



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

SPECIAL MEETING STAFF REPORT

July 18, 2018

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Receive report on recent Cascade "Chipper" Day and provide direction to staff regarding future Chipper Days

RECOMMENDATION

Receive report on recent Cascade "Chipper" Day and provide direction to staff regarding future Chipper Days.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Lacques requested this item be added to agenda. This past weekend (July 14 & 15) the Town sponsored a two-day chipper event for the Cascade neighborhood at Doc Edgar Park. As part of the free Chipper Days service, the Town picked up piles of brush left on the curbside in the Cascade neighborhood and brought it to the park for chipping. The Chipper Day event was coordinated with Cascade Firewise, which is a volunteer residents group organized to address wildfire risk in their Cascade neighborhood. Councilmember Goddard is the Council's representative to Cascade Firewise.

The event was highly successful. We filled six (6) bins with chips and one (1) bin with non-compostable materials (e.g., bamboo). The preliminary estimate is 16-18 tons worth of compostable material. We had 50 RSVP's for curbside pick-up. The two-event day cost approximately \$16,000 which is higher than initially estimated because of the need for additional staff and pick-up trucks to accommodate the demand. Typically, we fill one or two bins per chipper day. In 2017, the town chipped approximately 15 tons of brush and cuttings over 4 chipper days.

The next scheduled Chipper Days are:

Saturday, July 21, at the Deer Park parking lot

Saturday, July 28, at the Pavilion parking lot

Staff would like to receive any Council feedback and direction on the Chipper Day events. We recommend that the currently scheduled Chipper Days remain as scheduled to avoid any confusion in the community. However, the Town can always schedule more Chipper Days if needed.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Town budgets a total of \$20,000 for Chipper Days under Fund 01-715 Non-Departmental expenses. Given we have exceeded the fiscal year budget, staff plans to charge the expenses to the \$75,000 allocated for fire prevention/inspection (Fund 01-421-730). Staff would recommend any budget adjustments occur during the mid-year budget review.

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