RECYCLING NEWS UPDATE

PROGRAM UPDATE

Summer always seems to be quiet as far as news on the recycling front. There has not been any action as far as any new recycling rules or regulations over the last few months. This fall, we will again be applying for a recycling grant. Even though funding has dropped over the last couple of years, it has still provided us with funds to help offset the costs of recycling. We have been able to meet the minimum recycling standards as far as the state is concerned but there still can be improvements on our part to make it even better. We all need to do our part and recycle. This helps keep the wastes out of the landfill and preserves our earth for future generations. Many may ask why even recycle? People need to keep in mind that every little bit does help and it really does not take a huge effort to recycle. Some may have issues with storage and such but there is an avenue for you if you fall under this situation. Advanced Disposal does have a recycling facility in Chilton at 1113 Park St. where you can take excess recyclables if you cannot hang onto them for the once a month pickup. Some residents have voiced some concerns as to why we do not offer twice a month pickup. Unfortunately, there is additional costs associated with the extra pickup per month and with continued shrinking aid, it makes it quite difficult to add additional costs without adding revenue to cover them or cutting services in other areas. Some have also asked about single stream recycling. This has been looked at briefly by the Eastshore Recycling Commission but there has not been a high desire to switch. We are always continually looking for efficiencies with our recycling program to help lower the overall costs.

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 still continue to have periodic 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. When this happens, it only costs you, the taxpayer.

LEAF PICK UP

Now that we have finally experienced summer with the end of August, the last thing on people's minds is leaves falling from the trees. We all know that it is just a matter of time before it will begin to get cold and the leaves will again turn colors and begin to fall. The village will go around the village to pick up the leaves at curbside again this year. Place the leaves in the terrace area between the curb and sidewalk. Do not place them in the roadway. This could hinder drainage. Please do not wait too late in the fall season to rake the leaves out to the curb. If the weather goes south along with the birds before the leaves can be picked up, they might not be able to be picked up at all. Please keep this in mind as we go through this season.

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