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MRF Report
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"Trash has given us an appetite for art." - Pauline Kael

Well its happened again my intrepid friends
A year of beginnings and beautiful ends.
We have waded through a summer of moldy cheese wrappers,
Discarded shoes with broken tongue flappers.
Half-eaten sammys on moldy green bread and
Old tired tires that have lost all their tread.
Cheese chunky milk jugs and old Clorox bleach with
Pieces of docks that washed up on the beach.
Old renovations that took only four years with
2x4 ends and shingles and beers.
New vacuum cleaners with a broken old belt and
5-gallon pails that smelled like old smelt.
We've recycled countless cans that were full of old beans
Garbanzos, refried and everything in between.
A zillion and one wine bottles that smelled of merlot.
Chardonnay, Shiraz, Boones Farm, Prosecco.
Small bags of trash that were only a dollar
and big ones that cost more, and caused such a holler.
We've collected old cars and smashed them so tiny.
Ford Chevy Dodge (They are making us Money!)
We played fine polka music, some Buffett and blues
That got customers hopping in their soft summer shoes.
Come back to us next Summer!
We can Laugh and We can Play and as always remember...
Have a MRF-tastic Day!

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In all seriousness, we are wrapping up a fun summer and already thinking about spring here. We've been happy to host the LaPointe School kids in the after-school program in our future beautification programs. They have been painting old tires to make planters for our Pollinator Gardens as well as painting a nice little woodland mural on the old exchange building (complete with the soon the be famous Vampire Chicken).

Recycling Specialist Abhold is wrapping up the year-end hauling with paper and cardboard prices skyrocketing in the pre-holiday rush. We intend to "clear the floor" of all of this year's materials so we can get a more accurate picture of what "1 year in the Life of the MRF" looks like for revenue. Our preliminary numbers indicate that this was our most successful year from a revenue standpoint, with final numbers still rising. We will update as we learn more.

We have closed up the Island Closet and concluded a very successful first summer that increased traffic and upcycled a TON of household items for a very good cause. Other than that, we are preparing for this thing called winter (have you heard about this phenomenon??) We will continue to research grants

for future projects as well as explore operational efficiency measures to help make 2022 an even better year. As always thank you for your continued support.

"If one's man's trash is another man's treasure, then one industry's potential failure is another's opportunity." Adam Lashinsky

