

Green Team--BOD Report—7/28/17

Recycling is in full swing. We are grateful for our team that keeps faithfully emptying the bins and preparing them to receive more. This makes it so easy and convenient for the rest of us to be good citizens with a minimum of effort. All I have to do as a DBR resident is follow the instructions that are posted and I'm helping to divert tons of waste from the dump. And I want to congratulate everyone in the park who takes those few moments of care to do that—personally it makes me proud to be a part of the DBR community. We are following the adage to “think globally and act locally” and that gives me cause for hope in a world where much feels overwhelming.

And I want to thank the anonymous DBR resident who wrote this note on our box in the laundry room. This resulted in a fine discussion among the Green Team about the pluses and minuses of the Goodwill organization but we weren't actually donating the items to Goodwill. What do we do with them? First, if you donate to our boxes you may see your clothes being worn by another resident—we are fine with that. In fact, if you see something you like that fits you and you feel “needy” for it, have at it. Second, we try to give as directly to local needy people as possible. The Seventh Day Adventist Church in Sequim has a box where they collect. Other churches often refer to them. Once a week they allow whoever needs it direct access to what has been collected. The Serenity Thrift Stores which support the homeless and have a shelter are another choice. We are especially biased toward those who serve women. We don't have a designated person to do these drop offs and whoever has seen the boxes overflowing and felt so moved, has done it. It would be nice if we had a “preferred” list of places to make it easy, so if you are aware of a deserving place that fits our criteria, please let us know. One note: Please...that box is for clothes only. We haven't the place/space to recycle everything but I would like to remind you that Linda Rogers is willing to take large items for donation in her truck on her visits to Port Angeles.

As for other Green Team activities, I hope you all have noticed the Nature trail. Barb and Dave have done a great job of clearing it and making it very accessible. They also recycled materials from Mary and Marsha's ramp and made bridges across the area where the biggest puddle collects. This will make a big difference whenever we have a serious rain. We will be unveiling more at the Annual Meeting. To prime your interest and raise your anticipation, I encourage you to notice some labeled stakes that Judith Wright has created. Becky Stinson has two scheduled nature walks: one next Wed Aug 2 at 10AM and one Sunday at 1PM as part of the Annual festivities.

We've spent a considerable amount of time summarizing the information we obtained from the Forest Field Day last Fall and in preparation for our Annual Meeting.

One last note, in keeping with the policies encouraged jointly by the Pet Committee and the Green Team to avoid poisons in the park, we had an earlier discussion where lots of people spontaneously contributed things they were doing that were non-toxic to control rodents. If you will send that information to me I'll try to get it on the website to make it easy for residents who discover they have rodents not to freak out and call the bomb squad. Be specific as to the product, where you found it, and the approximate cost. Please put it in writing in my mailbox or e-mail me. Becky Stinson does have two live traps she will loan and we will provide a chauffeur for relocation if needed.