



I understand everyone's frustration regarding the trash pickup delays this week. By now, everyone should have had their trash and recycling picked up and most should have had their trees and yard waste picked up even though I know that there are a few spots that are still waiting on tree pickup. I have heard from many of you that have expressed the sentiments that since the trash fee went into effect, that service has gotten worse. While it may be hard to argue with those sentiments, one has nothing to do with the other. The fact that we are now paying a trash fee has no bearing on the service or contract with Waste Management. What frustrates me as the Ward Two councilor, is that these problems are more frequent in Ward Two than in the rest of the city. Some of it is timing, especially when we have trash, recycling and yard waste all in the same week. Throw in holiday trash with extra cardboard along with Christmas trees and it only compounds the problem. This is an email that I received this morning from WM: We had planned to have enough staffing to handle the increased collections this week; however, once again we have been plagued with mechanical issues. I know the frustration is very real for the residents and consequently for your staff and for Councilor Starbard. I can assure you that I have escalated this issue on our end we are doing all we can to get the necessary trucks up and running so that we can catch up. We will continue to keep you posted on our status.

Ed Pacek, Public Sector Solutions, Waste Management"

I am beginning to wonder if some of their problems are simply related to them not being able to find enough help to properly staff routes but that is not our problem. I expressed to DPW this morning that if service does not improve, I will request that representatives from Waste Management come before the full council to explain the constant problems that we continue to experience. I apologize for the inconvenience and will continue to pursue this.

Join the City of Lynn in Celebrating The 8th Annual

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

January 21st, 2019

Lynn Vocational Technical Institute Field House
80 Neptune Blvd, Lynn, MA

Day of Service 9am to 1pm

9am Registration &
Breakfast
10am Speaking Program
11am-1pm Service Projects
& Lunch



'Everybody Can Be Great, Because Anybody Can Serve'

Service Projects Include: Cutting bookmarks for the Lynn Public Library, Valentines for Seniors, Letters to Veterans, Trolley bags for the Plummer House, Lynn Community Clean-Up, Serving a meal at My Brother's Table, Food drive, Reading at a local nursing home, Creating an MLK inspired mural, Breakout discussion groups designed for young people, and more!

Register to Volunteer at www.LynnMLKDay.org



Questions? Email Sean Cicero at SCicero@SupportUnitedWay.org

One thing that I neglected to mention in the newsletter was the 8th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service through the Lynn Community Association and sponsored by many community groups. For more information click: [Lynn MLK Day](#)



Join your Ward Two Neighbors

There are over 240 Ward Two residents signed up to our Ward Two page on Next Door. This is another great way to connect with your Ward Two neighbors. Sign up at: www.nextdoor.com

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"GET CONNECTED" at www.rickforlynn.com to
get on my email and newsletter list.

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