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CLEAN UP AND GREEN UP ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 AT WEST SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Changes afoot for community-wide recycle, repurpose & reuse event

TRAVERSE CITY, MI, SEPTEMBER 3, 2018: Clean Up Green Up returns with its Fall 2018 event on Sunday, September 30, 2018 from 9am until 3pm, and will be held once again on the grounds of West Senior High School at 5376 North Long Lake Road in Traverse City. The annual community-wide recycle, repurpose and reuse event provides an opportunity for locals to divert, from area landfills, items that have salvageable components or further use, and bring them to a central collection point for proper processing. The Clean Up and Green Up event is free for residents of Grand Traverse and all neighboring counties.

Since curbside recycling is becoming widely available and receptacles for collection of paper, plastics and glass are strategically placed through the area, the Clean Up Green Up event focuses on assisting residents to remove from their waste stream items which are difficult or costly to recycle or are not accepted at the curbside.

More than 25 area companies and organizations join the Michigan Green Consortium to sponsor the collection of or accept a whole host of items. *"From the outset, we have always billed this community activity as a recycle, repurpose and reuse event"*, states Cooper-Froehlich, Chair of the Michigan Green Consortium. *"This fall, we see more partners joining us to repurpose and upcycle items"*.

Cherryland Humane Society, whose own mission is focused on repurposing of animals, is on site in Station 5 ready to accept any clean and washable cat or dog toys, and clean blankets and towels for use at their facility. Cherryland has a wish list of other items they need in their day-to-day operations, published year-round on their website, www.cherrylandhumane.org which they gladly accept at the event as well.

Making Time Accessories in Station 4 accepts empty tin cans of all sizes from food stuffs such as canned tomatoes, fruit, vegetables, tuna fish etc to be later transformed into home desk accessories. We ask that food cans are washed prior to dropping them off. Make-up applicators – more specifically, mascara wands are collected in Station 7 by the Appalachian Wildlife Refuge who sanitize them and use them in treating animals with parasites or cleaning animals rescued from oil spills. Girl Scout Troop 4816 are in Station 3 collecting post-consumer reusable waste, which is shipped to a programme partner and turned into raw material to be repurposed into new products. The Girl Scouts, in Station 3, collect all Hasbro toys and board games, action figures, dolls, plush toys, etc. For a complete list of toys accepted, see <https://mgconline.org/mgc-events/fall-2018-accepted-items>. Additionally, the Girl Scouts will be repurposing all brands of oral care items and their packaging or containers. This includes toothpaste tubes and caps, toothbrushes, toothbrush and toothpaste tube outer packaging, and floss containers. Finally, at Station 3 residents may drop off foil-lined granola wrappers and foil-lined juice pouches.

At Station 1 in the lineup Home Depot accepts residential fluorescent tubes, compact fluorescent bulbs, LED light bulbs and power tool batteries. Grand Traverse County in Station 2 accepts alkaline batteries. In Station 6, Northwoods Office Express accept ink and toner cartridges. Bookbrokers and Kramer's Cafe, positioned in Station 8 accept fiction and non-fiction books, textbooks, puzzles and board games and audio books. In Station 8 Evola music take musical instruments of all kinds. Sorry no pianos or organs can be accepted at the event.

The Business Helper, in Station 10, accepts Styrofoam or biodegradable packing peanuts and bubble wrap and air packing pillows.

In Station 11, Image 360 accepts realty and realtor signage of all shapes and sizes, commercial signage of all types, back light, wooded, steel or neon illuminated, banners, ballast and transformers (no PCBs) and way finder signage. Outdoor equipment such as go-carts, mini bikes, chainsaws, snow blowers, string trimmers, mowers, air compressors, torpedo heaters and generators can be dropped off to Roy's General Store in Station 12, who repair them for reuse. Chunks of asphalt (no shingles) and concrete or concrete block is collected by Team Elmer's positioned next in the lineup at Station 13. Clean and reusable building elements and materials, outdoor furniture, clawfoot tubs, solid panel doors and reusable sections of lumber are accepted by Odom Reusable Building Materials positioned in Station 14. Habitat for Humanity's ReStore, located in Station 15, accepts plastic grocery (shopping) bags, working dryers and washing machines, screen doors, ladders, tools and power tools, outdoor furniture, and clean and reusable upholstered furniture.

Goodwill, positioned in Station 16, accepts a broad range of items including dishes, small household appliances that are still working, accessories such as belts, hats and purses, clothing, linens, shoes & boots. Bay Area Recycling for Charities and eRecycleTC, collaborate and are positioned in Station 17 to accepts cameras, computer equipment, extension cords and electronics, microwave. With the support of local business sponsor, Currie's Furniture, the first 60 units of mattresses or boxes springs brought to Bay Area Recycling for Charities in Station 17 at the event will be accepted free of charge for the resident. Once the 60 unit limit is reached at the event, a coupon offered to attendees with mattresses and box springs brought for recycling, entitles them to a special \$10 drop off discount. Units may be dropped off at BARC's secondary site, at 466 US Hwy 31, that day, or for several weeks following the event for only a \$10 recycling fee each piece. The same applies to television sets and computer monitors. To incentivize area residents to take advantage of this recycling opportunity, Clean Up Green Up will provide a \$10.00 off coupon to attendees at the event, who deliver a mattress, box spring, computer monitor or television to the secondary site making the cost to recycle each unit only \$10 each.

