

Letter to the Editor

I am in total agreement with Eric Fredrickson, who wrote about Manitou's possible mandating its citizens to one garbage service.

I've lived in Manitou for 24 years, and chose Manitou because of its diversity, eccentricity and free spirit. Mandating a service on us is anything but free-spirited.

I don't suppose I'm the only person who doesn't like to be told what services I have to have.

I do understand the concern of noise, pollution and the worsening of streets, but mandating a service upon the citizens of Manitou just doesn't seem very "Manitou."

I currently use Springs Waste Systems and pay \$54.50 every three months, which includes recycling of everything except glass. They are a privately-owned company, and their service is excellent. I've used this company the whole 24 years I've lived in Manitou.

I like doing business with small companies, as I'm sure many of the wonderful shops in Manitou appreciate the same philosophy. And, I don't want to spend anymore of my hard earned dollars on trash removal.

Several years ago someone tried to get us to go with one service, and Bestway was the chosen company. On garbage day in Crystal Hills, I see a lot of Springs Waste trash receptacles and recycling boxes at the bottom of driveways and the next day when Bestway picks up, there aren't as many customers. I think a lot of individual households would be quite upset if this single trash pickup goes through.

To add to Mr. Fredrickson's final statement, what about the school buses traveling our roads, the Manitou snow plows traveling our roads, the furniture delivery trucks traveling our roads and the huge moving vans traveling our roads? The list goes on and on. I urge our new mayor not to take our freedom of choice away from us.

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