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MEDIA ADVISORY

Photo, video and interview opportunities

VILLAGE OF LAKE BLUFF AND CITY OF HIGHWOOD LEAD THE STATE IN NEW YEAR-ROUND FOOD SCRAP PROGRAMS

Earlier this year, the Villages of Lake Bluff and Highwood became the first municipalities in Illinois to provide year-round collection of food scraps and yardwaste to all its residents. Both municipalities are leading the way in implementing programs to divert this organic material away from landfills and to composting sites located in Lake County. Leaders will hold a press conference May 10 to discuss the new programs during International Compost Awareness week, which is May 7 through May 13. This year's theme is *Compost! Healthy Soil, Healthy Food*.

WHO: Kathleen O'Hara, Lake Bluff Village President
Charlie Pecaro, Highwood Mayor
Josh Molnar, Groot Industries, Inc.
Bill Kenney, Lakeshore Recycling Systems
David Gorter, DK Organics
Walter Willis, Solid Waste Agency of Lake County
Glenn Ryback, Chairman, Solid Waste Agency of Lake County
*Other local officials have also been invited to attend.

WHAT: Village President O'Hara and Mayor Pecaro will provide overviews of the food scrap collection programs, and why they decided to expand their programs to divert food scraps from the landfill. The waste haulers will briefly describe the programs, and DK Organics (who will be accepting the material) will discuss the composting operations. The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County will discuss the food scrap diversion efforts county-wide, including other towns that are offering more limited programs and efforts ongoing in the business community.

A tour of the Lake Bluff composting facility will be offered, as well as interviews by elected officials and staff, waste haulers, compost site operators, and SWALCO.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 10, 2017

10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

WHERE:

Lake Bluff Compost Facility
640 Rockland Road
Lake Bluff, IL 60044

PHOTO OPPS:

- Opportunity to capture images and b-roll of the Lake Bluff composting facility.

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