The Greener Side of Fall …

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Newsletters and Other Public Outreach Tools…

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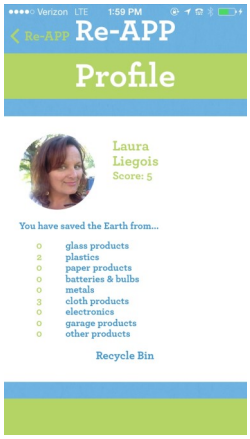
This newsletter is produced four times a year; however, coming up with ideas of what to publish can be a challenge. I say this because I do not want to repeat the same topics over and over but it is important to utilize this avenue to remind our residents and customers of services we provide.

I believe it is important to expand beyond the norm of services and hours in this newsletter and other media we use to reach our customers and residents. Having an opportunity to reach out with new ideas of reducing, reusing, and recycling of materials, allows all of us to be better stewards of the environment.

This brings up technology in the palm of your hand. Smart phones have become the norm of cell phones. My smart phone is my office on the go and allows me to answer e-mails wherever I might be.

The Re-APP is an app that gives people the ability to track recycling efforts. It is also a way to have a friendly competition with your friends and family. I look forward to seeing many of the faces of Muscatine on this app soon. Let's see who can recycle the most in Muscatine!



As you will see, the Re-APP has the ability to post your name, photograph (FACEBOOK profile photograph), and what you have recycled. I just downloaded Re-APP, and I promise that I will be recycling a lot more items!

The Re-APP, created by Blake Rupe who lives in Iowa City, is a mobile application that socializes and incentivizes a user's personal green initiatives. Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Rethink. Reform.

Ms. Rupe spent the summer of 2013 in Veracruz, Mexico, conducting research on the study of human drivers behind the amount of garbage along the coasts of Veracruz. Even though Veracruz is an incredibly diverse city with appropriate waste management infrastructures, she was shocked by the amount of litter she saw on the beaches.

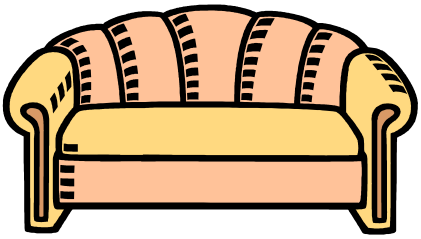
After much collecting, weighing, and time spent thinking about what she discovered in Veracruz, Ms. Rupe began researching ways to make people aware of their actions. She created Re-APP to get people to be more aware of how they are handling their waste and recycling.

In discussing the Re-APP with her, I asked her if the app made her and others more aware of recycling and reuse efforts. She responded by saying, " I have a user who e-mailed me to tell me that he and his wife have used the Re-APP for two months regularly and have recycled three times as much as before they used the app." The Re-APP shares a recycling or reuse fact every time an item is recycled or reused. This encourages more information to be given to the user for making better environmental choices.

The Re-APP has some people challenging others in the mission of recycling and reuse. The app allows you to see who is in the network and to see if your friends are connected. Some people are not competitive but do want to know their own impact on the environment. The Re-APP allows them to track their own recycling efforts.

For more information on the Re-APP visit Re-App.us or facebook.com/ReAppLLC. The app is available at the App Store on iTunes at no cost. Ms. Rupe encourages feedback from users as she is working on the next generation of the app. She can be contacted by visiting her website or her Facebook page.

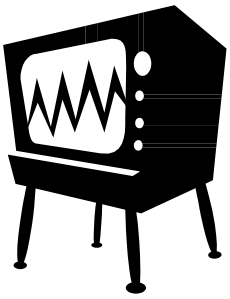
Curbside Pickup of Large Items for the City of Muscatine and Fruitland Residents:



Residents can call the Muscatine Transfer Station at 563.263.9689 at least one day before their regular garbage pickup day to get on the large item pickup list. All residents are allowed up to three (3) pickups a year at no additional cost.

Items accepted at no additional cost can be furniture and small amounts of building materials such as boards, doors, toys, etc. This type of pickup is usually limited to eight large items per household per pickup.

If you have a TV, computers, printers, appliances, and tires, there are fees associated with them. These items must be prepaid before they are collected. Items vary from $5.00, $10.00, and $15.00 per item and can be paid for at the Transfer Station, City Hall, or Public Works Department.



