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NEWS ALERT: Recycling Bins Return to City

Location behind Opportunity Knox will open on June 27

MOUNT VERNON, June 9, 2022 – The City of Mount Vernon will once again have recycling bins available to its residents beginning later this month.

The Delaware, Knox, Marion, Morrow Solid Waste District will open a new recycling drop-off location behind Opportunity Knox, 17604 Coshocton Ave., just east of Upper Gilchrist Road on the eastern edge of the City, on June 27. The new site was recently paved, using funds from the Solid Waste District and the Knox County Commissioners.

On April 26, the district decommissioned two existing recycling bin sites in Mount Vernon – at Harcourt and Old Delaware roads on the City's west side where a park-and-ride was also located, and at Memorial Park, between Mount Vernon Avenue Extension and the Kokosing River.

The bins on the west side were removed in anticipation of heightened truck traffic at that location, as the City is removing thousands of tons of lime sludge from its lime lagoons in that area. The Solid Waste District was also having issues with illegal dumping of trash at the site. The recycling bins at Memorial Park were removed because of overflow issues there.

The bins at the new location at 17604 Coshocton Ave. will be emptied by Rumpke every Tuesday and Friday.

The DKMM Solid Waste District maintains a comprehensive list of what materials can be recycled and where at dkmm.org. For more information, call the district at 740-393-4600.

Under no circumstances can items other than residential recyclables, such as hazardous materials, trash, toys, furniture and tires, be left at the new recycling site at 17604 Coshocton Ave. To do so is a violation of the state litter law, Ohio Revised Code 3767.32. Fines up to \$500 and sentences up to 60 days in jail could be served to anyone who decides to leave miscellaneous items other than residential recyclables at the site.

City residents are also offered free curbside recycling through their private trash hauler.

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ABOUT THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:

The City of Mount Vernon is an innovative community with an authentic hometown feel. The City is dedicated to providing modern services with an emphasis on continual improvement, customer service and equitable laws that support our citizens and visitors, while retaining and attracting investors in our community. Home to 17,000 people, Mount Vernon is the county seat for Knox County and boasts historic buildings and districts as well as business and professional, educational and recreational opportunities through many adaptive reuses of the community's infrastructure and spaces. The City has strong ties to higher education, with Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Kenyon College and Central Ohio Technical College operating satellite locations in the historic downtown. Located 40 miles northeast of Columbus, Mount Vernon is near the geographic center of Ohio and has connections all over the globe.

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