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Pittsfield Township Enhances Recycling & Rubbish Services

Pittsfield Charter Township (October 7, 2014) – At the September 24, 2014 Pittsfield Township Board of Trustees Meeting, the Board unanimously approved a five (5) year contract extension with Republic Services, with new services to commence on October 13th.

After being the first to institute single stream recycling in 2009 through a contract with Republic Services, Pittsfield Township will – for the next five year period – further enhance service provision to its residents by providing for, among other things, weekly single stream recycling and compost pick up.



“After many years of hearing from residents that they would like to have weekly, rather than bi-weekly, single stream recycling services, we are happy to comply and meet the community’s needs,” explained Supervisor Mandy Grewal. “The contract extension reinforces the Township’s continuing commitment to offering the tools to promote environmental stewardship,” continued Grewal.

Pittsfield’s recycling and rubbish contract does not require residents, as most other communities do, to pay for bulk pick-up and containers. The renewed Republic Services contract provides unlimited service (no maximum load capacity) for regular and bulk pick-up and there is no charge to our residents for the carts. Pittsfield does not levy a millage to provide recycling and rubbish services; it uses the Township Utility Fund and a rubbish fee paid by those who use these services.

With the new contract, this monthly rubbish fee will be adjusted by 96 cents per month (current: \$17.02/month; new: \$17.98/month). Contract conditions provide for a 0% escalator for the first two years and 2.5% for the last three. Pittsfield does not levy a millage to pay for these services.

“In 2009 Pittsfield Township became the first jurisdiction in Washtenaw County to offer single-stream recycling, allowing residents to place all recyclable materials in one bin and accept all types of plastic and now we are excited to be able to expand this service from bi-weekly to weekly,” noted Grewal.

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