For more information about this service, visit www.muscatineiowa.gov or contact 563.263.9689.

Homecoming 2014 - Recycle the Dress

A Touchdown for Local Young Ladies!

Forty (40) high school girls in Muscatine County are going to have homecoming dresses because of the Homecoming 2014 - Recycle the Dress Event that was held on Saturday, September 6, 2014.

Watch for details for Recycle the Dress - Prom 2015 coming out later this fall and winter!

The Muscatine Compost Site is ready for everyone's fall yard debris. The site will be open until Sunday, December 14, 2014. Hours of operation are as follows:

- Sunday - Monday: Noon - 6:00 pm
- Saturday: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

In the event of inclement weather, please call ahead to ensure the Compost Site is open. Questions can be directed to the Muscatine Transfer Station at 563.263.9689.

City of Muscatine Leaf Collection 2014

Residents in the City of Muscatine can rake leaves out to the curb from October 13, 2014 through November 20, 2014 for collection by the City of Muscatine's Roadway Maintenance staff. Only LEAVES should be placed at the curb for collection. The leaf collection equipment is not designed to collect sticks and other yard waste.

Please place leaves at the curb and not in the street to avoid clogging the storm sewer drains. There will be no collection of leaves in alleys. All leaves must be in the front of the house or a side that faces the street.

Please see the map attached to this newsletter for the leaf pickup schedule. For more information on leaf collection, contact Public Works at 563.263.8933.

Education Opportunities

Please join us at the following events:

Friday, October 24, 2014:

Halloween at the Community Y—*Muscatine Recycling Center and Transfer Station is a sponsor of this event!*

Saturday, January 17, 2015:
Drop off Dresses for the Recycle the Dress Event - 9:00 A.M.—Noon
Muscatine Recycling Center and Transfer Station

Saturday, January 31, 2015:
Recycle the Dress Event - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Muscatine Recycling Center and Transfer Station

Are you deep frying a turkey for your holiday celebration? If you are and are not sure what to do with the oil afterwards, bring it to the Muscatine Recycling Center and Transfer Station for disposal. There is no cost for this service.

This is a joint recycling effort between the Muscatine Recycling Center and Transfer Station and the Water Pollution Control Plant. The oil will be used in WPCP's digesters to create biogas needed to operate the WPCP facility.

Holiday Hours and Services

Veteran's Day

The Muscatine Recycling Center and Transfer Station and Compost Site will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2014, in observance of Veteran's Day.

The City of Muscatine's Refuse Collection will not pick up on November 11, 2014. All Tuesday and Wednesday routes will be collected on November 12, 2014. **Recycling routes will remain the same as scheduled.**

Thanksgiving Holiday

The Muscatine Recycling Center and Transfer Station and Compost Site will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27-28, 2014.

The Transfer Station will be open Saturday, November 29, from 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

The Compost Site will be open on Saturday, November 29, from 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. and Sunday, November 30, from 12:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

