

# Treeways

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## **Thank You Neighbors!!! and Roadside Dumping**

I am so thankful that some of our residents take it upon themselves to pick up trash as they walk along our city streets. In our tiny community there is neither budget nor staff to look after this chore and we should all thank our neighbors who do this service for all of us. They help us keep our neighborhoods beautiful. A few pieces of trash tend to attract more because it sends the signal that we do not care about our home neighborhoods.

Recycling information was included in the recent Sunfish Lake Quarterly mailing. Wouldn't it be great if we could get our recycling percentages up as high as our voting percentages in the last election? Recycling is a little like voting, by recycling we are casting a vote in favor of trying to improve our environment, community and planet. Individually I can't do much but when we all do a little, we can accomplish a lot of good for all of us. Even when we don't always agree we are still better together. Consider getting involved with community activities such as the Welcome Committee, the Tree Board, The Friends of Musser Park, the Halloween Committee, voting poll worker, or even create a new committee to tackle a need that you know about. Anyone interested in working to collect a history of Sunfish Lake? I know a couple folks who are. Are you interested?

Trash, old tires, used up TV's, electronics, furniture, mattresses, carpet, car parts, boxes, junk. All these items get dumped beside our city streets and they are dumped there by folks unable or unwilling to recycle them properly. It makes me want to scream and it costs the City money to clean up these droppings. Most of the above items are recyclable.

As a matter of policy, the City tries to pick up and dispose of dumped items, so it doesn't start "breeding" and inspire more dumping. Most dumping seem to be related to "moving days" for example around the end of any month. Perhaps under the cover of darkness on a weekend or holiday these folks drop their trash on the rest of us and we have to pay for their actions. Watch for the dumpers, note down their license plate numbers, or better yet take a photo with your phone (safely) and send it to the West St. Paul Police. They will follow up if we can catch dumpers in the act. Since dumping tends to occur in the same places it suggests to me that the perps are the same, related or at least know one another. In the words of Red Green "We are all in this together."