

Dranesville Community Trash and Recycling, Inc.

Report to Members

May 20, 2010

Dear Fellow Park Out Participant and Member:

Enclosed is your renewal application for the upcoming year for the Park Out which will run from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Please fill it out and return your application with your payment for the upcoming year that starts on July 1. **We anticipate enforcement to begin on July 3**, so please respond promptly with your renewal.

FEES and REFUNDS will be recomputed **quarterly**, not monthly. This is to clarify and simplify membership and bookkeeping. First quarter is July 1 – September 30; second quarter is October 1 – December 31; third quarter is Jan 1 - March 31; fourth quarter is April 1 – June 30.

Seeking New Board Members: We are seeking new board members. Feel free to call my home phone, 703-759-2590, and leave a message with your interest, or email to dan@heily.com. The minimum requirement is a few hours once a year; additionally, we can always use someone with Web and computer skills willing to share some time and talent. Positions are volunteer, and are not compensated. If you are interested we welcome you to join our merry group.

Membership: Our membership year ends with 388 members, up from 363 at the beginning. We saw an increase after the first of 2010 with the failure of a competitor. We always welcome new membership, and appreciate your recommendations. If you will be moving or know of a newcomer to the community, please direct new residents to our website www.GreatFallsParkout.com. I am pleased that American Disposal also refers prospective clients to our services. Please make sure that your neighbors are aware that there is an alternative to their curbside pickup. Our members appreciate the increased safety and security they have when they manage their own trash and recycling.

Review of Operations: The Park Out operates each Saturday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. at Great Falls Elementary School. **Note: We are hoping that there will be no further interruptions in our schedule. However, as of this writing the Fairfax County Public Schools has not guaranteed our schedule. We will notify our membership on the website and by email, and if necessary in writing. If you have email I hope you will share it with us, for future notifications.** American Disposal has agreed to continue their careful and considerate service. We are no longer required to separate recyclable paper and cardboard from all types of mixed glass and metals. The new mechanized recycling is efficient, and does indeed send your items for recycling. Please continue to follow the Fairfax County guidelines for recycling.

Monitoring continues. One member is designated to report the condition of the parking lot each week. If your turn is this year, you will receive a special sticker on your hang tag with the date noted. Also, you will receive a special note with your hang tag transmittal.

Financial Matters – Operating Reserves, Company Income and Expenses and the Annual Membership Fee:

Our non-profit organization continues in good financial health. For last fiscal year, we had gross revenue of \$119,381, expenses of \$108,876, and a gain of \$10,505. Since the end of the last fiscal year, June 30, 2009, expenses have been predicible. We continue to have strong reserves to cover the unexpected.

Your membership fee covers a number of items. For fiscal 2010, the estimated cost of the trash and recycling contract and the parking lot rent (together, the direct operating costs) will be held to \$254 per member. In addition, we will try to hold overhead expense to \$26 per member. These costs include a) costs associated with the annual sign up including copying, stamps, mailings and the costs to print the tags, b) cost of insurance, c) legal and accounting costs, d) funding of an operating reserve/working capital account and e) other incidental expenses. This will lower our fee for fiscal 2010 to \$280.

Management of the Company, Officers and the Board of Directors: After the many challenges of the past year, I hope that here will be little or no disruption to our schedule as the construction at GFES draws to a close. I am committed to continuing, with your support, as President and Treasurer for one more year. I encourage those of you that have an interest in our activity to volunteer to serve on the Board or in other capacities. Also, continue to communicate by phone or email with your comments and concerns.

See you at the Park Out!

Sincerely,

Penelope Johnson Emery
Director and President