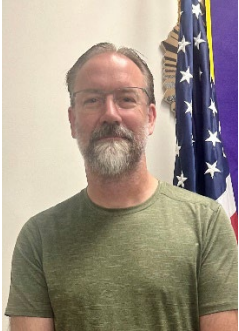




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Kurt Van Wyk spoke about Recycling



Kurt Van Wyk is the Recycling Technician for the Council Bluffs Recycling Center and third in line behind the Superintendent and Supervisor and has been there 23 years. There are 14 full time personnel at the center, with seasonal temps hired during peak seasons.

The Recycling Center, located at 4441 Gifford Rd. in CB, opened in 1997 and there isn't much that they can't handle. They will accept drywall, shingles, carpet, and furniture plus construction debris. You scale in, unload the waste, scale out, and pay per ton. This price is cheaper than most places in Iowa. The prices are found at the website: www.councilbluffs-ia.gov/2221. They do get a lot of stuff from Omaha.

No chemicals, paint, or other prohibitive items are allowed. If these items are found, they pull out and segregate to other areas for processing. Whatever is left is transferred to the Landfill for final disposal.

Tires are loaded in a semi-trailer and they pay \$2200 per load of tires they send out. You pay \$4 per passenger tire. Larger tires cost more. Large quantities are charged per ton. Tires are ground up, heated, and pressed, and used later for playground equipment, mulch, Astro Turf, etc.

All tree and yard waste is mixed in one pile, ground up to produce landscaping mulch (all natural). They sell to the general public.

Inside the main building are bay areas. Bay 3 is a drive through so a homeowner can deposit milk jugs, glass, bottles, etc. Pick up bins are located at Supersaver, Walmart, etc. and mixed with the dropped off items, sorted, and compressed, baled and tied.

New is the Single Stream Recycling which combines aluminum and tin cans, bottles, plastic, cardboard. It is baled and sent to Des Moines where they have higher technology to process into individual commodities.

Bay 4 is for electronics and appliances such as old TV's, computers, refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc. The CB Recycling Center will properly remove circuit boards and also drain Freon. A Minnesota Company picks up the goods. This Company is paid and gets funds from gold, silver, and copper that is recycled from these items.

Lithium ion batteries (cell phones and laptops) can cause fires if improperly disposed. NEVER put water on a lithium battery fire. You need to suffocate it with a heavy rug or mat, etc.

Chemical / Hazard Waste – They accept waste at no charge (lawn chemicals, motor oils, auto fluids, paint, stains, varnish, etc.)- anything that is explosive! Don't throw these items in your trash. Latex paint in your garage will freeze. Measure your walls before painting to reduce over purchasing paint to help eliminate waste. If you want to get rid of unused paint, you can take it to the Recycling Center. If you wish to get unused paint, you can free of charge. Also, you can check their space at the Center for free stains, polyester, caulking, and other paint related materials, in addition to automotive fluids, antifreeze, etc. FREE. Bring in your unused cans. This room saves them approximately \$15-20,000 a year.

The Center does not want mirrors because of the backing on them, nor do they want car windshields. Other glass is sorted and goes to Ripple Glass to make fiberglass insulation. The color of glass doesn't matter.

Used antifreeze is taken to a refinery in South Dakota where it is cleaned like new. Used engine oil of all types gets bulked into one tote and is the primary winter heat source for their facility

Plastics are all made up of different chemicals and the value is based on the type of plastic. They will break up the chemicals in plastic, recycle & make other things such as plastic lumber. It is never upgraded but is downgraded and will deteriorate in the near future.

Next week's Speaker:
Jean Allen, Mary Mayfield
Sewing for Babies

Famous Quote
"Time is a great teacher."
Carl Sandburg

Meeting Minutes

Jordan Campbell, called the meeting to order. Fourteen members were present. Kurt and Denita Van Wyk were guests.

The group recited the pledge and Bill Vorthmann offered the prayer.

Jokes: Jordan Campbell and Bill Vorthmann

50/50: Marsha Underwood won.

Attendance: Jeff Jorgensen, but he was not present to win.

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Bragging Rights: (Dollars are contributed to benefit local youth programs.)

- Dick Fox paid to state his peach trees are back to normal. Their Minnesota property sold.
- Jim Clausen paid to announce his daughter Dawn attended the Volleyball Game at the UNL football stadium that set the new world record for attendance at a Women's Sporting Event – 92,003 fans.

Community:

- Treynor Homecoming is Fri., Sept. 15. Zion will have burgers, hot dogs, brats.
- John Klein shared about a hydrant block party in their neighborhood.
- The school was shut down Friday due to lack of internet and communication.

Business:

- Flags are being put up today for Labor Day and will be taken down on Sept. 16 (which will include Homecoming)
- Can Kennel sorting was last Wednesday with 20 people sorting including some community members as well as family members of Optimist members. The expanded new kennel was full as well. Bill and Gary's trailers were loaded and the recycling center in Atlantic will accept them on Monday. The next Can Kennel sorting will be in one month and will benefit Zion Youth.

AUCTION:

Free for the taking – Dick Fox brought dragon peppers, cucumbers, tomatoes, beans and Jim Clausen brought cucumbers.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with the saying of the Creed.

HUMOR

How to Parallel Park:

Park Somewhere Else!

Calendar

Events

Sept 16 Flags will be taken down.

Birthdays

Sept 16 John Klein
Sept 22 Dee Guttau

Anniversaries

Sept 24 Phil & Jan Waggoner
Sept 26 Bill & Ann Vorthmann

Programs:

Sept Glenrose Meier (first 2)
 Steve Chambers (next 2)
 Judy Gutttau (5th Sat.)
Oct Gary Gutttau

Speakers

Sept 9 Jean Allen, Mary Mayfield, Sewing for Babies
Sept 16 Dr. Ward Chambers, Heart Health, etc.
Sept. 23 Tom Trede, School Bus Issues
Sept. 30 TBA