

**La Grange, Illinois**

## **The Village Spokesman**

**February 2009**

### **Recycling Program Change**

Allied Waste recently requested that polystyrene products be discontinued as a recyclable item for collection through the Village's curbside recycling program. Polystyrene products (PS#6) are commonly referred to as food grade (styrofoam cups and plates) and packaging grade ("peanut" packaging). Plastic grocery bags have also been removed from the list of recyclable items.

We have confirmed through our regional solid waste agency that the many reasons cited for eliminating these items from curbside programs are valid including: limited to non-existent markets; collection contamination when commingled in recycling bins; material incompatibility (flame retardant vs. non-flame retardant); and extreme negative value associated with the recycling of these materials.

Some alternative ways of recycling these materials are available to residents. Major grocery stores offer their own plastic bag recycling programs. Mailing/packaging chains (Fed Ex, UPS Stores, etc.) will accept clean styrofoam packaging materials "peanuts" for reuse.

Allied Waste will continue to pick these items up if they are placed in the recycling bin by residents, however, they will not be required to recycle them. Instead, they will be allowed to dispose of the items in a landfill or other facility as provided by law.

For additional information, please contact the Village Manager's office at (708) 579-2315.

### **"Spring Clean-Up" Day**

To be held the week of April 6, 2009, on your regular collection day only. The same rules apply as last year. Residents are required to affix three stickers in total to the unlimited household refuse set out for collection.

Examples of ACCEPTABLE items: appliances, bulk items (bicycles, fans, etc.), carpet (must be cut down to 4 feet in length, securely bundled, and no more than 30 lbs in weight).

Examples of UNACCEPTABLE items: construction and demolition debris, scrap wood and lumber, paint, concrete, asphalt, rocks, bricks, car parts, tires, batteries, any type of fluid, ammunition, hazardous or medical waste, radioactive materials, yard waste, fencing, and railroad ties.

Additional information will be provided in the March 2009 newsletter.

**Voter Registration and Absentee/Early Voting**

The last day to accept voter registration or transfers of registration for the April 7, 2009 Consolidated Election is Tuesday, March 10, 2009. Residents may register to vote in person from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays in the Administration office on the first floor of the Village Hall, 53 S. La Grange Road. Two pieces of identification are required, including one with your current address (photo ID's are not required).

Applications for an Absentee Voter's Ballot are also available at the Village Hall or online at [www.voterinfont.com](http://www.voterinfont.com).

Early voting will take place Monday, March 16 through Thursday, April 2 at selected sites. The site in closest proximity to La Grange is Lyons Township Hall, 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL 60525, 708-482-8300. A government issued photo ID is required to early vote.

Additional information is available on the County's website at [www.voterinfont.com](http://www.voterinfont.com) or by calling (312) 603-0906.