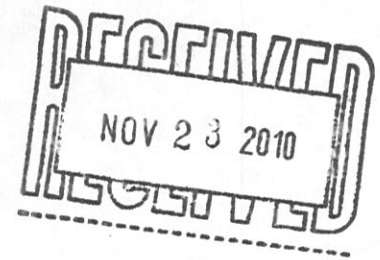


Mrs. James W. Parker, Sr.
207 Chapel Road
Black Mountain, NC 28711



November 15, 2010

Marcie O'Neil, Town Manager
Town of Black Mountain
160 Midland Avenue
Black Mountain, NC 28711

Dear Mrs. O'Neil:

I am writing to inquire about the possibility of your review of the town's policy for leaf pick up. I understand this service was stopped because of tight budget restraints but this has caused hardship for a lot of senior citizens.

Recently I had my 70th birthday and thought I would be eligible for leaf pick up but after speaking with town staff I have learned that I am not because of the value of my home.

I feel this is unfair for several reasons. First of all, if the value of your home is higher you pay more taxes to the town but get less service. Second, there are town citizens who are business owners, multiple real estate owners, people who are still working with a big income and various other reasons, who live in homes that meet this guideline and get the service. How can you base this need upon the value of your home? If you provide the service for some senior citizens you should provide the service to all without discriminating against some. The value of your home does not come into play with garbage pick up so why should it be a factor for leaf pick up?

I hope you will take this under consideration and be fair to all Black Mountain senior citizens. Can this be added to your agenda without my presenting it during 'citizens' comments'? Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phyllis Parker".

Phyllis Parker

Cc: Mayor Carl Bartlett
Vice-mayor Joan Brown
Alderman Ruth Brandon
Alderman Michael Sobol
Alderman Tim Rayburn
Alderman Carlos Showers