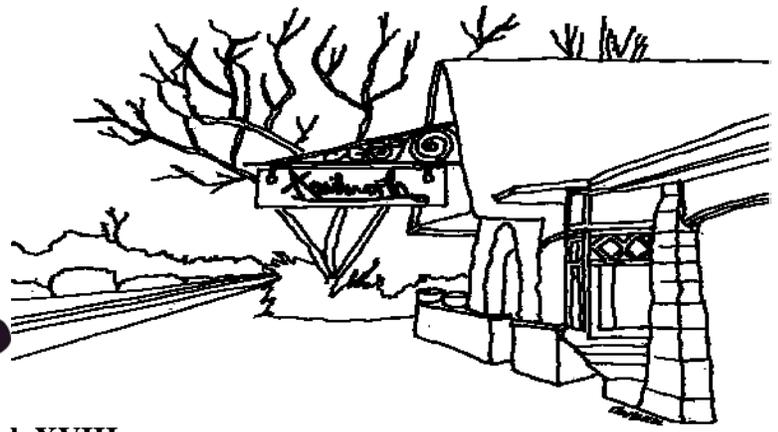


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**Update Regarding the Kenilworth Refuse
and Recycling Program**

December 2012

Dear Fellow Kenilworth Residents,

Much of what is reported on in this special communication on changes in our refuse and recycling services has been covered throughout 2012 in our Village Board and Public Works Committee meetings and the respective meeting minutes published. Additionally, the Village has communicated refuse and recycling changes in the Kenilworth Contact e-mailed newsletter for the past several issues. Nevertheless, it is useful now to review the overall process that has been carried out and the rationale for the ultimate result which will be implemented beginning January 1, 2013.

Early in 2012 we entered into discussions with John Perrin, owner of Perrin Trucking Company for the renewal of the refuse and recycling services contract his company has held for several decades. In the negotiations, Mr. Perrin proposed a 30% increase in his contract fee and notified the Village that he wanted to cease providing recycling service and only provide the refuse service at the higher cost. With the state of the economy such as it is, the Village Trustees did not feel that it was appropriate to accept a 30% increase in rates and just for the refuse. After further analysis of the situation, including reviewing other communities' service levels and costs, the decision was made to seek opportunities to reduce costs by adjusting our service levels.

The Village and Mr. Perrin worked cooperatively throughout the year to explore a multitude of options intended to reduce the cost of refuse and recycling services. Additionally, the Village worked with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) to identify best practices in the region for refuse and recycling services. The process was very informative and we discovered that Kenilworth residents on average divert only 4% of their waste into the recycling stream. That means for every 100 pounds of trash, only 4 pounds is directed to recycling with 96 pounds transported to the landfill. This is in stark contrast to our neighbors in Winnetka who divert 30.7% of their waste to recycling and Glencoe residents who divert 36.2% according to 2011 data provided by SWANCC. What these communities have in common is a recycling program that is based



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upon deploying recycling carts, rather than the kraft bag methodology we use, a refuse collection program based upon a one-time per week collection, and lower collection fees.

Armed with the knowledge of best practices in other communities, the Village began to focus upon opportunities to enhance our recycling program and negotiate lower fees with a once-per-week refuse collection program. While the Village explored alternatives and sought written pricing proposals for recycling services, Mr. Perrin graciously agreed to continue providing recycling services until December 31, 2012. Of the recycling proposals received, Republic Services was selected. They offered residents back-door recycling service with a 95-gallon container on an every-other-week basis. The larger container size is expected to increase the amount of material recycled thereby lowering the amount of refuse, and facilitate the feasibility of a once every-other week recycling collection. With more recycling and less refuse, the opportunity opened up to reduce the proposed 30% price increase from Perrin Trucking by switching to a once-per-week refuse collection program.

