

PENNIESWORTH RE-OPENS

Greta Hopkins (left) and Lynn Barnard help their fandlord Geoff LaFevre cut the ribbon to Monday to open their new location for Penniesworth on Main Street. The ladies have built up a clientele of 1,010 families since they first opened for business on Mill Street two years ago. Pennlesworth take consignments of good used children's clothing and toys and its owners are looking forward to expanding their business now that they have room for more stock. (Herald photo)

Garbage study shows town saves money

By PAUL DORSEY Herald staff writer

Complaints from local homeowners about the town's decision to limit garbage pick-ups to once a week have prompted town engineer Bob Austin to submit a report detailing the new program's value to the town in terms of cost-saving.

A pelition containing 22 signatures of residents in the Chelvin Drive-Pennington Crescent area of Georgetown recently advocated a return to the twice-weekly summer pick-up system. M.J. Norris. who circulated the petition, challenged the decision and its given justification in an accompanying letter to council.

"The potential savings, in my opinion, oppear to be minimal if at all existent, due to the fact that the same amount of garbage must be removed, thus the equivalent number of trips, to the location of disposal," Mr. Norris said.

PREPARED REPORT Mr. Austin prepared a report

in response to the petition which indicated, citing figures from 1978, that second-day pick-up costs always exceeded those of the first day.

"For the week commencing June 12, 1978, the per ton cost for the first day was of the two-day pick-up \$9.79, and for the second day \$17.87," Mr. Austin said. "For a second random choice, the per ton cost for the week commencing August 21, 1978, the first day was at \$11.79 and the second day ...at \$18.24."

Tonnages picked up on the second days similarly exceeded those of the first days by more than 50 per cent, he added.

"Equipment and labor costs, however, remain constant in that the picker must drive the same route as on the first day and make the same number of household stops...because most of the households place refuse off but in lesser quantity," Mr. Austin explained.

"Indications of an immediate dollar saving may be the fact that the 1979 budget per ton has increased only 1.6 per cent. When this percentage is viewed in light of the wages increase and the percentage increase that we have experienced for fuel costs, the theoretical savings can be calculated. Further, when the local landfill site closes (this summer), per tonnage costs are expected to increase because of the trucking to Oakville."

Mr. Austin suggested "safe storage" as the solution to Mr. Norris' concern over the "stinking garbage rotting in the hot summer temperatures", adding that twice-weekly pick-up would not solve the problem.

The twice-weekly pick-up would also fail to guard homeowners against garbage-raiding animals like skunks and raccoons, Mr. Austin said. The problem will continue regardless of how often garbage is collected, he said.

Contract negotiations remain bogged down

Negotiations between the Halton board of education and its secondary school teachers remain bogged down as the

teachers wait to hear whether or not a fact-finder will be appointed and the board waits to hear from the teachers.

Ward 1 by-election Education Relations Commission about the appointment of set for October 9

Town council has settled on October 9 as the date Ward t (Acton) voters return to the polls for a by-election which will provide a successor to the late Les Duby.

In approving the necessary bylaw, council last week rejected October 1 - the Jewish Yom Kippur holiday - choosing the later of two dates suggested by deputy clerk Delmar

Nominations are to be filed with the clerk's department no later than September 17, while final revisions to voters' lists should be completed by September 21. An advance poll for those who will be unable to vote October 9 will be held

September 29. TWO ENTRIES

There have, thus far, been two entries into the race for Ward 1's other area council seat, vacated by the death in June of Les Duby, the community's last mayor prior to regionalization in 1974. Dave Whiting, who was unsuccessful in his election bid last Decembber, has followed through on his stated intention to try again for the seat.

Also in the running is political newcomer Terais (Terry) Grubbe, co-ordinator for the Acton Community Services 1 Centre.

Ward 1 is currently represented on council by regional Coun. Ed. Wood and area Coun. Ross Knechtel.

CLINIC SUCCESSFUL

The first regular summer blood donor clinic Monday brought out 420 donors, who gave 320 units of blood. 89 new donors came out in answer to appeals from different media publicising the urgency of the blood shortage in the Metro

Toronto area. 39 of these donors were out for the first time. "As donors become assustomed to the new clinic schedule, the blood committee feels sure that blood collections will increase despite the holidays," the Red Cross said in a press release about the clinic.

The next clinic in Georgetown will be November 12.

Ron Ness, incoming president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) District 9, covering Halton, said the teachers are still waiting to hear from the a fact-finder. The teachers requested a fact-finder after mediator Harry Waisglass withdrew from negotiations in the spring.

- The board has indicated its willingness to carry on negotiations without the assistance of a third party, but Mr. Ness said the leachers would prefer not to begin negotiations again, in case a fact-finder is appointed. The appointment would disrupt the process of negotiations he said, making it pointless to start the process until the decision is made.

NEXT WEEKS Mr. Ness said the teachers' bargaining committee will be meeting some time in the next couple of weeks to discuss the negotiations.

