2018 Drop-off Events Summary

OVERVIEW:
In 2018 the City of Saint Paul, in cooperation with District Councils, hosted five Citywide Drop-off Events for recycling and proper disposal of bulky items. For the second subsequent year, these events drew record attendance and saw an increase in overall tonnage.

For the first time, we partnered with the District 8 Summit-University Planning Council to host a mini drop off event at the Sears store parking lot (425 Rice Street). This event focused on the collection of electronics, appliances, small engines, and provided document shredding service.

Four regular drop-off events were organized in partnership with District 10 Como Community Council at the MN State Fairgrounds; District 1 Community Council at Harding High School; District 6 Planning Council at Washington Technology High School; and Highland District Council on Shepard Road.

The All In Recycling Program plans on organizing these events again in 2019, but recognizes that bulky item collection service through the coordinated garbage program may impact participation. However, the high volume of material collected this year indicates that there is still a large need for affordable and convenient opportunities to dispose of bulky materials. To meet this demand, Public Works may need to consider adding additional events and budgeting for the increased expense or increasing event fees.

ATTENDANCE:

- 2018 saw 3,578 total vehicle loads across five citywide events.
  - This is a 21% increase in participation compared to 2017. 2017 events had experienced an 8% increase in attendance compared to the previous year.
- 271 volunteers participated throughout the year to help with a variety of tasks, including greeting residents and unloading vehicles

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<th>2018 Drop Off Events</th>
<th># Vehicles</th>
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<td>Washington Tech</td>
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<td>Harding HS</td>
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<td>Sears</td>
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<td>Shepard Rd.</td>
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<td>MN State Fair</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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REVENUE

- The city collected $73,549 total in gate revenue.
- Residents who participated paid an average of $20.56 per vehicle.
- Overall, residents paid 35% of costs per vehicle and the city paid 65% of costs.

TONNAGE:
Throughout the year, vendors reported collecting 313.61 tons of refuse and 249.1 tons of material for recycling. This is a **28% increase** in total tonnage collected as compared to 2017.

Composition of material includes:
- 634 (20.82 tons) mattresses
  - 90% were recycled
- 65.27 tons of electronics
- 77 tons of appliances
- 155.83 tons of general refuse
- 155.66 tons of C/D material
- 14.17 tons of shredded paper

In addition, 171 small engines and 275 bikes were collected for reuse.

Total tonnage by event:
- Sears collected 20.81 tons
- MN State Fairgrounds collected 178.48 tons.
- Harding High School collected 128.41 tons.
- Shepard Road collected 134.14 tons.
- Washington Technology collected 100.87 tons.