

Public Services Take Home Trucks

The following information is provided for a better understanding of Public Services take home trucks:

1. Public Services:

This Department is made up of five divisions – Water & Sewer, Sanitation, Storm Water, Streets and Parks. These divisions have employees that take home trucks so they can answer emergency calls after normal work hours (see #2&3).

2. What Kind of Emergencies:

Water breaks, sewer back-ups, storm water flooding, downed tree removal, road debris, sewer plant malfunctions, lift station backups, required lift station checks, repair of streets and washouts, beach clean-up, water turn-ons, etc.

3. On Call Pay

Most cities are required to pay “on call pay”; Neptune Beach does not because they allow the on call employee to take their truck with them. This saves the City about seventeen thousand dollars a year and makes for a fast response to the emergency.

4. Why are Trucks on Forest Boulevard at 4:00 pm?

That is the time the Public Services Department closes. Since Forest Boulevard is the access to the main roads, like Florida Boulevard and Penman Road, it is natural to see “on call” trucks at the end of the workday on this road.

5. Why were there two people in the Street Sweeper?

On occasion new individuals might be in training to learn how to use the street sweeper or when trash or yard debris has built up, it requires a second person to shovel.

6. I saw five trucks at a Water Break. Why so many?

Because we have so few employees, we have to call people from other divisions to leave their jobs to assist in the repairs. Neptune Beach has reduced the number of employees by 15% in the last four years.