

TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN

Select Board

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Re: Roadside Trash

Dear Community Members,

We are writing as your Select Board for two reasons. First, we want to express our thanks to the many of you who help keep our roadsides clean and looking well kempt. Organizations like the Recreation Council and the North Haven Community School sponsor cleanup days. Homeowners pick up trash adjacent to their properties and often mow the roadsides in the process. Our Road Crew keeps the bushes, saplings, and weeds pushed back and frequently pick up trash as they go. And David Cooper deserves special mention for all the time he spends with his car and trailer digging into the ditches and alder thickets to remove debris. Thank you all for your efforts to keep our island clean and to instill a sense of community pride.

The second reason we are writing is to ask why all this effort is necessary in the first place. Some trash along the roadsides is expected of course as we occasionally forget about stuff that might fly out of our trucks and cars, especially as the weather warms and we drive around with the windows open. But the amount of material we collect far exceeds the stray plastic bag blowing out a window. Some of us must be just throwing bottles, cans, bags, and other trash out of our cars without concern for how this makes the island look or how it results in others taking time to clean up the mess.


Let's work together to keep our island looking nice. We live in a wonderful natural environment. Let us show our children and grandchildren what it means to have a sense of pride in our community.

Very truly yours,

The North Haven Select Board


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