Traverse City Light & Power customers may drop off qualifying fridges and freezers for a \$50.00 rebate and air conditioners and dehumidifiers for a \$15.00 rebate at Station 18 and Cherryland

Electric Cooperative's customers will be eligible for a \$20 rebate on fridges and freezers and a \$15 rebate on air conditioners and dehumidifiers in Station 19. Customers should bring copies of their utility company bills with them. Refrigerant from these freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners and dehumidifiers is safely evacuated by Padnos, positioned in Station 20, who also accepts auto batteries, aluminum, bicycles, BBQs, hot water heaters, large appliances, wire hangers, steel, ferrous and non-ferrous articles and propane tanks. Through sponsorship support provided by Coldwell Banker Schmidt realtors, Woodland Title, Independent Bank and 8th Street Health automobile, SUV and light truck tires are accepted in Station 21. There is a limit of 4 tires per attendee and a maximum of 1200 total accepted for the event.

There are some items which are NOT accepted at the fall 2018 event and comprehensive details of those items are offered on the entity's website, www.cleanupgreenup.com. That list comprises, primarily, curbside recycling items, items with no recyclable content or components, and items properly classified as waste - Household Hazardous waste, for example, has no recyclable content and calls simply for proper and responsible disposal.

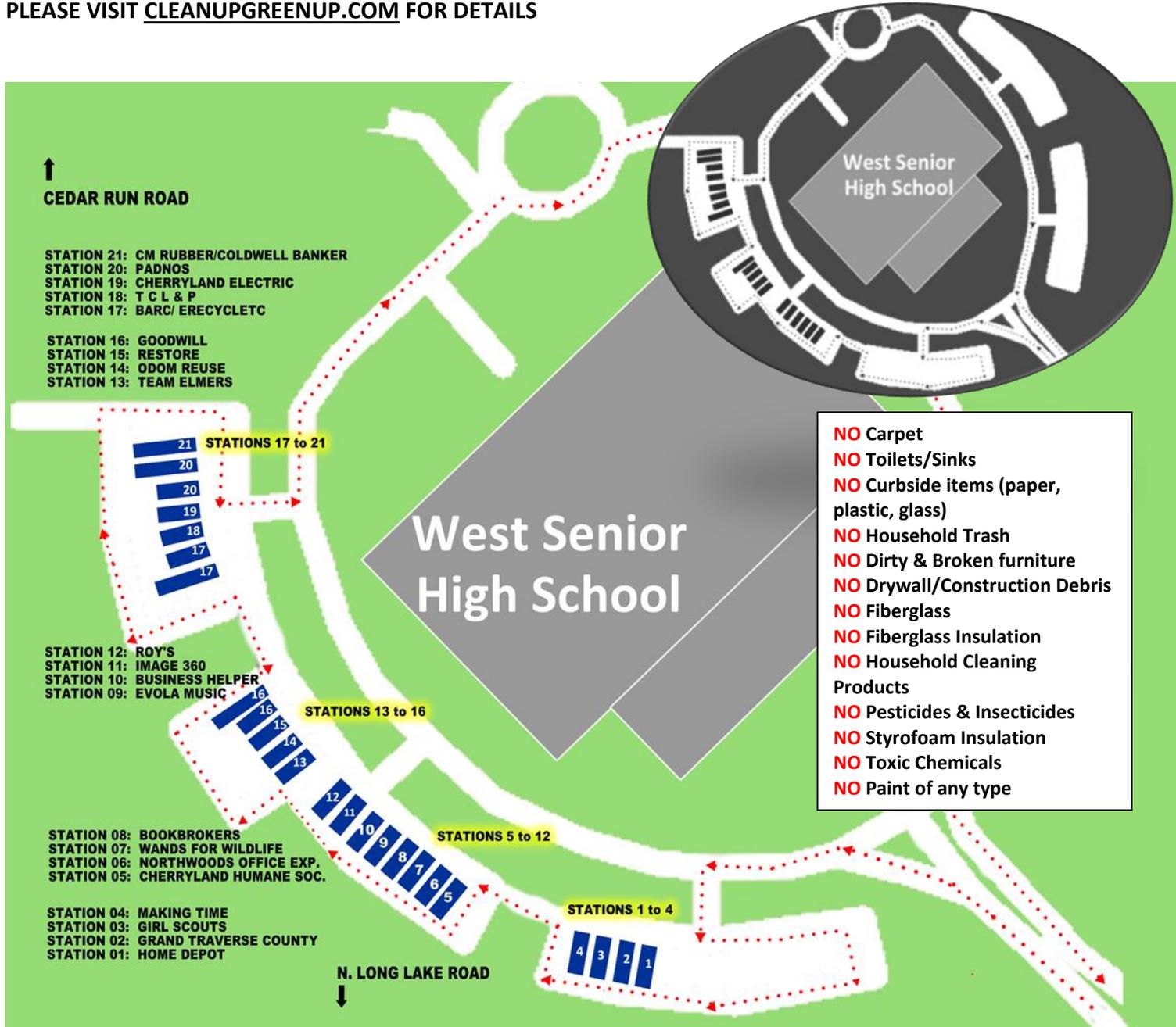
Michigan Green Consortium reminds residents to consult the Clean Up Green Up Facebook page or event-related website for specific details on the items that will be collected at the September 30th event. A sitemap, which can be downloaded from the website, helps residents load their vehicles so that unloading is efficient – a feature vital to a smooth event. To learn more about the Clean Up and Green Up event, visit the event website at www.cleanupgreenup.com, or the event page on Facebook.

