

RUSHVILLE'S IMPROVED TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE YIELDS POSITIVE RESULTS

Rushville, Ind. – April 15, 2016 – Since City officials implemented an improved trash and recycling collection service and residents began using 96-gallon totes in 2014, 40 more tons of recyclables were collected in 2015 than 2014 with just 13.78 tons more trash collected between last year and 2014.

The increase in recyclables collected from 2014 of 133.31 to 2015 of 173.8 tons is equal to eight truckloads. The difference in the amount of trash collected between 2014 of 1,689.96 tons and 2015 of 1,703.74 tons is just 2 ¾ truckloads.

According to Mayor Mike Pavey, these statistics show Rushville residents are recycling more with less than a 14-ton increase in trash collected between 2014 and last year.

“We identified significant improvements were needed in the appearance of our community, specifically regarding trash and recycling collection. The improvements not only included enhanced efficiencies, but a new culture of civic pride, a spirit of community renewal and revitalization and environmental awareness.

“I’m pleased to see our statistics between 2014 and 2015 demonstrate residents are buying into the important need to recycle to reduce trash going into our landfills.

“An important element when implementing new programs is that we measure outcomes. The outcomes are a significant step in evaluating success or the need to regroup. I’m pleased the outcomes of our enhanced trash and recycling collection efforts demonstrate we are on the right path to improving our community and environment,” Pavey said.

The City’s partner in the trash toter initiative, Caldwell Gravel Service (CGS) sponsored ads on the toters which over ten years will pay for the approximate \$175,000 cost of the 2,500 toters ordered. Monies unappropriated from the City’s General Fund paid for them.

Hydraulic arms outfitted on the City’s existing trash trucks freed up personnel who used to have to empty trash cans into the trucks, allowing those personnel to handle other priorities.

For more information on Rushville’s trash and recycling collection, visit the Street Department’s section of the City’ Web site: www.cityofrushville.in.gov

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