



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

September 4, 2019

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager *GT*

SUBJECT: Receive report on the Town's Chipper Days

RECOMMENDATION

Receive report on the Town's Chipper Day efforts.

DISCUSSION

Given the heightened awareness of fire safety, the Town scheduled more "Chipper Day" events (eight) than the previous year (six). Of the eight Chipper Days, three were specifically targeted for neighborhoods that are designated Firewise communities. These three Chipper Day events included door-to-door pick-up of brush/cuttings in the Cascade, Manor Hill, and Deer Park neighborhoods. During these three events, some residents placed their brush/cutting at the curb after the pick-up service had concluded, did not RVSP for the service, and/or the contractor was unable to pick-up and chip all the brush during the Chipper Day weekend. As a result, the Town experienced additional costs for pick-up and chipping during the week after each of the three Chipper Day events in the Firewise communities.

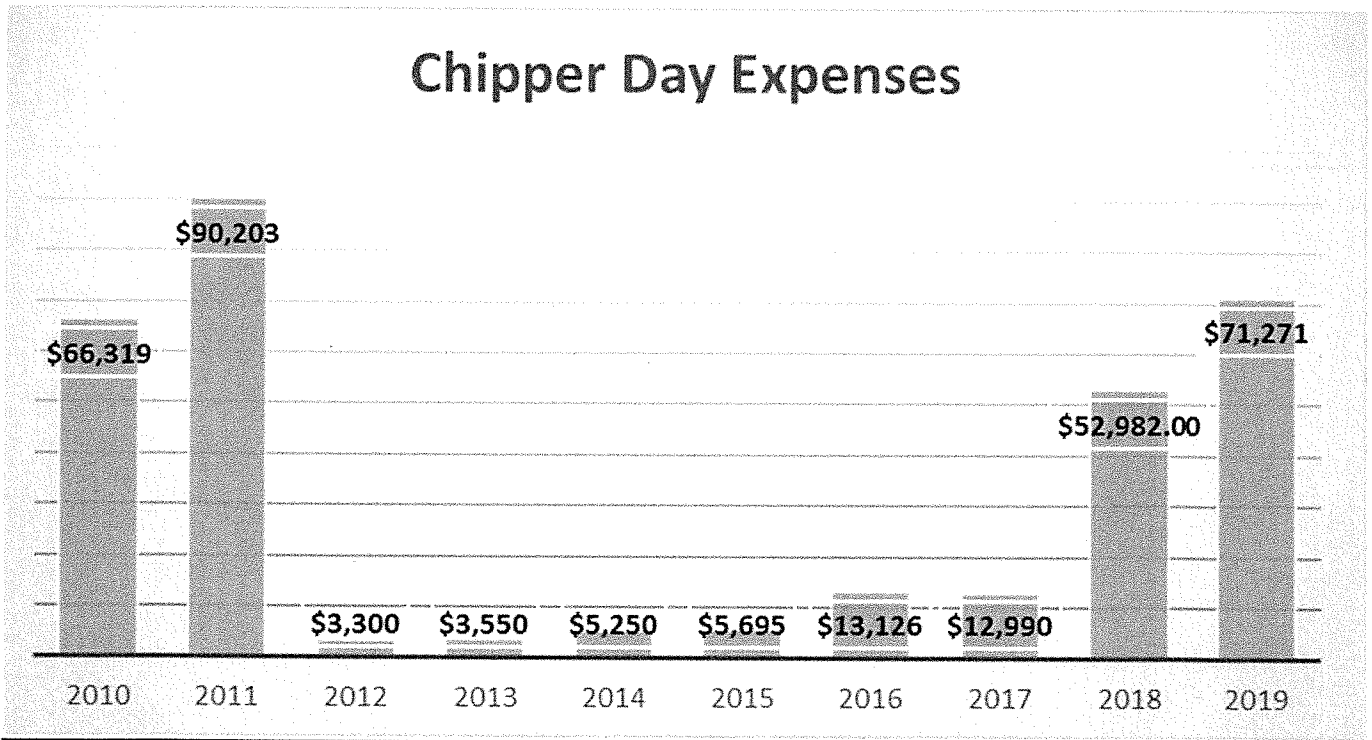
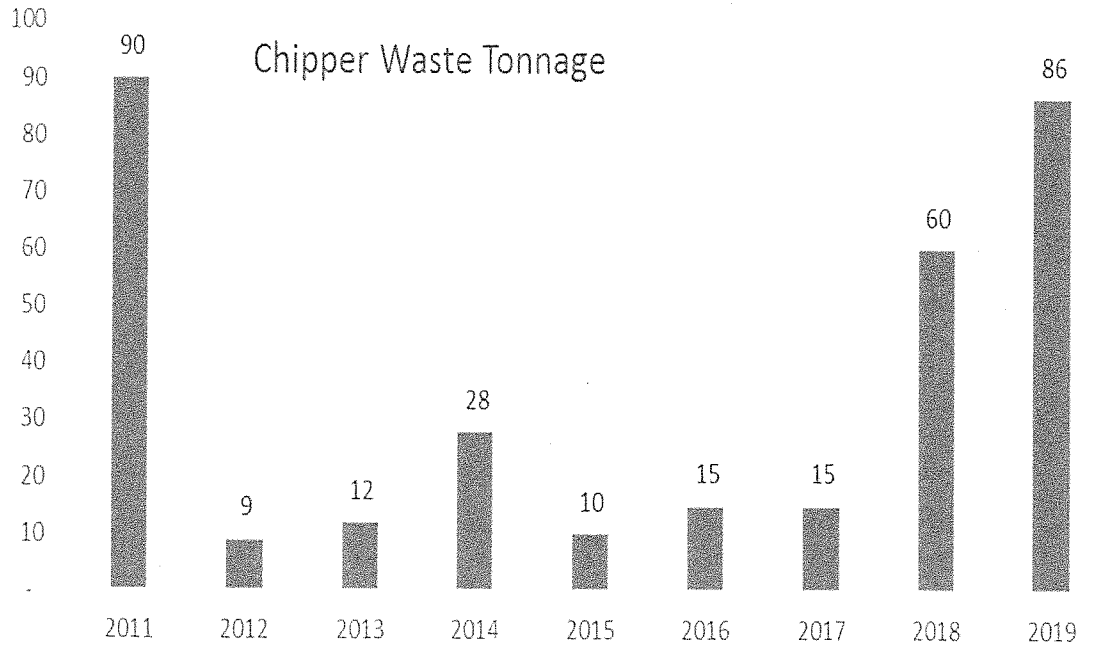
Attached is a table which shows that in 2019, the Town collected over 86 tons (172,000 lbs.) of brush/cuttings from 404 participating households. The table also shows the total costs for Chipper Day events including dumpster expenses to be approximately \$75,000. The charts compare the costs (without disposal costs) and tonnage from previous years.

