

## RECYCLING NEWS UPDATE

### PROGRAM UPDATE

The annual Spring Clean event went fairly well this past year. We appreciate everyone's patience working with us on the event. There was a total of 12.34 tons of waste disposed of at the event. The total cost of holding this event was \$1,493.92 which was less than last year even though we disposed of 1 additional ton of waste. The village did again receive a recycling grant for 2022. Total amount of the grant was \$8,386.26 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 really 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 larger amounts of brush from trimming trees. 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". There was a change in the policy recently with chipping brush. When we come on site to chip from a tree trimming, the first ½ hour is free. Any time spent beyond that point will be charged at a rate of \$150/hr. For a full tree removal, the rate is \$150/hr. from start to finish.

The Recycling Committee