

Vacuum Leaf Collection FY 2016

Work Session

October 6, 2015

Department of Environmental Quality and Public Works
Division of Streets and Roads

Agenda

- Leaf Collection Guidelines
- Alternatives to Vacuum Leaf Collection
- Schedule
- Logistics
- Extended Hours
- Communications Plan
- Q & A



Leaf Collection Guidelines

- Citizens with city trash collection
 - Approximately 90,000 residential addresses



Leaf Collection Guidelines

- Leaves should be raked into piles between the sidewalk and the curb, or close to the street if there is no sidewalk.
- Leaves should not be raked into the street.
 - Safety hazard
 - Causes problems for workers, traffic, and clogs storm sewers and drainage ways
- No limbs, rocks, dead animals, or trash should be in the leaf piles.



Alternative Leaf Collection Options

- Lenny yard waste container
- Paper yard waste bags
- Mulch leaves when mowing
- Home compost operation
- Residents can take leaves to Haley Pike Landfill
 - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8am to 6pm
 - Open the first Sunday of every month, 9am to 3pm
- Private collection



2015 Leaf Collection Schedule

- Scheduled to begin Wednesday, November 4, 2015
 - Zone A7 & A8, C1 & C2
- Scheduled completion date of Friday, December 18, 2015
 - Completion date is subject to change based on weather
- Service area is divided into four zones, each with seven to eight subzones
 - Each zone is assigned one or two weeks of leaf collection

