanders Hauling business decision is unclear.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Charles Sanders Hauling is not to be confused with Sanders Hauling & Disposal. Sanders Hauling and Disposal continues to actively serve customers in Town & Country.