

# NEWS BRIEFS

## UPPER ARLINGTON

### **Trash vote didn't count; voters backed it anyway**

Upper Arlington residents who wanted to overturn the City Council's decision to hire a private trash collector took solace in a victory that did not count.

The Ohio Supreme Court ruled against the referendum on Oct. 2. Because it was too late to remove it from ballots, elections officials notified voters that votes would not count, Board of Elections spokesman Ben Piscitelli said.

Unofficial results posted yesterday morning on WBNS 10-TV's Web site showed 52 percent of voters who made a choice on the issue anyway, supported it.

The votes were counted because the board forgot to remove it from automatic links to the TV station, Piscitelli said.

"These results prove that the majority of residents are not happy with this new service," said petition-drive organizer Mike Schadek.

"Really, it's a moot point because residents had been told that votes wouldn't be counted," city spokeswoman Emma Speight said. "I'm confident a lot of voters didn't fill out either option."

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