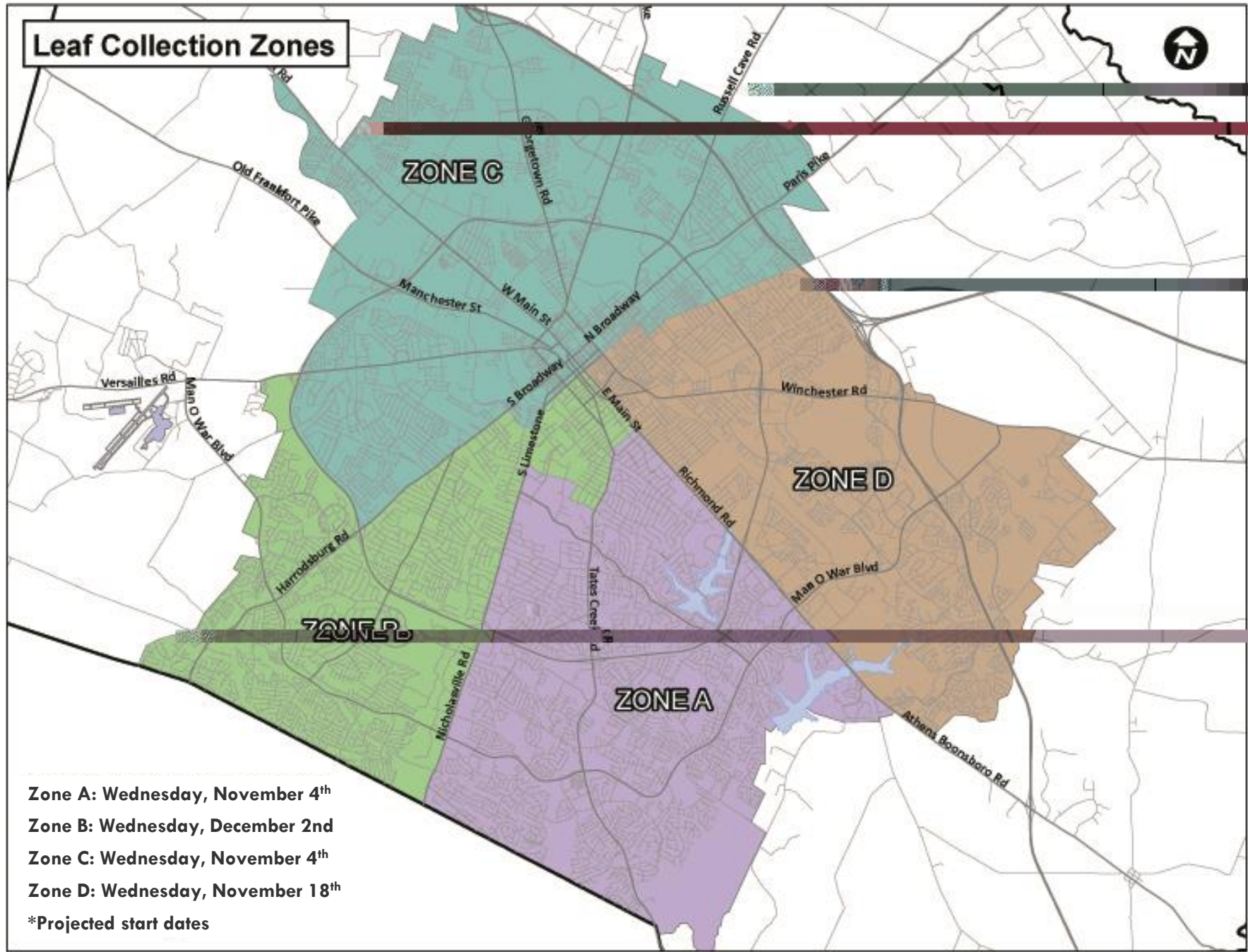


2015 Leaf Collection Schedule

- Start time flexibility
 - Weather unpredictable
 - Trees need cooler temperatures, shorter days, and water to drop their leaves
 - Collect the maximum number of leaves in one pass
 - Compliments Lenny, yard waste, and collection



Leaf Collection Zones



- Zone A: Wednesday, November 4th
- Zone B: Wednesday, December 2nd
- Zone C: Wednesday, November 4th
- Zone D: Wednesday, November 18th

*Projected start dates

2015 Leaf Collection Logistics

- One round of collection for each zone
- Street sweeping will be suspended
 - Except in the downtown area and the University of Kentucky areas
 - First Wednesday and Thursday of the month
 - Sweepers follow leaf crews when possible
 - Cleaner, more thorough finish



2015 Leaf Collection Logistics

- Private contractor augmentation
 - Streets and Roads will perform leaf collection with assistance from a private contractor
 - Private contractor deployed in 25% of zones
 - Zone C is contractor area of operations
 - LFUCG inspector accompanies the contractor crews
 - This is the option year of the contract
 - + Re-evaluate and re-bid for FY 2017



2015 Leaf Collection Extended Hours

- Monday through Friday – 7:30am to 6:30pm
- Saturday – 8:00am to 4:00pm
- Shift length extended to make up for lost time, depending on weather and daylight
- Collection will be suspended for snow removal and emergencies requiring a response from the Division of Streets and Roads



Communication Plan

- LFUCG website enhancements
 - Interactive map: www.lexingtonky.gov/leaves
- Live Green updates
- Citygram updates
- Government Communication news releases
- GTV3
 - Lexington Now and bulletin board



Communication Plan

- Information will be distributed to all local media
 - Radio, print, and TV
- Councilmembers
 - Neighborhood Association meetings, newsletters, etc.
- Social Media
 - Facebook
 - Twitter
- LexCall 311
- Division of Waste Management's WasteNot newsletter and Live Green newsletter

