

Date: August 16, 2023
To: Town Chair and Supervisors
From: Richard Heath, Administrator
Re: Monthly Administrator's Report

A. Yard Waste Collection Update

It is a general feeling among staff that residents have adapted to the yard waste collection calendar and guidelines. Residents are also following the collection guidelines to help keep the Town attractive and welcoming. The Grounds Guys crews are doing an admirable job given the fact that the Town encompasses over 50 miles of road and nearly 2,600 homes. They have added larger trailers and more efficient routes to be able to finish, on most occasions, within one day. However, they occasionally miss a road or area on the designated day of collection nearly every month but do return the next day and pick-up the bags.

B. Garbage and Recycling Collection Report

After 18 months of serving Algoma, Harter's has consistently improved their garbage and recycling services. The number of resident concerns with Harter's has declined during this time. On occasion, a garbage or recycling tote will be damaged and needs to be replaced. Town staff log that information, and Harter's is willing to pay to replace the damaged lid or container. Drivers are better at not leaving behind materials or not fully emptying the containers. There have not been any reports of missed collection in several months. Overall, staff are pleased with the responsiveness of their staff and willingness to work on solutions.

C. Lakevista Estates Development

The building of new homes in the Lakevista Estates Development has been consistent since the first house was started in late 2020. A majority of lot grades that were determined to not be established per the approved drainage plan have been corrected, and the residents have received their \$1,000 deposit check. A few residents are working on their yards, so there are not drainage issues in the future. The excavation company hired by the developer will begin work on installing rip rap around both ponds shortly. Any back lot lines that back up to the pond and disturbed due to the excavation of the pond will be reestablished as per the drainage plan.

D. Future Development Projects

There are a number of development projects on the horizon, including a new medical facility, additional housing, and stormwater infrastructure. Town staff, Town engineer, and Town Attorney are working to ensure that the developers and/or contractors have the necessary information to keep their projects moving forward. Once these projects begin, it will be a busier for everyone. The Town welcomes the new infrastructure and expanded taxbase.