FISCAL IMPACT

The FY19-20 budget allocated \$90,000 for Chipper Days and associated vegetation management activities.

ATTACHMENT

Tables and Charts



CHIPPER DAY HIGHLIGHTS 2019

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Neighborhood</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>MSS Disposal cost</u>	<u>Participants</u>
July 13 & 14	Cascade	Doc Edgar Park	14.09 tons 1.10 ton non-chippable*	\$16,898	\$1428	109 90 appts/19 drop offs
July 20 & 21	Manor Hill	Olema & SFD Blvd.	9.85 tons 1 ton non-chippable*	\$11,373	\$714	79 63 appts./16 drop offs
July 27 & 28	Deer Park	Deer park parking lot	46.2 tons 1 ton non-chippable*	\$28,000	\$1240	171 71 appts./100 drop offs
August 3	Downtown	Pavilion parking lot	4.6 tons 1 ton non-chippable*	\$8,000		32 2 appts./30 drop offs
August 10	Cascade	Doc Edgar Park	6.02 tons 1.61 tons non-chippable*	\$7,000	\$420	12 1 appt./11 drop offs
TOTAL			86.47 TONS	\$71,271	\$3,802	404 HOUSEHOLDS

OVERALL COST: \$75,073 TOTAL, INCLUDES DISPOSAL COSTS FROM MARIN SANITARY

*Includes bamboo, palm, and other vegetation debris not allowed in the chipper