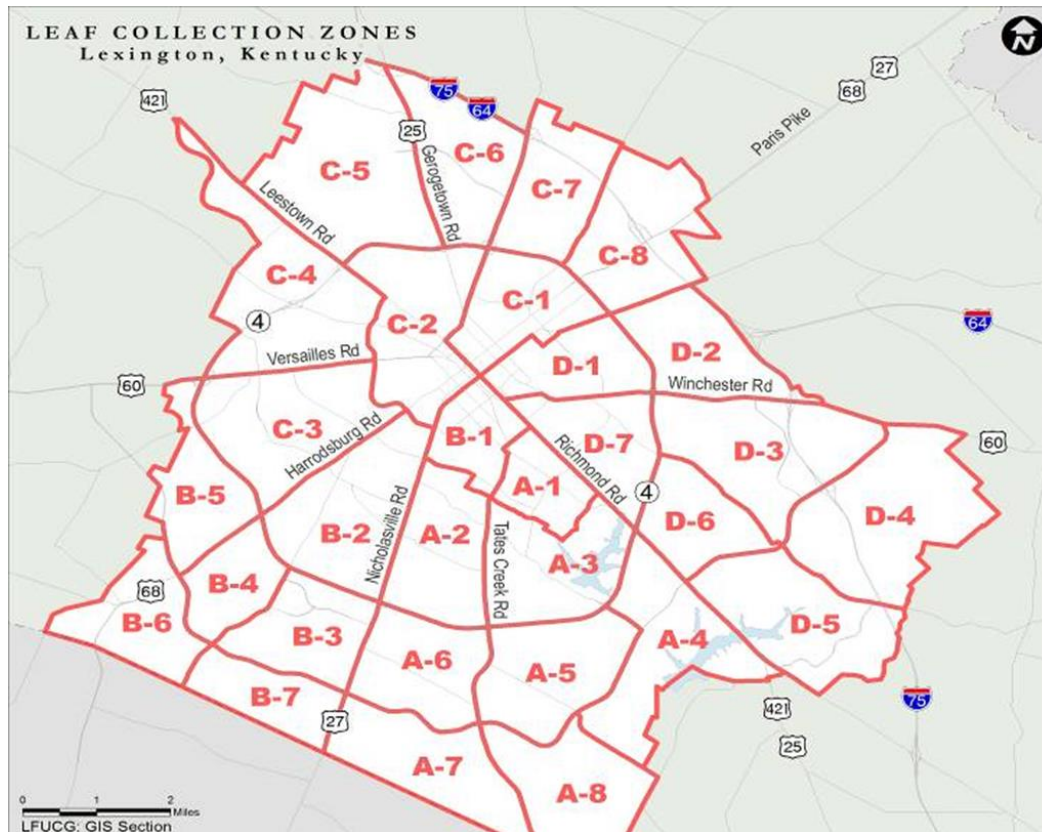


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- Interactive Map
 - Will provide citizens with access to information regarding leaf collection
 - Citizens can use the map to:
 - Locate their address within leaf collection zones
 - View up to date (weekly) schedules of when leaves will be collected in their zone



Communication Plan



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- Citygram
 - Testing a new notification system
 - Citizens sign up for text or email updates to their collection sub-zone
 - When status of sub-zone changes citizens can get an immediate text message or email on Sunday



Communication Plan

2. What's your address?

Your home, your work, or wherever's important to you.

Your address

Within 1/100 mile (only the address)



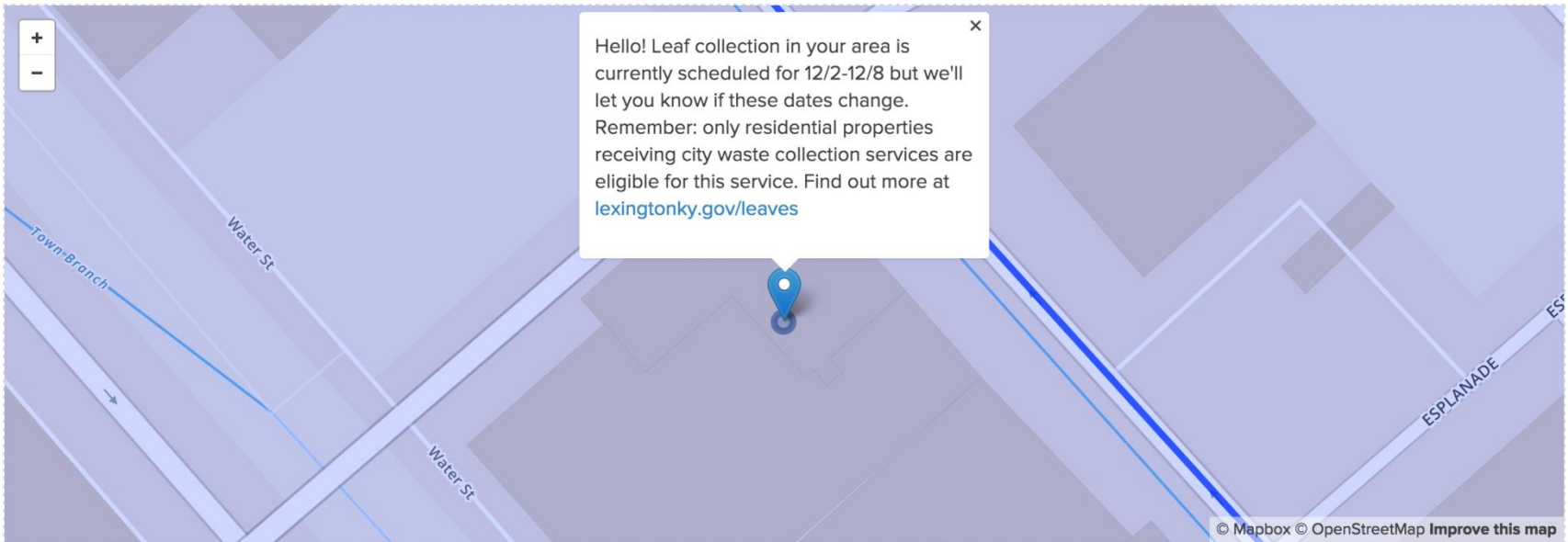
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Communication Plan

3. How do you want to be notified?

Get text messages as each event is posted, or get a weekly email digest.

 text

 email



Communication Plan

- Citygram Demonstration



Questions?