



Fluorescent Light Tube Disposal – by Jim Sorenson

Fluorescent light tubes should not be placed in the trash as they contain mercury. The Home Depot and Lowes recycle compact fluorescent lights (CFL's), but they have told me that they do not recycle fluorescent light tubes.

There was a need for me to recycle several 4 ft and 8 ft fluorescent light tubes and I found a list of recycling centers from the Ohio EPA. The closet one to LES should be as follows:

LightsOut, LLC /Harrington Electric Co.
3800 Perkins Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44114
Contact: Sharon Colagross
scolagross@harringtonelectric.com
216-361-5101

The list states that they recycle the following items:

- Mercury Containing Lamps
- Batteries
- Ballasts
- Transformers

There is a charge associated with recycling the fluorescent light tubes: \$0.42 per 4 ft tube and \$0.82 per 8 ft tube plus sales tax.

CFL's can be recycled at Lowes or Home Depot	Fluorescent light tubes are not recycled at Lowes or Home Depot.

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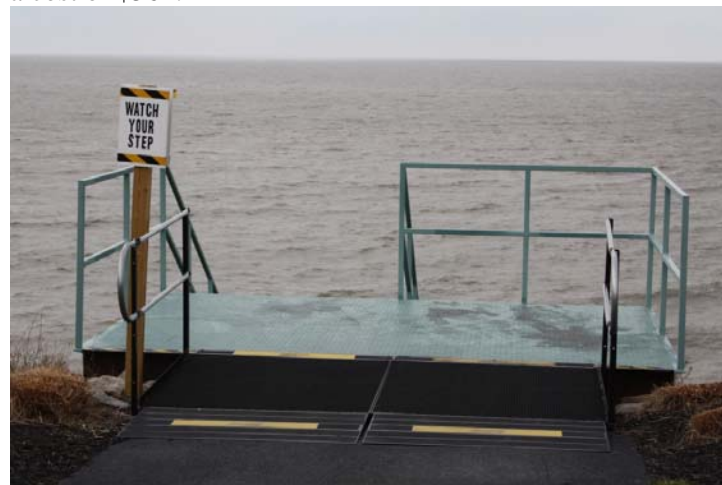
On behalf of my family, Diana, Dayna, Chucky and Sean, we wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year! Our dear Lord has blessed us immensely and we wish the same to you during these holidays and for all of 2012!

My life is getting back to "normal" after spending the past six months in campaign mode; a sincere THANK YOU goes out to so many of you who were supportive of our efforts. If any of you have ever attempted running for public office, you are well aware of the monumental task it involves but its concluded now and life moves on. During that time I learned so much about our community and just how

beautiful not only our development is but the entire township as well. What a beautiful place it is that we all call home but even more importantly, I learned that we are surrounded by such wonderful, salt of the earth people. Again, THANK YOU!

On Thursday November 17th I attended a Finance Committee Meeting at Randy VanBuren's home to review the 2011 budget and the proposed one for 2012. In attendance from the committee were Randy, John Delsanter, myself and representing the Board was current Trustee/Treasurer David Spall; Eric Wright and Patrick Gable were excused due to prior commitments. A quick summary is that current expenditures for the 2011 shows that we should come in on budget but we did have had some unanticipated expenses that may push it. The bottom line for this year shows that we will meet the state mandated Maintenance Reserves required (\$90,400) and in addition, still have a \$30,000 "Rainy Day Fund" for emergency expenses.

One unanticipated expense we authorized for this year was the installation of a ramp at the top of the beach steps. Over the past few years a small gap has grown between the top landing of the steps and the asphalt pavement below. We have filled it in several times but with each repair the gap rematerialized. Last year we tried a yellow plastic ramp but felt a better and more permanent improvement was necessary. With that in mind we authorized construction and installation of a metal ramp at a cost of \$2,300; note the picture to see specifically what was installed. In addition we replaced a few of the lighting fixtures at our beach park that were damaged by the weather with "ocean rated fixtures" for a cost of \$562.





We began October with \$59,347.39 in our checking account and finished with \$43,651.42. We expect to complete the year with approximately \$20,000 remaining which will be used to subsidize our 2012 budget. Our projected budget for 2012 includes basin engineering costs of \$16,500 and repairs of an additional \$15,000. In total our budget for next year is expected to increase by about \$3,000 but we are holding the fees stable at the current year amount of \$310.

Over the past number of years, we are experiencing payment of fees on average of 92% of membership. For the 8% that hasn't paid we are pursuing through collections with our legal counsel Kaman and Cusimano, LLC. This collection process includes placing liens on properties and even filing foreclosures when necessary. If you are part of the 8% that is struggling financially during this downed economic cycle and finding it hard to pay your fees, please let us know; we promise we will keep it confidential (only the board is made aware of those requesting help) and we will work with you to arrange a payment plan. We have worked with others and will do so with you BUT we can only help if you let us know. Please, keep us informed by sending a letter to the management company stating your situation and I promise you that we will work something out. We are all neighbors and we want to help but again, we can only do so if you let us know; if you don't keep us informed you will be charged an additional fee of \$25/month for each month delinquent past the due date.

If anyone desires to join the Finance or any of the other committees, please feel free to do so. Contact any of the board members via the website for committee contact information. Your input and participation is encouraged; the more involvement from our membership the better our Association will operate.

Until next month, feel free to contact me (avcmcchi@sbcglobal.net or 350-1640) directly with any questions or issues that may arise. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

One man has enthusiasm for 30 minutes, another for 30 days, but it is the man who has it for 30 years who makes a success of his life.

Edward B. Butler ~

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