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From the Desk of the Administrator

Hard to believe that we are one month into 2019 already. I don't like to see time fly by but I am ready for spring. I am finally going to talk about energy efficiency this month. I think it's been bumped for other topics for 6 straight months.

Energy efficiency is the goal to reduce the amount of energy required to provide products and services. Energy efficiency harnesses technology to help avoid or reduce energy waste so that you can still turn on the lights, wash your clothes but use less energy doing so. It really come down to smarter energy use.

Thanks to efficiency measures, U.S. energy use is about the same as it was in 2000, despite economic growth of about 30%. Using less energy through efficiency measures is good for the economy and your wallet.

It is easy to get started, by turning electronics off, tweaking your TV setting, adjusting temperature settings and setting timers and look for "energy hogs" that consume electricity even when idle. Switching to LED bulbs is a great way to save, you can save about \$100 a year.

The Village contracts with Efficiency Smart to handle our energy efficiency programs. They handle all the Commercial, Industrial and Residential programs for us. We are in our third, three year contract with them and our community has responded well to their programs. Our first, three year contract we hit 252% of our goal and 404% in our second three year contract. In our current contract we are at 139% of our efficiency savings goal.

For more information and other great ways to save money and energy, visit www.energysmart.org.

Efficiency Smart has an online store to purchase LED lighting, advanced power strips, and advanced thermostats. Go to www.energysmart.org, select Jackson Center, and choose "Online Product Store". (Next month: 2019 projects)