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September 1, 2021

The summer is winding down here at the MRF and many of our summer residents have informed us that this will be the last dump run until next year! WE have received a lot of positive feedback including lift assist with heavy bags of trash, help with sorting of recycling, and our teams "coffee positive" friendliness. One of the biggest positive notes has been our musical rotation. On Saturday mornings, we have started out with an 8:30 Polka fest here at the MRF. The steady beat of tuba and accordion have caused Island men and women (young and old alike) to shuffle sway while sorting plastic bottles and cans in a way that has brought smiles and laughs to the drive through. Many fond recollections of Polka Dances during younger days in Milwaukee have been shared with the staff. During the afternoon, we shift into Pipe and Drum music from Scotland and the sweat beads on the brow for some of our island denizens who sort recycling with a fury usually reserved for hand to hand combat. There is a great appreciation for the atmosphere we are creating and our customers are excited about trips to the MRF.

We were also pleased to roll out our "soon to be a collectors item" MRF Magnet! Ben's idea to access funds for educational purposes was directed into a 5x7 refrigerator magnet that gives a "plethora of pertinent presort preferences" (say that three times fast) as well as hours of operation and contact information. We have distributed them to our residents and visitors who are not only excited about the recycling information and the "magnetic assistance to hold papers on our refrigerator", but also our "Instant Classic" catchphrase "Have a MRF-tastic Day!" On Wednesday September 1st, we shifted into CLEAN SWEEP mode. Residents pushed, pulled and highjacked vehicles to bring in an assortment of weed killers, oil paints, acetones, toxic sludge and "mildly radioactive" material (kidding-no radioactive material was collected). It was disposed of with assistance from the Sheldon Johnson from the Northwest Regional Planning Commission, and Warren Johnson and the team from the Veolia Environmental Services. This process was funded in part with a Grant from the Wisconsin DNR. It was a smooth and orderly process and we look forward to continuing this in the future.

Our Smash Team continue to "smashy smashy" our growing pile of cars and trailers. We continue to get requests to drop off vehicles, old campers, mobile homes and other assorted "bric a brac" to help clean up the island.

Joe continues to put the long miles in hauling our cardboard and aluminum to customers who give us the best price. Our revenue increase is a direct result of his efforts and his hauling expertise continues to be invaluable for creating solutions here at the MRF.

DID YOU KNOW?? Sliced Turkey is NOT recyclable! A recent customer put a bag of sliced turkey in the #2 plastic barrel. While we appreciate the zeal of individuals who want to recycle everything, sliced turkey (or any other sandwich meat for that matter) is not recyclable. The science is not there yet. We keep our fingers crossed that day may arrive soon.

Have a MRFtastic Day!

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