The event is planned, coordinated and put on by the non-profit organization, Michigan Green Consortium. Michigan Green Consortium is an all-volunteer public charity, declared tax-exempt under Section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Established in 2008, Michigan Green Consortium's mission is to foster the general knowledge of sustainable practices and to promote the application of sound environmental stewardship through education and community events designed to lessen the burden on government.

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Images available, upon request

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PLEASE VISIT CLEANUPGREENUP.COM FOR DETAILS**



**TV sets, CRT Monitors, Mattresses ACCEPTED at SECONDARY SITE with coupon from Cleanup GreenUp
(3rd party FEE of \$10 each will apply)**

Secondary site: BARC – 466 US 31 South, Traverse City, MI 49685



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STATION 1. Home Depot

Residential Fluorescent & CFL light bulbs
 Power tool batteries

STATION 2. Grand Traverse County

Alkaline batteries

STATION 3. Girl Scouts

Dental floss containers
 Foil-lined granola wrappers
 Foil-lined juice pouches (not juice boxes)
 Hasbro toys ONLY
 Roll-on deodorant containers (no aerosol)
 Toothbrushes & empty toothpaste tubes

STATION 4. Making Time Accessories

Tin cans, all sizes. Washed please

STATION 5. Cherryland Humane Soc.

Blankets, clean ONLY
 Dog/Cat toys (washable only)
 Towels, clean ONLY
 Items on CHS wish list accepted as well, see
www.cherrylandhumane.org

STATION 6. Northwoods Office Exp.

Ink & Toner cartridges

STATION 7. Wands for Wildlife

Mascara wands - washed

STATION 8. Bookbrokers

Books (fiction, nonfiction) Textbooks
 CDS/puzzles/board games/audiobooks

STATION 9. Evola Music

Musical instruments (no pianos/organs)

STATION 10. Business Helper

Air packing pillows & Bubble wrap
 Styrofoam peanuts & Bio peanuts

STATION 11. Image360

Banners
 Ballasts/transformers (no PCBs)

Signs & sign components
 Commercial backlit signs & Neon signs
 Realty signs & Way finder signs

STATION 12. Roy's General Store

Air compressors
 Chain saws (gas-powered)
 Generators (gas-powered)
 Go karts, mini bikes
 Kerosene & patio heaters
 Mowers, Edgers & Trimmers (gas-powered)
 Snow blowers (gas-powered)

STATION 13. Team Elmer's

Asphalt (no asphalt shingles, please)
 Concrete & Concrete blocks

STATION 14. Odom Reuse

Clean reusable building materials
 Doors, Solid panel
 Lumber (clean, 6' or longer, no nails)
 Outdoor furniture
 Clawfoot tubs

STATION 15. ReStore

Doors, Screen
 Dryers (working)
 Ladders
 Outdoor furniture
 Plastic grocery & shopping bags (clean)
 Reusable building supplies
 Tools, Hand and Power
 Upholstered furniture (clean & resalable)
 Washers (working)
 Extension cords
 Fans /Motors

STATION 16. Goodwill

Accessories – belts, hats, purses
 Clothing
 Dishes
 Household small appliances, working
 Linens – sheets, tablecloths
 Shoes & boots (pairs ONLY)

STATION 17. BARC/eRecycleTC

Computer printers & scanners
 Computers – Desktop & Laptop
 Microwave ovens
 Small electronics
 TVs & Computer monitors (2nd SITE \$10 fee)
 Mattresses & Box Springs (2nd SITE \$10 fee)
Mattress collection sponsored by Currie's Furniture

STATION 18. TCL&P

ACs & dehumidifiers (working) \$15 rebate
 Fridges & freezers (working) \$50 rebate

STATION 19. Cherryland Electric

ACs & Dehumidifiers (working) \$15 rebate
 Fridges (working) \$20 rebate
 Freezers (working) \$20 rebate

STATION 20. Padnos

Aluminum
 Air conditioners & Dehumidifiers
 Auto batteries
 BBQs
 Bicycles & Bike parts
 Dehumidifiers
 Refrigerators & Freezers
 Hot water heaters
 Large appliances (not working)
 Propane tanks
 Steel, ferrous & nonferrous articles
 Stoves & Ovens
 Table saws
 Video game systems
 Wire hangers

STATION 21. CM Rubber

Tires, Auto only. 4 per vehicle max
 Only 1200 units accepted.
Tire collection sponsored by Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors, Independent Bank, 8th Street Health, Woodland Title & MGC.

