

RECYCLING NEWS UPDATE

PROGRAM UPDATE

As I write this newsletter, I wonder if it is ever going to stop raining! This weather that we have had so far this early summer has been quite interesting. Hopefully we will be able to enjoy some nice summer weather soon. Unlike the weather, the recycling world has been fairly quiet. We just completed our annual Spring Clean for disposing of large ticket items and that program went well again this year. We also incorporate recycling within this program by having the cardboard and metals separated. The village was again awarded a recycling grant for 2017. The total amount of the grant is \$8,318.41 which will be used to help offset the costs of our recycling program. Without this grant, many of the services that we offer with our recycling program would have to be cut. We are continually striving for program efficiency so that we utilize the grant dollars as much as possible and get the most bang for our buck.

COMPOST SITE

When using the compost site this summer, please remember to read the signs and dump the compost material and/or brush on the proper piles. This is very important because it saves in labor costs and does not interfere with the composting process. The sign can be very difficult to see when you first go into the site but it is by the correct pile. Please don't just dump your material on the piles that are the closest because it may be easier. If you don't see the sign by the pile, please don't dump your material there. 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

In between the raindrops, it seems like every few days we have to cut our lawns. With this season upon us, 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.

5 Reasons to Enjoy the Calumet County Nutrition Program

REASON #1:

Eating a nutritious meal can help you maintain your health and independence!

Studies show that the right diet is especially important for older adults and that poor nutrition is the biggest threat to an older adult's independence. Anyone 60 or older is welcome to join us at our Calumet County meal sites – Brillion, Chilton, Hilbert, New Holstein, Sherwood, and Stockbridge for a hot mid-day meal. Those unable to get to a meal site and deemed eligible can have meals delivered directly to their home. A hot, delicious midday meal is waiting for you!

REASON #2:

It's easy and convenient!

Congregate Dining: Reserve your meal at any Nutrition Program meal site with just a phone call. Meals are served in a relaxed, group setting. Reservations can be made by noon the day before to have your meal ready the very next day.



Home-Delivered Meal Service: Meals are available to Calumet County residents 60 or older who are frail and essentially homebound due to illness, disability or isolation, and have been assessed to determine that receiving home-delivered meals is in their best interest.

Call the ADRC at 920-849-1451 to learn more about Congregate and Home-Delivered Meal Service.

REASON #3:

Friendly faces await ... come to socialize and participate in activities!

Socialization is critical to an older adult's well-being. At a congregare meal site, you'll find friendly faces, a warm welcome and may make new friends. Fun and interesting programs may be scheduled before or after meals. Home-Delivered Meal participants are greeted with warm smiles and conversation from volunteer drivers when meals are delivered.

REASON #4:

Be in the know!

Informational and educational resources are available at congregare meal sites, including nutrition and benefit counseling, current information on aging issues, health screenings and wellness classes. You'll also have access to and information from the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) on Medicare, Social Security, medical assistance and more.

REASON #5:

Serving smiles ... volunteer today!

A variety of volunteer opportunities are available at congregare meal sites, including setting up tables, packaging meals, assisting with clean-up, or delivering homebound meals.

Volunteers can help out weekly, monthly, or as a substitute. Just 90 minutes of your time can have a great impact on the lives of our participants! For more information on volunteer opportunities, call Volunteer Coordinator Kathy Groeschel at 920-849-1451, Ext. 219.

