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Happy New Year!

I hope you all had happy and healthy holiday season. We have rounded the horn on 2021 and look to the New Year here at the MRF with the singular burning question: "How do we improve on what we have done in 2021??"

This past year has provided answers to questions regarding this department including "How do we recalibrate our efforts to not be a financial liability for the town?" and "What can we do to streamline our effort to better serve the community?" During the MRF survey, there was agreement among some "experts" that the LaPointe Material Recovery Facility should go to a single stream format to reduce labor cost, and (hopefully) break even in the span of a couple budget cycles. This was wrong. ***In the past 9 months***, we have proven that single stream recycling is "kicking the can down the road" for someone else to deal with our environmental responsibilities. We can effectively process and market our recycled materials and make a profit. We will continue to see if these market trends continue and plan accordingly. ***I hope you are as excited as I am at our final financial numbers for 2021!***

The first quarter of 2022 will include:

1. Our yearly DNR MRF Self Certification where we will have total numbers of materials recycled and processed.
2. I am working to establish a manual for Standard Operating Procedures here at the MRF. This manual will outline what we are learning as the safest, most effective, and efficient method of operating in a typical day here at the MRF.
3. We will be touring local MRFs in the region to see how "others are doing it" as recommended by DNR Waste Management Specialist Robert Germer.
4. We will be touring Northland Colleges composting facility to see local initiatives for composting and how we can incorporate these ideas into our efforts.
5. We will be meeting with our IT head Will Lulham on January 3rd to research and procure our new office equipment as well as work toward getting our new POS system.
6. We will continue to prepare for the upcoming busy season as well as our daily operations and continued grant research.
7. I am going to research on the ISRI (Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries) Convention in March. I am planning on coordinating my time off so that I can attend.
8. I would like to begin discussions for the upcoming Island Closet season including lease renewal, signage issues, and other related items. We have numerous people who have been inquiring as to when the closet will open again!!

The MRF Staff is excited to continue our march to excellence in the coming year!! Have a MRF-tastic Day!

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