Informational Item

Indian River County, Florida
Solid Waste Disposal District
Board Memorandum

Date: August 3, 2020

To: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

From: Vincent Burke, PE, Director of Utility Services

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Subject: Residential Paper Shredding Event on July 18, 2020

On Saturday, July 18, 2020, the Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD) partnered with Waste Management and Southeast Secure Shredding to host another successful Residential Paper Shredding Event. All residents of Indian River County were invited to bring up to three boxes/bags of paper (up to 35 lbs. each) to be shredded and recycled at no cost. The event was held from 9 am to 2 pm at Southeast Secure Shredding located at 3910 U.S. Highway 1 in Vero Beach.

Within the first hour, we greeted and unloaded 150 cars. By the end of the event, 606 cars participated in the drop off service. Southeast Secure Shredding shredded 9.57 tons of paper onsite during the event. Southeast Secure Shredding charged $5 per vehicle. However, there was no cost to SWDD or residents as Waste Management covered the vehicle cost. We look forward to working with Waste Management on future paper shredding events.

A special thank you to the Indian River County Sheriff's Department for their volunteer efforts during this event. They were instrumental in directing the long lines of traffic and keeping US Highway 1 moving. SWDD and Waste Management are pleased to be partnering with them again during our Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics event coming up on Saturday, August 22, 2020.

At our last shredding event held in April 2019, 731 cars participated and 9.8 tons of material was shredded. In comparison, at this event 606 cars participated and 9.57 tons of material was shredded. This is confirmation of how popular this event is with residents, as well as how consistently successful it is for a community recycling event.