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To the citizens of Wapakoneta,

Last year the City voted to keep our refuse and recycling services in house as opposed to subbing them out to Wright Refuse. Since then we have purchased a new refuse truck with plans to purchase another within the next year. That will take care of our refuse problems for the most part.

Now we need to address our recycling issues. It is our intention in the near future to purchase what is called a dual stream recycling truck. What that means is that the recycling will be dumped into one of two bins in the truck. One will be used for newspaper and cardboard and the other will be used for tin, aluminum and number one and two plastics, this will require everyone to have two containers. (I use a Wapak recycling bin and a house size waste container for my paper.)

What we will no longer be picking up at the curb is glass. When glass is mixed with our other recyclables and breaks it contaminates the other materials, it is a hazard to the employees picking it up, and it can't be sorted at the Auglaize County Solid Waste District in St. Marys. Add that to the fact that glass has no value, and this is a change that needs to be made. Another benefit of the dual stream truck is that it will do away with curbside sorting of glass, which will speed up the process and hopefully cut down on the injuries to our workers. At this time, we have three employees either off work or on workmans compensation due to injuries from the recycling jobs.

We encourage everyone to keep their glass in a container at home and as needed bring it to our 24/7 recycling containers at our Street Dept. building on Harrison St. by the river.

More information will be coming out in the next couple of months, and if anyone has any questions as time goes on, please feel free to call me at the City Office at 419-738-3011.

Tom Stinebaugh Mayor City of Wapakoneta

Please be mindful of grass clippings and yard waste being blown into the streets and storm drains, per city ordinance 660.18. All grass clippings and yard waste can be taken to the city farm. The address and hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. April through November.





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2019 Celebration Upcoming Events.

For a complete listing of all events please visit firstonthemoon.org and our First on the Moon Facebook page, here are some highlights (events are held in Wapakoneta unless otherwise noted):

May 2-May 25 Lunar Inspirations Exhibit at Riverside Art Center.

May 4 9:00 pm - Stargazing at the Armstrong Airport

May 23 7:00 pm "The Moon and Mary", by Fr. Sean Wilson, Petersburg pastor, at St. Joseph Church.

May 28-July 13 A Universe of Stories: 2019 Summer Reading Program, at all library locations throughout the county and for all ages.

May 29, 9-11 am, and 1-4 pm WTGE Remote Radio Broadcast at the Wapakoneta Library

May 29, 6 pm "Living on Another Planet" with Museum staff, at the St. Marys Library

May 30 7:30 pm Presentation by Tom Crouch, of the Smithsonian Institution, exhibit designer for the Armstrong Museum. Location TBD.

May 31 Educator Enrichment Institute, at the Auglaize County ESC

June 3, 7-9 pm Stargazing at Waynesfield-Goshen Schools

June 6, 7-9 pm Throwback to 1969 at J. Marie's Restaurant

June 23, 2-5 pm Wapakoneta Porch Fest

Fridays in July 1-4 pm Tours of the Wapakoneta Museum

July 2, 9:30pm Stargazing at K.C. Geiger Park (Snow hill), St. Marys

July 3 & 4 St. Joseph Festival with special Apollo 11 fireworks, at the Auglaize County Fairgrounds

July 11, 7:30 pm Presentation by First Man author James Hansen – Wapakoneta Middle School



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