

RECYCLING NEWS UPDATE**PROGRAM UPDATE**

The committee met recently and worked at redoing our current recycling ordinance to bring our ordinance in compliance with the current standards for recycling. This revised ordinance is currently being reviewed by the village board. Once the revised ordinance is approved, the plan for the village is to more aggressively enforce the recycling regulations. Recycling really does not take a huge effort on the part of the resident to place recyclable materials such as plastics, tin and glass into a container separate from your garbage. There have been reasons given by people for not recycling. Some of them have been that "I don't have the time", "I don't have the room", "Why recycle, the items go to the landfill anyway", etc. How many seconds does it take to place a recyclable item into the container when you are taking items to the garbage container already? One or two seconds more? Doesn't really sound like a huge effort on your part to recycle. There have been myths spoken that the recyclables that are picked up go to the landfill and are not recycled. This is not true. Veolia, which is our garbage hauler, does have a recycling truck that looks very much like the garbage trucks that are used. The recyclables picked up with this truck does not go to the landfill. They are taken to a recycling center for processing. Many people have stated that they don't have the room to recycle. We understand that this can be an issue for some people but Veolia does allow residents to take their recyclables a drop off facility in Chilton at 1113 Park St. You may say, why should I take them to Chilton? Why can't we do twice a month pickup? With twice a month pickup, there would be additional charges. With the state budget already reducing our funding by \$4,000 annually, the village cannot afford to add additional expenses that would be incurred with twice a month pickup. If we would go to this type of system, we would definitely be looking at special charges being charge to residents for this service. Let's all stop the excuses and begin recycling!

The committee will also be addressing the reduction in grant funding in the near future. We are looking at options such as instituting a user fee, cutting costs or a combination of the two. The committee is open to any suggestions that you as residents may have.

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. We continue to have issues at the compost site with people outside the village taking material or bringing material to the site. If you see this going on, please get a license plate for the vehicle and turn it into the clerk's office. We want to curb this type of activity to help save costs to the village.

LEAF PICK UP

Soon the leaves on the trees will change color and begin to fall again. The village will go around the village to pick up the leaves at curbside again this year. When raking the leaves towards the curbing, please make sure that you do not rake the leaves into the roadway. Place the leaves in the terrace area between the curb and the sidewalk (if you have one). Do not pile the leaves into the streets. This could hinder drainage.

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 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 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.

The Recycling Committee