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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date: July 25, 2024

To: Robert J. Bruner, Acting City Manager
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From: Paul Evans, Zoning & Compliance Specialist

Subject: Report to City Council – Citizen Sign Volunteers

History

In 2011, budget reductions in the Troy Police Department eliminated their weekend temporary sign removal function. In response, the Troy Code Enforcement Department devised a Citizen Volunteer program devoted to resuming weekend temporary sign removal. The program's sole focus is to remove temporary signs placed in the right of way.

The Code Enforcement Department received program design guidance from the City Attorney Office, and Police and Engineering Departments, as well as two outside agencies - the City of Farmington Hills and Hillsborough County in Tampa, Florida. Current and former volunteers, all Troy residents, receive field training from one of our Housing & Zoning Inspectors. Volunteers began their work in September, 2011. Working in pairs on weekends, they tour the community in a City-provided pickup truck.

Troy's current team of 10 volunteers have removed 1,125 signs in the past year. Since August 2014, when we started tracking number of removed signs, 13,173 signs have been removed from public right of ways. The volunteers are Gary Chamberlain, Bruce Chapman, Dave Schwartz, Tom Bartlett, Paul Bartlett, Michael Leavitt, Doug Smith, Walter Storrs, Bob Krokosky, and Heather Hadley.

The City is fortunate to have caring residents who volunteer to maintain a positive community appearance.