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## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: October 6, 2020

TO: Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu  
Board of Public Works

FROM: Raymond A. Rogozinski, P.E., Director of Public Works

Re: DPW - City Wide Leaf Collection

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The DPW is starting the fall leaf collection program on Tuesday October 13, 2020. In accordance with the program requirements residents utilize dedicated 30 gallon paper bags purchased at retail establishments. They leave the bags curbside on the day of their normal rubbish collection.

The bags are collected by the Solid Waste Division, utilizing rear packer rubbish trucks. One driver/collector is assigned to the truck. The driver/collector drives and collects the leaf bags. The bags are deposited at the landfill, processed into compost and sold (\$10,000 in July 2020).

During the fall collection last year the DPW collected 780 tons of leaves (approx. 26,000 bags). The amount of leafs collected each weeks varies depending on the rate leafs fall and the rate of collection (weekend weather conditions). Starting Tuesday, four trucks will be assigned to leaf collection, however that number will increase to seven at peak collection. Typically the leaf collection program extends into the first weeks of December, this year we will end on November 20<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting).

During the peak collection period Street Division employees back fill the driver/collector positions in Solid Waste impacting Street Division operations. In addition, the rear packer trucks are prone to breakdown and therefore require increase maintenance by the Fleet Division. With that said, Josh Corey the Solid Waste Superintendent along with the rest of the operational managers did a very good job last year reducing cost. They eliminated the previous year's overtime of \$45,000. No overtime cost were incurred to collect leafs in the fall of 2019.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions / concerns at 860-584-6113.