

# **RECYCLING NEWS**

## **Re: Types of Trucks Used**

Currently and in the coming months many residents may observe recycling crews emptying recycling bins into trucks which look the same as garbage trucks. This does not mean the recyclables are not being recycled, but rather being collected in a pilot form of recycling collection known as “single stream” or “no sort” recycling. Single stream recycling is an exciting upgrade to the current dual stream recycling program and has proven to increase recycling participation, while improving collection efficiency and cost. With advancements in recycling technology Memphis and other major cities are making the switch to the single stream concept. Public Works and City recycling processor, ReCommunity, recently reached a long term agreement to convert the Memphis curbside program to single stream recycling and a \$4 million upgrade of the ReCommunity processing facility on Farrisview Blvd is underway. As infrastructure continues to be developed and as final plans are completed, formal announcements will be made to the public about the details of single stream recycling. In the meantime, start or keep recycling and do not be alarmed or surprised if you see crews empty recycling bins into rear loader type trucks.