



# Village of Richton Park

To Whom It May Concern:

Mr. Dave Bennink, owner of RE-USE Consulting, presented a "DE-Construction" Class in Richton Park and Park Forest communities over the past four weeks. During this time, Mr. Bennink was offered a rental car to use while he was teaching in the area. Instead, Dave opted to have a bike purchased from a local store, with a few tools and supplies for the bike, and rode this around as his means of transportation accumulating 500 miles during his stay. And his total cost? Less than \$160 vs. what would have been paid for a rental car, gas, etc.

While in Richton Park, Mr. Bennink taught his classes in the newly built community center. This was also the location where he stored his bike. So the recreation department staff got to know Mr. Bennink and what a great story he had about keeping it "green" during his stay. And to further his commitment to "RE-USE", he wanted to donate this used bike to the Recreation Department of Richton Park. The Dept currently uses two, "hand-me-down" Police Dept bikes to get around to parks and special events. Dave's Bike will be given away to a needy family in Richton Park. The story of Mr. Bennink will be announced at the July 11<sup>th</sup> International Cycling Criterium Competition also held in Richton Park. The Bike will be on display at the event and Richton Park families will write in their stories on who they think is most in need of this bike.

So thank you for allowing Mr. Bennink the option to choose a bike over a rental a car. I hope this will be an example for future communities to consider!

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