

# Le Sueur Living

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## Talkin' Trash

by Randy Snow, Special Programs Director

Let's do some trash talking...

Do you know what happens to your household trash and recyclables after you set it out at the curb? In the United States, over half of that waste ends up in a landfill. But in Le Sueur, Nicollet and Sibley Counties, communities are realizing that waste disposal can be an opportunity to preserve natural resources.

Our refuse is picked up and transported to the Minnesota Waste Processing Company (MWPC) in Mankato. Once there, the refuse is compacted and loaded onto trucks and shipped to Xcel Energy's Resource Recovery facility in Newport, Minnesota. Here, the waste is shredded in a large hammer mill to produce refuse-derived fuel (RDF). The materials are then separated mechanically by size and density. The residual material (material that is unable to shred) is less than 9%. This material will go to a landfill.

The RDF is loaded back onto trucks and shipped to Mankato and burned at Xcel Energy's Wilmarth Plant as fuel to produce electricity. Prior to the 1990s, coal was burned at Wilmarth to produce electricity. Now all fuel used to produce electrical energy at Wilmarth comes from RDF which supplies electricity to more than 20,000 homes. The non-usable fraction (RDF ash), which is typically 9% or less, is placed in a landfill cell dedicated at the Ponderosa Landfill near Mankato.

Recycled material is collected, bundled, loaded, and shipped to Minneapolis and delivered to Waste Management's Material Recovery Facility (MRF). Here the material (aluminum, plastic, paper, cans, etc.) is separated on a series of conveyer belts by using magnets and jets of air. When recycled material is separated it is bundled and sold on the open market. After this process is complete, as with our refuse, there are 7% to 9% residuals that will end up in a landfill.

By sending our waste and recycled material to a resource recovery system, the Tri-Counties of Le Sueur, Nicollet and Sibley are doing the "right thing" in a long-term and responsible solution to solid waste management. Keep recycling Le Sueur!

## Update from Mayor Bob

Be sure and take time this month to thank a Veteran for helping to provide the great opportunities we have for life and freedom.

## Sober Bus Available Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> FREE!

8:00 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.  
Within Le Sueur City Limits  
Call 665-6211 to reserve a ride.



You do the Drinking...  
We'll do the Driving!



## Calendar At-A-Glance

<p><b>Veteran's Day</b> Monday, Nov. 11th City Offices will be Closed</p>	<p><b>City Council Meeting</b> Tuesday, Nov. 12th City Hall Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Night Out on the Town</b> Monday, Nov. 21st 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. For More Information: <a href="http://www.cityoflesueur.com">www.cityoflesueur.com</a></p>	<p><b>City Council Meeting</b> Monday, Nov. 25th City Hall Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Thanksgiving Holiday</b> Thursday, Nov. 28th Friday, Nov. 29th City Offices will be Closed</p>
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A Reminder about Firearm Ordinances  
Hunting Season is upon us. We would like to take this time to remind you  
about the Firearm Ordinances for the City of Le Sueur.

Section 18-26. Weapons--Discharge of Firearms

It shall be unlawful for any person to use, shoot, fire or discharge a firearm of any description in the city: provided, that this section shall not apply to public officers or military personnel when acting lawfully in the line of duty.

Section 18-27. Same--Use of Air Rifles, Bows, and Arrows, etc.

It shall be unlawful for any purpose to use, shoot or fire any air rifle of any description, spring gun, bows and arrows, slingshot and sling or any other form of weapon potentially inimical to wild life and dangerous to human safety within the city, save and except on a range or course furnished by or duly approved the common council and subject to prescribed and required supervision thereof. (Ord. No. 244, 1).

## We Salute You!

Veteran's Day is Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.  
The City of Le Sueur would like to thank and  
recognize our employees who have so generously  
served our country.

**Administration:**

Dan Murphy, Army Reserves, 16 years  
John Schultz, Marines, 4 years  
Darvin Wicks, Army National Guard, 6 Years

**Parks & Recreation:**

Caleb Boettcher, Army

**Transit:**

Jody Sippo, Navy, 5.5 Years

**Water/Wastewater:**

Doni Sippo, Navy, 8 years

**Fire:**

Joseph Sasse, Army, 4 years

**Police:**

Keith Anderson, Marines, 8 years

**Police Reserves:**

Mike McLain, Air Force, 12 years  
Eugene Schwarz, Air Force, 4 years  
Bill Ulrich, National Guard, 6 years

**Ambulance:**

Ken Doebbeling, Army, 3 years  
Elizabeth Roemmich, National Guard, 7 months  
Harvey Zachman, Marines, 2 years



## The Mankato Symphony Orchestra Presents The Mill City Strings

Performing classical chamber music live  
at the Le Sueur Public Library  
**Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.**

Free and open to the public  
Made possible by a grant from the  
Traverse de Sioux Library Cooperative



MANKATO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

### Open Skate at the Community Center!



Our Open Skate Schedule can be found  
on our website and Facebook page.  
Check often, as the schedule is  
subject to change without notice.  
Web: [www.cityoflesueur.com](http://www.cityoflesueur.com)  
Click on Community Center under the  
Departments tab.  
Facebook: Le Sueur Community Center

## Barnes and Noble Book Fair to benefit Le Sueur Public Library Saturday, November 16th

A portion of what you spend on this day at Barnes and Noble in Mankato will be gifted back to Le Sueur Public Library. Every year, this fundraiser raises over \$1,000 for YOUR library! Bring those Christmas lists along! Vouchers are needed and can be picked up at the library OR from Dianne Pinney at Barnes and Noble that day. If you'd rather shop online, purchases made that day and the following week count as well. Please call the library for details at 507-665-2662.

We would like to remind you that the Le Sueur-Henderson Community Education office is now housed within the Community Center at 821 Ferry Street. You can register for all of your Community Education activities at the same window as the Community Center. Phone: 507-665-4620.



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