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Lake Bluff Letter December 19, 2014

Holiday Reminders

Christmas Holiday - household waste collections scheduled for Monday, December 22nd and Tuesday, December 23rd will remain unchanged. The second collection day for those households receiving a la carte collection services will occur on Friday, December 26th. Non-emergency Village Offices will be closed on Thursday, December 25, 2014 and will reopen on December 26, 2014.

New Year's Holiday - household waste collections scheduled for Monday, December 29th and Tuesday, December 30th will remain unchanged. The second collection day for those households receiving a la carte collection services will occur on Friday, January 2nd. Non-emergency Village Offices will be closed on Thursday, January 1, 2015 and will reopen on January 2, 2015.

SWALCO to Temporarily Close All Residential Electronics Collections

Since 2009 the Village of Lake Bluff has partnered with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County ("SWALCO") to assist residents in recycling old computer and electronics equipment. This partnership has allowed residents access to facilities that accommodate the need to recycle electronics equipment and abide by the parameters of the Illinois Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act ("Act"). Due to unforeseen difficulties in operating a program for public collection of electronics under the Act, SWALCO announces that, **effective December 18, 2014, SWALCO supported residential electronics recycling collection sites within Lake County (including Lake Bluff) will begin to shut down and stop accepting electronics until further notice.** Fortunately, Midwest Computer Recycling, located at 101 Skokie Valley Rd., Lake Bluff (near the intersection of IL Rt. 176 and U.S. Rt. 41) has agreed to recycle household electronics for Lake Bluff residents free of charge for now. Midwest Computer Recycling is open Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to drop off electronics equipment and is also available by calling 847-582-1730.

SWALCO has been coordinating the collection and recycling of residential electronics within Lake County since 1999. Over the years this program has evolved to be one of the largest local government coordinated electronics recycling collection programs of its kind in the State of Illinois. This program would never have been able to operate without the generous support and assistance provided by more than thirty local units of government that have served as host collection sites throughout the County. The other reason for the program's success has been the contractual relationship that SWALCO has with recyclers that are responsible for demanufacturing the electronics that

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Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting Cancelled

Monday, December 22, 2014 - 6:00 pm

Village Board Meeting Cancelled

Monday, December 22, 2014 - 7:00 pm

Village Hall Closed

Thursday, December 25, 2014 - 8:00 am

Village Hall Closed

Thursday, January 1, 2015 - 8:00 am

are then put back into the economic mainstream as raw materials for manufacturing new goods.

Until recently, SWALCO has been fortunate to have secured contracts with electronics recyclers who were able to provide their services at no cost. In part, this was due to a State law enacted in 2008 referred to as the Illinois Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act. This law requires manufactures that sell products in the State to fund the cost of collecting and recycling certain electronic devices from residential generators. Unfortunately, the funding provided by manufacturers is not sufficient and recyclers of electronics are now requiring collectors such as SWALCO to augment the funding from manufacturers. This problem is impacting government collectors throughout the State and not just Lake County alone.

SWALCO has been working hard to find a recycler to continue to operate the program, but proposals received so far require SWALCO to spend over \$200,000 per year to keep the program operating. It has seen a program change from one that generated revenue for SWALCO and its collection partners to a program with a cost that exceeds the Agency's funding ability. SWALCO's Executive Committee will meet on December 18, 2014 and will review the proposals and provide direction on whether SWALCO will attempt to keep a program operating and if so, how to fund such a program. In the interim, SWALCO will post alternate electronics recycling options on its web site at swalco.org. SWALCO is working with other affected counties and municipalities in Illinois to introduce legislation to provide a solution to this problem in 2015 and beyond. A bill was introduced this past November and will likely be re-introduced in early 2015 in an attempt to address the problems with the law.

The Village of Lake Bluff and SWALCO encourage residents to be respectful and not deliver electronics to the Public Works Recycling Facility or other locations that were formerly collecting. Not only will illegal dumping of electronics create an expense to the local units of government but violators run the risk of being prosecuted.

For additional information regarding the future of SWALCO's electronics collection program, please contact Merleanne Rampale, SWALCO Public Information and Education Director, at 847-336-9340 (x. 4).

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