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City of Saint Paul
Street Maintenance Department
115 Kellogg Boulevard West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Re: Street Sweeping - Boulevard Cleaning NOT Done – October 31, 2018

Last week I called (October 31, 2018 – 7:10 p.m.) and asked to have a pile of leaves picked up – they were left in my driveway by the City sweepers.

When the crew was out doing the last clean-up on Hyacinth I went out and asked the fellow driving the City white pick-up truck to remind the guys to pick up the pile in my driveway.

The City fellow told me that they didn't pick up leaves that people had raked from their yards – they only picked up boulevard leaves. I admit it was getting dark and late and I'm sure they crews wanted to be done and off work. However, the pile of leaves were from the City truck and not from my yard.

1. I have not yet raked the leaves in my yard. Most have blown up against the fence so the yard seems bare. There is only one large tree in my yard, a maple. (I just planted a cherry but the leaves from that tree would probably not even fill a shopping bag.)
2. The leaves in that pile dumped in my driveway were mainly non-maple leaves. The leaves on my boulevard and the big tree in my yard are all maple. See the images on page two.
3. I have volunteered to clean the leaves from the drain for the keep Phalen Lake clean project. I had already raked the boulevard and gutter two times and taken the leaves to the compost site. (Nine contractor bags the last time on MEA week-end.) In addition, the neighbor has mowed and mulched the boulevard twice this fall.
4. I had made a short call to a friend while the trucks were cleaning the streets. (October 31, 2018 – 5:22 p.m.). The blue truck looked like a pile of leaves because there were so many leaves under, in, around it. As the blue truck drove by and left the pile in my driveway I commented to my friend "I hope he picks those up".

I would like to cancel my request to have the leaves picked up. The Grandfather next door raked them up so the pile is gone. When I talked to him a couple of days ago about the pile of leaves he immediately said that they came from a neighbor up the street who had blown all of his leaves into the street. I had seen this person blowing the leaves when I walked a foster dog by his house on Monday.

Summary. I was treated respectfully, but not believed when I asked the clean-up crew to pick up the neighbor's leaves that were left in my driveway by the City blue truck. But, maybe it really wasn't respect because he didn't believe me.

Please cancel my request to have a pile of leaves picked up in my driveway.

Thank you,

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P.S. Hmmmm.....since the trucks didn't pick up any leaves from my boulevard, can I get a refund on my assessment?

The leaves that were in the pile are shown below.....they are not from a maple tree.

