

## RECYCLING NEWS UPDATE

### PROGRAM UPDATE

Boy it sure has been quite a start to our winter season! You would think that by looking outside and having 50 degree weather in the middle of December, we are actually beginning the spring season instead of in the winter and holiday season!

As has been the case the last several Christmas seasons, getting the latest and greatest in electronics is on everyone's list. Please remember that if you are on the nice list and receive new electronics, you can recycle the old electronics. It is against current state law to dispose of your old electronics in the regular garbage. It must be recycled. There are many different outlets for you to properly recycle these items. The closest one to the village is Best Buy in Darboy. It is a very easy process and keeps the electronics out of landfills. Also, there are avenues for donating your used cell phones so that they can be given out to the elderly so that they can call 911 when they need to. Most cell phone retail outlets will take your old cell phones for this program.

After the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and as you see the needles from the your real Christmas tree beginning to accumulate on the floor, you may be thinking why did I purchase a real tree and now I need to get this out of the house without losing too many more needles. We will again pick up Christmas trees after this holiday season. Please remember that the trees must be placed by the curb. If the trees are not placed by the curb, they will not be picked up. Please also remember that all decorations, wires, bows, lights, etc. must be removed from the trees. If they are not removed, the trees will not be picked up. The deadline for picking up the trees will be **Monday, January 18, 2016**. No trees will be picked up after this time. The village employees will make every effort to pick up the trees in a timely manner. Please remember that we are at the mercy of mother nature and sometimes we will not be able to pick up the trees right away. We will no longer pick up Christmas Wreaths. Because of the amount of wires on them, we cannot chip them. Please dispose of them with your regular garbage. Any wreaths placed out on the curbing will not be picked up.

### COMPOST SITE

We have been experiencing some issues yet at our compost site. This past fall we had several issues with compost being dumped on the wrong piles. There are signs at the compost site that direct you which pile you need to dump on. Composting is a multi-year process so that is why there are several different piles at the site. We cannot stress enough the importance of dumping the compost material on the right pile. It can greatly affect the composting process. We understand that it may be easier to dump the material on the closest pile when you first come into the site, but it does create issues in the composting process that can cause the village to incur extra costs for this and can cause a delay in getting compost ready for sifting. Also, if you see anyone bringing material to the compost site and they are not from the village, please get a license number and report it to us. We will then follow up with the individuals.

### SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

By now, everyone should be in the swing with our new single stream recycling program. I know that there may have been some minor issues such as extra recycling containers or not getting a container. If you had any issues, please contact the clerk's office and we can get any issues resolved. We know that this is a huge change for everyone and want to thank everyone for their patience with this new program. If there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the clerk's office.

The following table provides you with the pickup dates for 2016 for garbage and recycling:

GARBAGE PICK UP DATES		RECYCLING PICK UP DATES
<b><u>JANUARY 2, 2016</u></b>	July 1, 2016	<b><u>JANUARY 2, 2016</u></b>
January 8, 2016	<b><u>JULY 9, 2016</u></b>	February 5, 2016
January 15, 2016	July 15, 2016	March 4, 2016
January 22, 2016	July 22, 2016	April 1, 2016
January 29, 2016	July 29, 2016	May 6, 2016
February 5, 2016	August 5, 2016	<b><u>JUNE 4, 2016</u></b>
February 12, 2016	August 12, 2016	July 1, 2016
February 19, 2016	August 19, 2016	August 5, 2016
February 26, 2016	August 26, 2016	September 2, 2016
March 4, 2016	SEPTEMBER 2, 2016	October 7, 2016
March 11, 2016	<b><u>SEPTEMBER 10, 2016</u></b>	November 4, 2016
March 18, 2016	September 16, 2016	December 2, 2016
March 25, 2016	September 23, 2016	
April 1, 2016	September 30, 2016	
April 8, 2016	October 7, 2016	
April 15, 2016	October 14, 2016	
April 22, 2016	October 21, 2016	
April 29, 2016	October 28, 2016	
May 6, 2016	November 4, 2016	
May 13, 2016	November 11, 2016	
May 20, 2016	November 18, 2016	
May 27, 2016	<b><u>NOVEMBER 26, 2016</u></b>	
<b><u>JUNE 4, 2016</u></b>	December 2, 2016	
June 10, 2016	December 9, 2016	
June 17, 2016	December 16, 2016	
June 24, 2016	December 23, 2016	
	December 30, 2016	

Please note that the special pick up dates that will be on Saturdays due to the holiday are bolded, underlined and capitalized. Keep this table for reference throughout the year. Any further questions please contact the clerk's office.

The Recycling Committee