Sam McKeown, a representative from the Education Relations Commission, said he does not know when the appointment of a fact-finder will be made. Provincial legislation calls for the appointment of a fact-finder "forthwith" if a settlement has not been reached by September 1, Mr. McKeown san' but there is latitude granted to the commission, if it relieves negotiations are proceeding well without a third party, to delay in the appointment.

Mr. McKeown said the commission is faced with a seasonal problem of getting people together in the summer months. He also said it is difficult to find people qualified to act as fact-finders and mediators during the summer months.

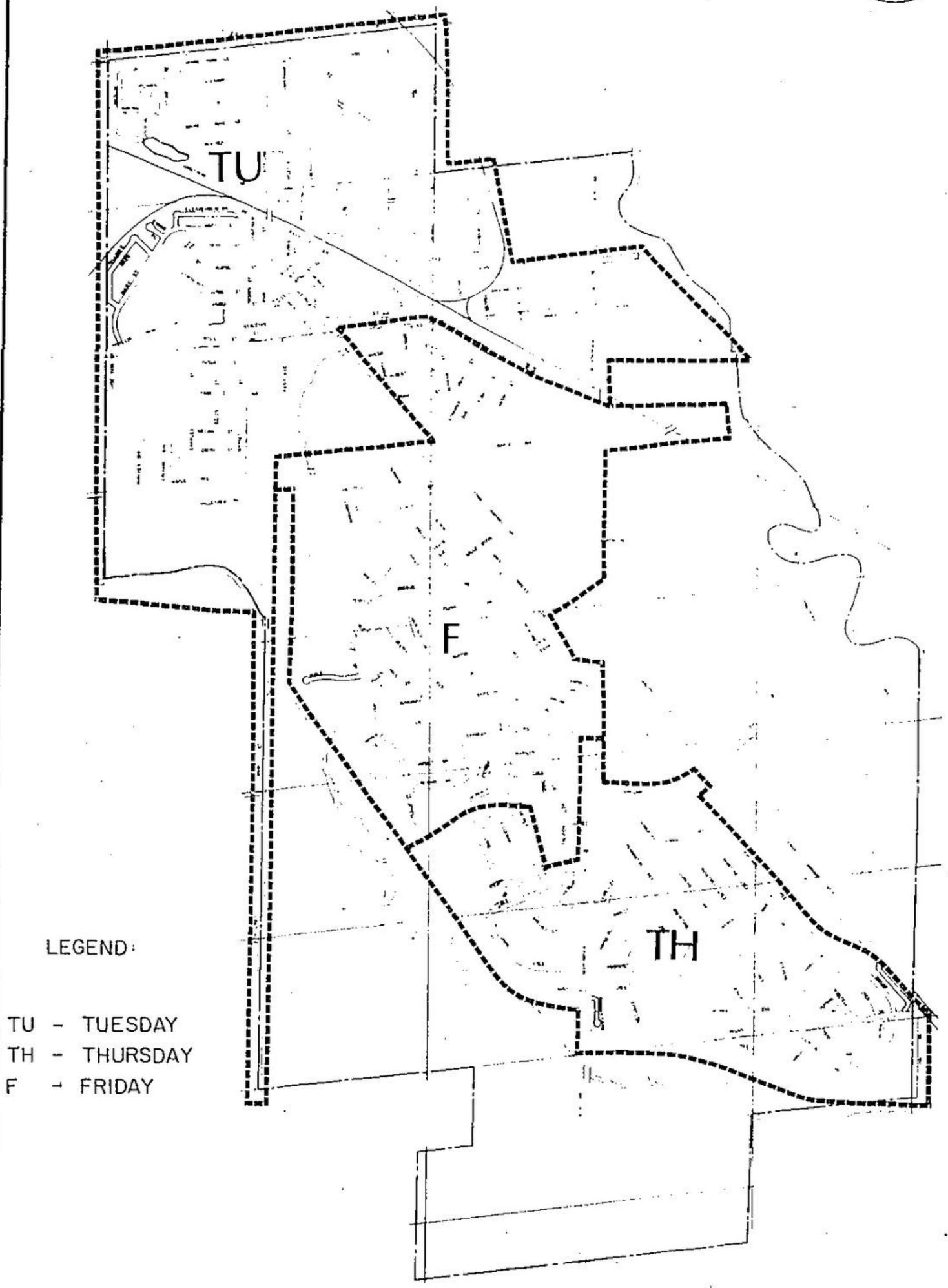
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REVISIONS TO MUNICIPAL GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES





COMMENCING THE WEEK OF

AUGUST 13th, 1979

WEEKLY MUNICIPAL GARBAGE COLLECTION FROM RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES WILL BE HANDLED ON THE DAY INDICATED FOR YOUR AREA ON THE MAP

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE WORKS DEPARTMENT AT 877-5185