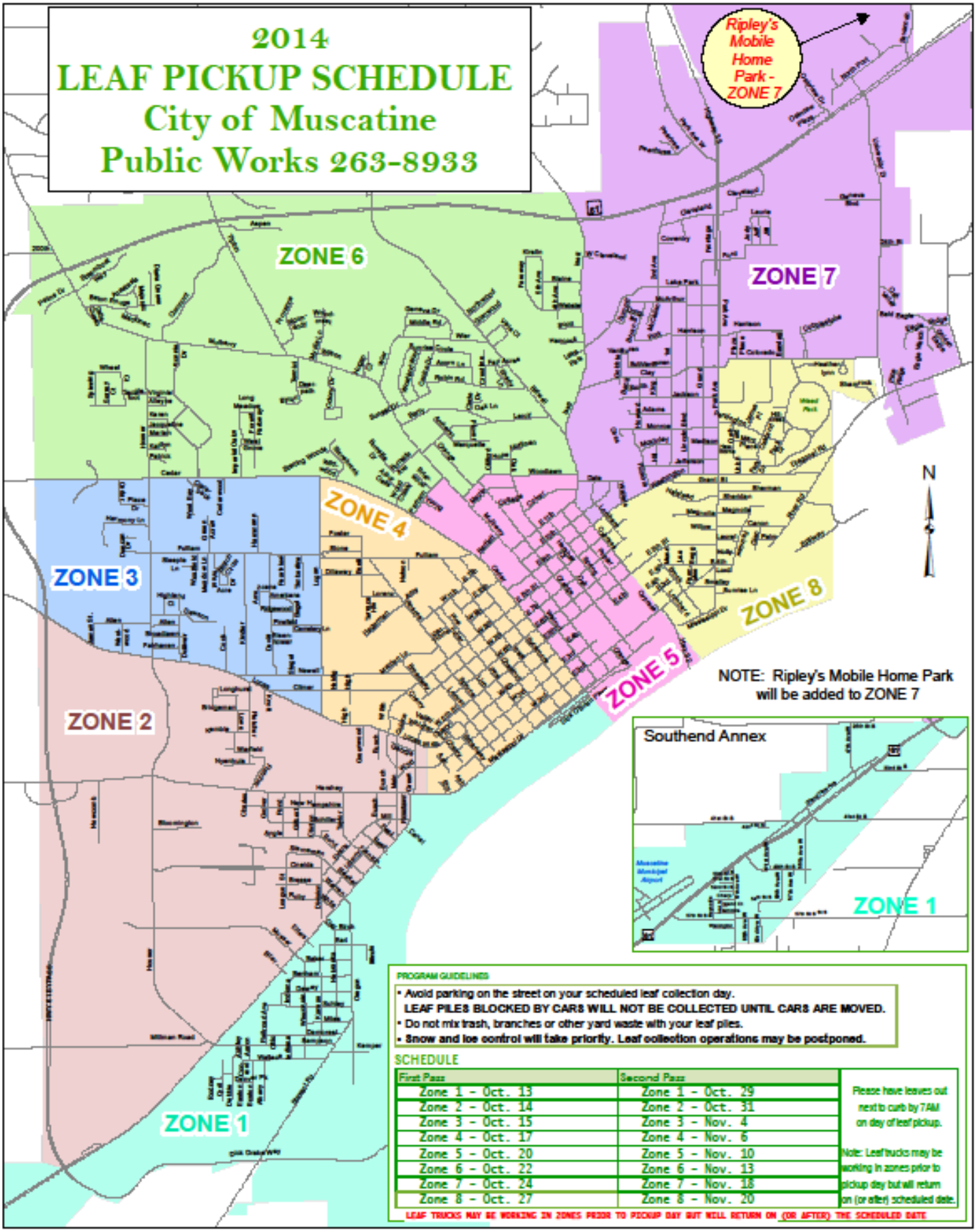
The City of Muscatine Refuse Collection for the Thanksgiving holiday will be as follows:

- Monday, November 24: Monday route
- Tuesday, November 25: Tuesday route
- Wednesday, November 26: Wednesday and Thursday routes will be collected.
- Thursday, November 27: No Collection
- Friday, November 28: No Collection
- Monday, December 1: Friday and Monday routes will be collected.

Curbside Recycling for the City of Muscatine and Fruitland Route A will be picked up as follows:

- Monday, November 24: Monday route
- Tuesday, November 25: Tuesday route
- Wednesday, November 26: Wednesday route
- Thursday, November 27: No Collection
- Friday, November 28: Thursday route
- Saturday, November 29: Friday route

2014
LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULE
City of Muscatine
Public Works 263-8933



PROGRAM GUIDELINES

- Avoid parking on the street on your scheduled leaf collection day.
  LEAF PILES BLOCKED BY CARS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED UNTIL CARS ARE MOVED.
- Do not mix trash, branches or other yard waste with your leaf piles.
- **Snow and ice control will take priority. Leaf collection operations may be postponed.**

SCHEDULE

First Pass	Second Pass
Zone 1 - Oct. 13	Zone 1 - Oct. 29
Zone 2 - Oct. 14	Zone 2 - Oct. 31
Zone 3 - Oct. 15	Zone 3 - Nov. 4
Zone 4 - Oct. 17	Zone 4 - Nov. 6
Zone 5 - Oct. 20	Zone 5 - Nov. 10
Zone 6 - Oct. 22	Zone 6 - Nov. 13
Zone 7 - Oct. 24	Zone 7 - Nov. 18
Zone 8 - Oct. 27	Zone 8 - Nov. 20

Please have leaves out next to curb by 7AM on day of leaf pickup.

Note: Leaf trucks may be working in zones prior to pickup day but will return on (or after) scheduled date.

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