

Scrappers Deliver the Goods in Lower

VILLAS- Registered scrappers in Lower Township collected over 708,000 pounds of metals during 2013.

In March 2013, Lower Township Council passed an ordinance requiring scrappers to register with the township. All scrappers operating in the township must be Lower Township residents.

A total of 15 scrappers registered with the township last year, according to Township Manager Mike Voll. The scrappers are required to provide the township's Public Works Department with receipts from salvage yards each month noting the weight and type of material removed from the township, he said.

Scrappers profit from recycling metal items and the township receives receipts so it may receive tonnage grants and recycling rebates from the state, according to Lower Township Recycling Coordinator Linda Thomas.

"The more tonnage we have, the more money that comes back to the township," said Voll.

Voll said scrappers need to apply for their 2014 permit at this time. Of the 15 scrappers registered in 2013, only four have applied for a 2014 permit, he said.

Scrappers must purchase an annual \$10 permit from the township. To qualify for a permit, the applicant must have a driver's license proving residency in the township, show proof of vehicle insurance and sign an indemnification agreement releasing the township from any liability as a result of the applicant or their agents involved in scrapping activities.