## **RECYCLING NEWS UPDATE**

## PROGRAM UPDATE

While everyone has been looking forward to start of the new decade, there hasn't been one person that would have ever dreamed that it would have started the way that is has. COVID-19 sure has had an effect on each and every one of our residents. It sure has been a very challenging time for each individual as we have dealt with the many changes that have come about due to this pandemic. We all have to be strong, be diligent and follow the recommended procedures to stay healthy. If we all do our part, we will all get through this and be stronger than ever. #HILBERTSTRONG!

There also has been an effect on various collection events coming up both in the village and county-wide. I ask that you refer to the website for the county at www.calumetrecycles.com for updates on the county's events for 2020.

For the village's Annual Spring Clean for 2020, we have made the decision to postpone our annual event this year that was scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup>. At this time, we have not decided whether or not we will hold the event later this year or wait until next year. Although we had desired to hold the annual event, the circumstances surrounding COVID-19 has made it impossible to plan for this event at this time. Please watch future newsletters if there are any updates regarding this event.

## **YARD WASTE**

Please remember that we still have our compost site available for residents to drop off their brush and yard waste. This program is for residents of the village only and is not open to anyone outside of the village even if they have a Hilbert mailing address. Please keep an eye open and if you see someone that is not a village resident bringing in yard waste or brush, please grab a license plate number along with the date and we will contact them to educate them about this facility only being available for village residents. As has been the case in the past, please use care in dumping your yard waste and brush at the site. Please ensure that you are dumping the material on the correct pile. There is a multiple year process that the material goes through in order to become usable compost material. If there is material dumped on the incorrect pile, it can cause issues with this composting process. We also ask that you use care in ensuring that only the allowable material is brought to the site. This area is not a dumping site for other materials such as concrete, brick, garbage, etc. If you have concrete material that needs to be disposed of, it can be done at the wastewater treatment plant by appointment. We recycle the concrete there and use the recycled material as base in our projects. Please contact the clerk's office to make arrangements. Also, please remember to keep all grass clippings out of the roads as the weather starts to get warmer and we begin to think about cutting our lawns again. It is against current ordinance and if we have to clean it up out of the gutters, you will be billed accordingly. Lastly, we will chip brush up to 4" in diameter. If you have brush that needs to be chipped, you can either haul it to the compost site and place the brush on the brush pile. If it is a small amount of brush, we ask that you haul it to the compost site. We can also chip on site for larger quantities. You must contact the clerk's office at 853-3241 to request the chipping at your property. We usually chip once a week on Wednesdays. If you do not call to have the brush picked up and chipped, it will not be done.

The Recycling Committee