

MRF Report for May 2021.

May 3, 2021

April has come and gone and the MRF Staff is working to get ready for the upcoming busy season. Traffic is increasing and we are comfortably getting our 20,000 steps in a day. We continue to clean and organize the facility, as well as increase our signage to prevent cross contamination of our recycling efforts. We continue to access online research for current trends and practices in recycling and waste disposal as well as mining for grants and funding sources to support our efforts.

We are using more carts this year to streamline cardboard and paper unloading. It has been very well received among our senior MRF attendees. We roll the carts out to collect the cardboard and paper so they don't have to make multiple trips from the car. All of this is designed to reduce the amount of time customers spend waiting to unload as well as convenience.

We are in the final stages of the renovations of the future "Island Closet. The MRF staff along with Facilities Manager Ray Hakola have patched, painted and renovated the interior of the garage. As the interior electrical is being finished, we will continue to work on the priming and painting of the exterior as well as moving shelves in. We are very excited to partner with St. Johns on this endeavor and will update on progress.

The long awaited upgrade for The Beast was located and purchased on a whirlwind of a road trip to Nixa, MO. Evan and Joe left just after midnight on April 12<sup>th</sup> and returned early on the morning of the 14<sup>th</sup> with the yellow International truck that some may have seen out and about working already. The truck is a 2004 with low miles in good shape and should serve the town well for years to come. It's been on a couple jobs and worked great, hauling brush from a tree cleanup at the park, and picking up topsoil as a back haul from a demo load. Public support for this purchase has meant a lot to the crew and we look forward to finding ways to make this truck a great investment for the future.

We are still taking autos for scrap iron backed by a popular demand to rid the island of junk cars. The MRF and Roads crews worked together to haul a couple loads of cars off before freeze-up, and we are on the hunt for more! If you have a car you'd like to get rid of please contact a MRF attendant to make a plan for disposal. Last year's survey found that over 30 people had cars that they want gone and the MRF and Public Works Department are eager to help clean up the island.

Respectfully,

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