

Talkin' Trash in JANUARY 2008

A Community Newsletter from the Waste Disposal Commission

Welcome to our quarterly issue of "Talkin' Trash". We can't believe it's already January of 2008.

Let's do a recap of 2007 and note the accomplishments we have made.

- In June the new Frankestown owned compactor was installed.
- New Facility Permit Stickers were issued to residents in July.
- We have expanded our monthly news article to be in the Monadnock Ledger Transcript as well as the Frankestown News.
- The quarterly newsletter 'Talkin' Trash' was created. We hope all residents are getting the latest "trash" on the station.
- Employees were supplied with uniforms.
- Beverage Recycle containers were placed in all the town buildings.
- E-Waste was implemented on July 1st. The fees charged for e-waste are the actual costs for recycling the material.
- Kay Anderson, Lori Ricci and George Cilley are working closely concerning the number of hauls and the cost of each. As each month goes by we are able to build a larger database. We will be able to make good sound budget decisions going forward with this data.
- Shaw, Inc has replaced Waste Management, Inc as our MSW, C&D, Aluminum and Glass hauler.
- We tabled the change to see-thru plastic bags for the MSW compactor due to the positive response in proper recycling from the residents! We don't need to police our residents!!!!
- We have established that the existing staff at the Station is adequate. George Cilley, Heather Ayers and George Morgan are doing a **Great Job** of keeping the Station looking it's best. The swap room is kept well organized with the collection of books astounding.
- A suggestion box was placed in the recycling area on the beam between the glass and plastic/aluminum area.
- A bulletin board was placed in the swap shop for items of trade or sale.

Some things to look forward to in 2008:

- The continuance of this informative and educational newsletter 4 times a year! :o)
- We have purchased a white board, which will be located on the Swap Shop building. It will include various types of information letting the residents know how much we are saving by recycling correctly. Information coming to a white board near you.....soon. If there's any particular information you would like to see on the board please put your request in the suggestion box.
- We are exploring new ways to make the Station more efficient and run a little smoother when we go to drop off our various types of trash. Scott Carbee and Glenn Shaw made separate presentations on ways to improve the flow of the Station. Think of us like a dentist (only less expensive): We know you don't like going to the Station so we want to make it as pleasant an experience as possible. No traffic jams, a couple of less stops. Efficiency saves us time & time is money. Who doesn't want to save time & money?!
- We will be holding an Open House this summer. Watch for details coming this spring.
- We are presently working on the 3-year plan. Once finalized you will see it here second. It'll be in the WDC Minutes first! Feel free to stop by the Town Clerk's Office during regular town business hours and read our minutes. Kay Anderson does a great job as the Commission's Secretary! Thanks Kay. ☺

We stand firm that EDUCATION is KEY and are working towards everyone's knowledge being consistent and full. The more we all do it right the more money we make and save. The positive effect on OUR environment will be noticeable in many different ways.

We are currently meeting the second Tuesday of every month at the Town Offices Meeting Room. Occasionally we have meeting room-scheduling conflicts so watch for our meeting announcements at the Town Offices and Post Office. We welcome everyone to attend the meetings.
There is still much to do. But, the enthusiasm of the WDC and the Selectmen is high. We look forward to working further with the Selectmen and residents to make the Transfer Station more efficient and cost effective.

☺ See You at 'The Station' ☺



Phone Cards for the Troops

Have you ever wondered what to do with that old cell phone? Well, our own Transfer Station attendant, George Morgan has found a great use for them. He is a Member of the VFW in Hudson, NH. He saw a flier at the VFW that indicated your used cell phones can be turned into the VFW. They in turn trade them with the phone providers and receive a 60 minute phone card in return. The VFW is in the know as to who is in need of this kind of a necessity and passes them out accordingly. They are fighting for our freedom. Please remember George Morgan's generosity, sharing knowledge of the program and the delivery once a month to the VFW, by turning your old cell phone in at the Station to any of the attendants. Help support those who support us. Thank a Vet! Thank you George!!! ☺



Transfer Station Hours

Summer & Winter Hours change with Daylight Savings Time

Summer Hours

Wednesday's 1 pm to 8pm Saturday's 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Sunday's 8:30 am to 1 pm

Winter Hours

Wednesday's 1 pm to 6 pm Saturday's 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Sunday's 8:30 am to 1 pm



EDUCATION is KEY for a Successful Recycling Program

This educational segment is intended to assist the community in properly streamlining our "trash".

Plastic. What types of plastic do we recycle?

The Transfer Station accepts all **CLEAN & RINSED** plastic with a #1 or #2 shown in the small recycle logo (triangle) usually found on the bottom of the plastic container. Plastic #1 is Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET). The most common uses for PET are beverages containers (soda & water), cooking oil bottles and peanut butter jars. Plastic #2 is High Density Polyetherene (HDPE). The most common uses of HDPE are detergent bottles and milk jugs. **PLEASE REMOVE ALL CAPS FROM ALL JUGS**. The caps, which are made of a different type of plastic, should be placed in the compactor with the rest of your household trash (MSW). Recent information published by the Container Recycling Institute in Washington, DC revealed that in 2005, an estimated 144 billion containers were "wasted" in the United States. Wasted means not recycled: sent to landfills or incinerators, or littered along our country roads, parks, fields & streams, rivers and beaches. PET is a petroleum based product. The Container Recycling Institute estimates that approximately 18 million barrels of crude oil equivalent were consumed in 2005 to replace the 2 million tons of PET bottles alone, because they were wasted and not recycled. YOU can make the difference! Recycle all plastic beverage containers.



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