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**CITY OF TOLEDO ADDS COMMUNITY PARTNERS
AND IDENTIFIES AUTOMATED PILOT AREAS**

The City of Toledo recently passed the 2008 budget. Contained within the budget are changes regarding the City's garbage fee. The fee will be \$7.00 if you do not recycle and \$2.00 if you do recycle starting on May 1, 2008. Effective May 1, 2009, the fee will change to \$8.00 if you do not recycle and \$1.00 if you do recycle. Finally, on May 1, 2010, the fee will change to \$10 if you do not recycle to \$0 if you do recycle. Those citizens who are already recycling and signed up for the recycle discount do not need to do anything other than continue their recycling efforts. For those who do not currently recycle, the pledge cards along with the can stickers and recycling instructions are currently available at libraries, senior centers, and Kroger stores. Effective Monday, April 7, the recycle kits will be available at the following locations: Family Food Center, 1212 N. Detroit, Save-A-Lot, 1703 Airport, Seaway Market Place of Toledo, 1707 Cherry, Food for Less, 352 W. Central Avenue.

The pledge cards and recycling instructions are available online at the City's website: www.toledo.oh.gov.

The pledge to recycle will be operated primarily on the honor system. However, if increased participation is not verified by added daily recycle weights, the City's Solid Waste foreman and refuse collectors will monitor the households who pledged to recycle. Those households, who pledged to recycle curbside and fail to do so, may receive a fine of \$50 and their garbage fees will revert to the non-recycle fee.

Beginning in May, the City will also be introducing an automated refuse and recycling program. Participating households will receive instructions and two containers - one is a 95-96 gallon receptacle for refuse and the second is for single-stream recycling. Single-stream recycling means that you no longer have to separate your fiber (paper) from your glass, cans and plastics. Citizens will place all recycle items in the same container. Recycling will remain bi-weekly for all areas in the City. To learn more about the new automated pilot program, please attend one of the following meetings:

- 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 7, 2008 - Highland Park Shelter House, 1865 Finch
- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Tuesday, April 8, 2008 - East Toledo Senior Center, Navarre Park
- 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Tuesday, April 8, 2008 - Fairgreen Church, 3220 Laskey
- 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Wednesday, April 9, 2008 Asbury Methodist Church, 4725 Dorr
- 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Thursday, April 10, 2008 Friendship Senior Center, 131st Street

There are several other meetings planned near the pilot areas. For a list of those meeting dates and times, please visit the City's website: www.toledo.oh.gov. We will be asking for community feedback on the pilot program via surveys after the program is underway.

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