



Commissioner Glaza asked if the Village would make any money from these events. Staff Liaison Letson said the Village will as Creative Recycling will pay the Village a portion of the money they make from the collection.

Staff Liaison Letson informed the Commission that the Village will be collecting holiday light strands that residents wish to discard at the Civic Center. This collection will start November 28 and will run through the end of January.

Commissioner Kreuzer asked if the event would accept CFL bulbs. Staff Liaison Letson does not believe so, but would look in to it.

Chairman Neary said she read Lisle was accepting unused and expired prescription drugs. Staff Liaison Letson said the Glen Ellyn Police would be hosting an event on October 29 from 10am–2pm in the back parking lot of the Civic Center to collect unused prescription medication. Commissioner Rahn informed the group that the Wheaton Police Department accepts these all year.

#### **B. New Refuse and Recycling Contract Preliminary Discussion –**

Staff Liaison Letson informed the group that the Allied Waste contract will expire in August, 2012. He went on to inform the group that the Village would be looking at the current contract and deciding what parts of it they would like to change. For instance, talk has been had regarding incorporating commercial recycling and refuse. He went on to encourage members to express any ideas they might have. Commissioner Glaza thought the County or SCARCE might have some good ideas. Chairman Neary asked about the ‘Clean Sweep’ program and how that would be affected. Staff Liaison Letson said that staff has been asked by the Board to review the program to see if there were ways to save some money. He stated that it would be discussed in with the new contract.

Commissioner Kreuzer mentioned it might be a good idea to get in touch with Shefali at the County regarding all of this. Staff Liaison Letson informed the Commission that he is currently researching neighboring community contracts to gauge what they were doing and agreed Shefali would be a good resource. He also went on to say that the Village will host a pre-bid meeting with contractors to discuss expectations that the Village has regarding the contract and answer any questions prior to the formal bid submission.

#### **C. Commercial Recycling Program Update -**

Commissioner Kreuzer stated that he would be contacting Shefali about moving this program forward.

#### **D. Commission Goals –**

Members agreed to review this topic at the November meeting so they have a chance to research in detail topics they feel should be addressed.

#### **E. Panfish Park Clean Up**

Commissioner Rahn expressed to members the need for a clean up effort at Panfish Park and thought one could be organized for the spring. Members wondered if a clean up could be coupled with a tree education program. Members thought it was a good idea and the discussion ended with agreement to revisit the topic at the beginning of next year.

**F. Kids Recycling Event/Seminar -**

None

**G. Fall Seminar –**

Chairman Neary updated the Commission on the most recent seminar Peggy Drescher held regarding the Emerald Ash Borer and the tagging of the Ash trees. She went on to say that Peggy will give an Emerald Ash Borer presentation to the Village Board on Monday. She also said that although the seminar did not have a tremendous turn out, the program has been very successful in bringing awareness to residents. She told members that Peggy has had many calls from residents regarding concern for the trees. Residents have asked her how they could help and if adopting a tree for treatment is an option. Chairman Neary attributed this to all the hard work Peggy has done to tag all of the Ash trees in the parkway. Members discussed how to spot an Ash tree and how to determine if it was infested with the Emerald Ash Borer. Commissioner Kreuzer wondered if information could be put on the Village water bills to further educate residents. All members thought this was a good idea and Staff Liaison Letson said he would look into it.

**5. Chairman’s Report –**

Chairman Neary wanted to officially thank Commissioner Kreuzer for presenting the Memorial Field light resolution to the Village Board. As of right now there is no official outcome on the topic and it is still under discussion.

Chairman Neary asked Staff Liaison Letson if there had been any word on the clear cutting issue that was discussed at the last meeting. He informed the group that staff is still in the review process and will keep the Commission updated on any progress.

**6. Trustee Report –**

Trustee McGinley updated the Commission on the status of the new Finance Director and the fact that they are in the final stages of hiring a new Public Works Director.

**7. Staff Liaison Report –**

Staff Liaison Letson informed the Commission that the Village Manager had signed a “no idle” order for Village-owned vehicles. Commissioner Kreuzer asked if this applied to Police vehicles. Staff Liaison Letson said it does, but not under their official duties. The topic of Cool Cities and the Village going through a carbon audit was discussed. Commissioner Kreuzer wondered about asking Jeff Gerish to come and discuss the topic so it could be revisited by the Commission. Members think this is a good idea.

**8. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –**

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on November 15, 2011.

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