



**Vail Village, Town of Vail Police Department proposed centralized trash contain pick-up area number one.
Intersection of Bridge Street and Gore Creek Drive**

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VHA Action Notice: April 20, 2026

Proposal potentially affects Bridge Street, Hanson Ranch Road, and Gore Creek Drive residents.
Communications with the TOV Town Council is warranted on this matter.

Vail Town Council virtual Zoom meeting. 6:00 PM, Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Zoom meeting link: https://vail.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8zIzqs2qSkaG3pgGoc2STQ

Contact Vail Town Council - Email: towncouncil@vailgov.com

The Vail Police Department is asking Town Council approval of major changes to trash removal in the commercial core of Vail Village. The concept is to retrieve trash containers from residential and commercial establishments, transporting the containers to two central locations, then transferring container contents into garbage or recycling trucks.

One of the central locations is at the intersection of Gore Creek Drive and Bridge Street, in front of Gorsuch and Patagonia stores. The second is upper Bridge Street on Hanson Ranch Road near Seibert Circle and Almresi restaurant.



Centralized trash container collection area number two. Intersection of upper Bridge Street and Hanson Ranch Road.

As proposed, the changes could be disruptive to property owners and guests on Bridge Street, Hanson Ranch Road, and Gore Creek Drive.

The TOV Police Department proposal is short on essential details; see agenda item documentation, links below.

Proposal to reduce pollution, congestion, noise and related health concerns created by waste and recycling collection vehicles in the Bridge Street portion of the Town's pedestrian mall area.

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Other options are available, such as smaller trash trucks, which are used in communities similar to Bridge Street and Vail Village.

Please review the attached letter to Town Council from Diana Donovan, a long-time local resident, former Town Council Member, and Planning and Environmental (Zoning) Commissioner, and whose family operated a trash removal company providing service to Vail Village and the community for many years. The attached letter to the Town Council is critical of the logistics the centralized removal brings into play. She draws a comparison with the Town's record of injuries from its shuttle bus service, as compared to the lack of any documented injuries to pedestrians from trash trucks on Bridge Street.

VHA is appreciative of the proposed effort, but remains skeptical that it will enhance the quality of the residential experience throughout Vail Village neighborhoods. VHA is not supportive of moving forward with the proposal until the concerns of the affected properties are available for review and consideration.

Please review the proposed plan. There is an inventory of issues to be addressed, some of which are of concern to VHA. This matter was brought up for consideration after the close of the winter season, when many property owners who may have concerns about the plan are temporarily absent on spring break.

April 18, 2026
Vail Town Council
RE: trash trucks off Bridge Street

This makes as much sense as requiring all bus riders to get on and off at the Village or Lionshead structure to avoid accidents with pedestrians.

The trash trucks have ALWAYS driven Bridge Street. How many injuries have there been?

Sometime in the past the town ordered trucks to pick up trash very early in the morning while everyone slept and no one was on Bridge Street. No one considered the noise made when trash is dumped into a truck and then compacted. Glass and aluminum make an ear shattering noise that no one can sleep through. Even when it is residential size cans. Have you considered how many beds are within earshot of your newly designated pick up locations? Neither had the powers that were in the past but they immediately backtracked.

Have you tried moving a full trash can on a slope or uneven surface like all of Bridge Street? Even empty they are unwieldy. Most of them have small tires which make them harder to move and control. Larger tires can be more dangerous.

Who is bearing the cost of moving containers to and from the new pick up point in the middle of the night. Who is paying for new plastic cans if you require that? Although plastic that holds up to this use will be just as heavy.

Also I believe you would have 2 companies picking up and using 2 trucks: one for trash and one for recycling. Don't know how compost is picked up. The trucks alone are too noisy in the middle of the night in the middle of lodges and condos.

Planning all of this activity in the center of Vail and hundreds of "beds" between 3 and 8 AM as stated at the last council meeting is irresponsible.

It is irresponsible to give an okay to move forward when the biggest issues have not been addressed.

Please call if you don't understand something Thanks

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