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From: Len Friedson [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, Jul 25, 2019, 4:00 PM
Subject: Trash Taskforce Comment
To: Susan Efroymsen <susanefroymson@gmail.com>

Hi Susan,

I won't be able to attend your meeting tonight with the Trash Taskforce. But I thought I would craft a short statement of my observations, and hope that it somehow gets to the appropriate department head. Thanks Susan for helping me with this.

A few weeks ago, I had a need to dispose of some hazardous household cleaner. The label on the containers clearly identified the contents as hazardous, and cautioned to dispose of the contents via a safe toxic waste disposal agency.

I took the 3 containers to the Cleveland Heights service center, where I spoke with a gentleman (name forgotton) who was polite but initially advised that I put the containers out for pickup at the next trash collection day. This did not satisfy me, and I further explained that this was hazardous waste, toxic to humans and animals. I further explained that I had checked with the County's hazardous waste website, which specifically directed citizens of Cuyahoga County to take their hazardous waste to the local city, and that the city would direct the waste to the County. The gentleman I spoke with indicated to me that this was news to him.

After checking with someone in the back room, he advised me to take the containers to the back of the service center, near a locked door, and that someone would deal with it later that day. I thanked him and followed his direction.

My ask: It might be a good idea to insure that the staff at the Service Center is fully advised about procedures for dealing with Hazardous Household waste. In my opinion, leaving it for pickup along with regular trash is a catastrophe waiting to happen.

Thank you for bringing this to the attention of the appropriate city staff.

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