

MERRILLVILLE CAP-A-THON PROGRAM CONTINUES

Councilwoman Chrissy Barron is reminding all residents, community organizations and the public about the CAPS program taking place in Merrillville in order for the town to receive up to four (4) free recycled benches from the Cap-A-Thon program through the Lake County Solid Waste Management District. Residents and groups are asked to save their plastic caps and lids so the town can be awarded the benches for placement throughout the town.

Four hundred pounds of plastic caps are needed for each six-foot bench. Plastic caps and lids that are permitted include, but are not limited to, caps from drink items, food items, household items and personal items. Items that are NOT permitted include any metal caps, trigger or pump spray caps and fast-food cup lids.

Mrs. Barron said several schools and groups have already been collecting caps for this year's program, including Merrillville school students, SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and St. Michael Byzantine Church parishioners, the Merrillville Kiwanis Club, Body Max Fitness Center, several local businesses and also many residents. "Each bag that is brought in helps us to attain our goal of receiving the four benches, and I thank everyone who is participating in the program", she said. So far, 404 pounds of plastic caps have been collected, and Merrillville is guaranteed one bench already.

All caps should be rinsed and free from food or other sources and placed in bags. They can be dropped off during regular business hours at the Merrillville Stormwater Resource Center, 7404 Broadway, between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. An outside drop-off bin is located at the west end of the Stormwater property for people to drop off caps at any time and on weekends. The program runs through Earth Day, May 1, 2015.

For further information about the program, call the Stormwater office at (219) 472-8668 or call Councilwoman Barron at (219) 808-7148 after 5:00 pm.