Efforts to keep the total refuse and recycling expenses as low as possible were a primary driver to the program changes. By setting the standard collection frequency at once-per-week and transitioning the landscaping program to a subscription-based program, Mr. Perrin agreed to reduce his annual fee to \$237,360 which was a \$37 per month reduction rather than the 30% increase initially proposed. This also included moving the landscaping removal costs from being charged to all residents in the Village to only those who need the service. The cost of the refuse and recycling program for 2012 and 2013 is shown below:

Expense Area	FY 2012	FY 3013	Note
Refuse Collection	\$243,569	\$237,360	Base fee paid to Perrin Trucking for 1x/week refuse collection (no recycling). 12-mo. agmt.
Fuel/Trip Charge	\$5,760	\$4,400 (200x \$22)	Perrin Trucking is paid an additional per trip charge. The amount increased \$2/load in 2013
Tipping Charge	\$132,811	\$132,800	Fee paid to SWANCC by Village, based upon three year average tonnage.
Recycling	\$12,000	\$122,604	New 3-yr. agreement with Republic Services
Leaf Pickup	\$8,000	\$0	Moved to subscription program where resident contracts with Perrin Trucking
Hauler Insurance	\$3,380	\$3,500	The Village is required to pay 50% of Perrin Trucking's insurance
Administration	\$111,502	\$103,597	Costs associated with billing and customer service and program administration
Recycling Bags	\$24,613	\$0	95-gallon containers provided by Republic
Total	\$535,875	\$604,261	
<i>Village cost/month</i>	<i>\$53.54</i>	<i>\$60.38</i>	Calculated per-household cost for 834 homes
<i>Resident Charge</i>	<i>\$54</i>	<i>\$59</i>	Monthly charge per household for 2013

Through negotiation and service level adjustments, the potential 30% cost increase was reduced to an overall resident price adjustment of 9.3% for once-per-week service.

The service level changes that will begin on January 1st are:

Refuse Program – Provided by Perrin Trucking – 800-622-2381

- Primary Service Level is once-per-week collection
- Option for a 2nd weekly collection available for an additional \$16/month. Can be scheduled by calling Village Hall at any point during the year
- No change in backdoor collection location
- For weekly service – collections on holidays will occur the next day

Recycling Program- Provided by Republic Services – 847-981-0091

- New 95 gallon recycling containers will be delivered the first week of January
- Smaller containers available if requested
- Backdoor collection location unchanged, but must not be in a locked location
- Collection every-other Monday except holidays – then Tuesday
- Kraft bags no longer needed

Landscaping Program – Perrin Trucking – 800-622-2381

- Subscription-based and no longer part of the refuse program. To schedule service contact Perrin Trucking at 800-622-2381

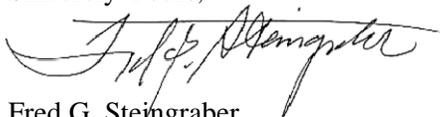
The monthly cost for the refuse and recycling program will be \$59/month effective January 1, 2013 and for your convenience will still be billed by the Village. To determine if Kenilworth's costs were similar to that of our neighbors, SWANCC obtained 2011 pricing from communities who offered once per week, back door service. It was determined that Wilmette was paying \$14.25/month and Glenview residents were paying \$21.25/month. However, to ensure that the Village has the flexibility to explore lower-cost options going forward, the Village limited the Perrin contract to a 12-month agreement. This will provide the Village time during 2013 to further assess the costs of refuse service and confirm the best possible pricing for the service level desired by residents. The recycling contract is for 3 years which is the minimum time vendors require to cover the investment cost associated with recycling service.

The Village Trustees and I recognize that none of us like to pay more for our services. However, we were faced with the option to either make no service and/or operator changes and pay an additional 30% for refuse collection and an additional \$110,000 for recycling, or identify ways to bring the proposed increases down to a manageable level with an acceptable level of service. I believe that we have accomplished that objective, but we will continue to explore ways to reduce costs and maintain service levels. I hope that you will be patient with us during the 2013 transition process and help do your part by embracing the new recycling program to the best of your ability.

Keep in mind that a majority of Kenilworth residents have in surveys supported the goal of improving the quality of our recycling service. Achievement of greater recycling will also help to lower our tipping charges over the course of the next several years.

If you have questions about this communication or about your experience with the implementation of this new approach, please feel free to contact our Village Manager, Patrick Brennan.

Sincerely Yours,



Fred G. Steingraber

President, Village of Kenilworth

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Important Dates

Primary Refuse Collection Days

Mondays - Homes west of Green Bay Road

Tuesdays - Homes east of Green Bay Road and south of Kenilworth Ave.

Wednesdays - Homes east of Green Bay Road and north of Kenilworth Ave.

Recycling Collection Days

Recycling Cart deliveries to begin the week of January 2nd

Homes west of Green Bay Road - Every-other Monday starting January 7th

Homes east of Green Bay Road - Every-other Monday starting January 14th