

We have searched our records and are unable to identify Malcolm Klingensmith of Jamestown but we wanted to respond to his letter to *Readers' Forum*.

The Board of Public Utilities does deliver containers to those who are not able to come and pick one up at our office on Steele Street. Containers are only replaced when the broken one is returned to us, or picked up, or one is not available at their address. Each resident is entitled to one container; additional containers may be purchased at the BPU.

In order to service our customers, during a 5-day work week, the City is divided into 4 routes per day in which 4 garbage trucks and 4 recycling trucks pick up trash and recyclables. We do not have the facilities to separate the garbage from the recyclables at a "specified" site and our recycling trucks are not equipped to pickup more than one recyclable per week. Recyclables are taken to the Chautauqua County Landfill (transfer station) and loaded into large storage containers which are then claimed by companies who use the recyclables. The method that the City of Jamestown currently uses is the most cost effective manner for us to remove the waste and recycles from city streets.

If Mr. Klingensmith would like to call the garbage Hotline (661-1651), the BPU would be glad to deliver a recycling container to his home.

The Department of Public Works picks up the leaves from the city terraces. One of the reasons they do not pickup leaves in bags is because when the leaves are dumped in various locations throughout the city, the plastic bags would have to be removed by hand and discarded by city employees. The BPU does offer an option to remove yard waste for residents. We have a "brown bag" service for residents who like to remove their own yard waste, leaves, small twigs, etc. The customer may buy the 30 pound brown bags for \$10.00 each, fill as many as they want with yard waste and call the BPU for Tuesday morning pickup. Further information on this service can be received by calling the Garbage Hotline at 661-1651.