

RECYCLING NEWS UPDATE

PROGRAM UPDATE

As I write this newsletter, I can't believe how fast this year has gone and that we are already half way through 2018. It sure doesn't seem like it has already been 3 months since the infamous Blizzard Evelyn! Things continue to be fairly quiet on the recycling front. We recently completed our annual Spring Clean which was quite busy compared to other years. Overall, I believe that the program was a success again this year. The village was again awarded a recycling grant for 2018. The total amount of the grant was \$8,333.62 which is about the same as in previous years. These funds are used to help offset the costs of our recycling program.

COMPOST SITE

When using the compost site, please remember to read the signs and dump the compost material and/or brush on the proper piles. The composting of material does happen over a period of time. The site utilizes multiple piles depending on the stage of the process that is currently taking place. When improper material is dumped or the proper material is dumped on the wrong piles, it can affect the composting process and does add to the labor costs to remove the improper material. The sign can be very difficult to see when you first go into the site but it is by the correct pile. If you don't see the sign by the pile, do not dump the material on this pile. Only dump the material on the pile that is marked by the sign. Remember that when you bring compost material or brush to the compost site, **REMOVE ANY BAGS, BOXES, ETC!!!** Although most people are very conscientious to remove these items, we still get several instances where this is occurring. If you see anyone doing anything that is not up to regulations, please get a license plate number and notify the clerk's office. This way, we can regulate these issues better to help alleviate them from happening in the future. We do get good composted dirt that is used by many of the residents for their gardens and flowerbeds. It is real important that if you bring brush to the compost site to remember that we cannot accept the root balls from the bushes or stumps from trees. These cannot be run through the chipper due to the dirt and stones that are in there. If this does happen, it could damage the chipper or worse yet, injure one of the employees. Please keep this in mind. The root balls or stumps can be cut off and disposed of in your regular garbage.

GRASS CLIPPINGS

With us currently in the middle of the grass cutting season, it's a good time to remind everyone of the village's regulations regarding littering and blowing grass clippings into the road. If this happens, you could be charged \$15 plus the costs of cleaning up the debris. Please use caution in blowing the grass into the streets. We ask that if grass is blown into the road that you please remove it from the road. It takes very little effort on your part to ensure that these regulations are being followed. It definitely helps with the drainage to keep the clippings out of the road especially with all of the rain that we have had recently.

BRUSH PICK UP

Please remember that the village will do brush pick up at your residence for large amounts of brush. If you only have a couple of branches and are able to transport them to the compost site, we ask that you do. This helps curtail costs of driving around the village picking up very small amounts of brush. **IN ORDER TO HAVE THE BRUSH PICKED UP ON YOUR PROPERTY, YOU MUST CALL THE CLERK'S OFFICE TO BE PLACED ON THE LIST. IF YOU DO NOT CALL THE CLERK'S OFFICE TO GET ON THE BRUSH PICK UP LIST, WE WILL NOT PICK UP THE BRUSH AT YOUR PROPERTY.** The phone number for the clerk's office is 853-3241. The maximum diameter of brush that the village will accept at the compost site or on site at your property is 4". If you are removing a large tree, please call prior to cutting down the tree. This way, if we can coordinate it, we could actually be on site and chip the brush as the tree is being cut down.

PARK SURVEY

Attached to this newsletter is a survey regarding Hilbert Civic Park. We are currently undertaking an Open Space Plan for Civic Park with the help of East Central Regional Planning Commission. We are seeking input from the public on what they would like to see for improvements in our parks and what activities, amenities, etc. they desire to have available. You can fill out this paper survey and return it to the village clerk's office or you can go onto our website at www.villageofhilbert.com and there you will find a link to the survey online. Your input regarding this is very important and the village moves forward with this plan to outline future improvements to Civic Park.

Village of Hilbert Civic Park Survey 2018



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME! PLEASE TELL US HOW TO MAKE **CIVIC PARK BETTER!** COMPLETE THIS SHORT SURVEY BY **September 3, 2018!** IT SHOULD TAKE YOU ABOUT 10 MINUTES.

1. How often do you typically visit Civic Park between the months of April through October?

- More the once a week
- Once a week
- A few times a month
- Once a month
- A few times throughout the season
- One time throughout the season
- Don't visit

2. If the park was to be improved, what are your **TOP 5 amenities** to be updated or created?

- Restrooms
- More Picnic Areas
- Ball Diamonds
- Basketball Court
- Volleyball Court
- Trails
- Playground
- Parking/Entrances
- Educational Walk
- Pet Area
- Prairie Areas
- Butterfly Gardens
- Tennis
- Obstacle Course
- Fitness Area
- Splashpad
- Other (Please specify)

3. Talking Traffic Improvements: Pathways within the park already exists, what other type of trails/connections are also important to you? Either TO GET TO the destination or WITHIN the park itself, avoiding traffic?

- Connections to streets
- On-Road Bike Lanes
- Paved Paths
- Crushed Gravel
- Sidewalk Extensions
- Pedestrian Bridge
- Better Traffic Flow in Park
- Parking Areas

4. Parks positively impact public health for residents of Hilbert and the surrounding communities. Please select among the below you consider the most important:

- Access and Safety
- Air Quality
- Available Activities
- Nature Areas
- Trails
- Water Quality
- All of the Above

5. Please choose your best choice for the FUNDING improvements of Civic Park.

- Donations
- Increase Park Budget
- Grants
- Solicit Volunteers
- Minimal Tax Increase
- Park Impact Fees (New Development)
- Fundraising

6. What is your zip code?

7. What BEST below describes your survey participation status:

- Citizen of Hilbert
- I work in the village but live elsewhere
- I am a parent of a child who attends a Hilbert school
- I live outside the village
- I am a visitor to the village

8. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female

9. What is your age?

- Under 21
- 21-30
- 31-45
- 46-60
- 61-75
- 75+

10. How many people reside in your household including yourself?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6+

11. How many children under the age of 18 reside in your household?

- 1 4
- 2 5
- 3 6+

12. Do you have any other comments/feedback to help us improve the Civic Park?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!

Please mail your completed survey to Village Hall 26 N. 6th St. PO Box 266, Hilbert, WI 54129

