

SWAP
SOLID WASTE ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM
P.O. Box 457 Lopez Island, WA 98062
Supporting the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District

October 2020

Greetings from the SWAP crew! We welcome Alannya Sowers on the SWAP board. She adds a creative and sustainable outlook that will be of great benefit to the community. We continue our challenge to move towards less waste, more reuse, more recycling, and less dependency on plastics, and we need your help to accomplish these goals.

Crazy and difficult times abound! We were unable to sell our up-cycled tee-shirt skirts at the summer Farmers' Market due to Covid-19 contact/disinfecting requirements. Selling skirts is our main fundraiser to support the Disposal District and as a result our income has dropped significantly. The District gets about one-third of the funds necessary to operate through the annual levy and SWAP helps to fill in the balance.

SWAP is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization that supports our Lopez Dump in much the same way the Friends of the Library supports that institution.

As you write your checks for year-end contributions, please consider adding SWAP to your list. If you have already given to SWAP this year, we thank you for your contribution.

SWAP proceeds **provide:**

- ~Funds for **community programs** by LSWDD staff member, Nikyta Palmisani
- ~Support for **volunteers** who work at the dump site
- ~Support for **Earth Day**, celebrated by individuals/families who remove debris from beaches and roadsides on all of our islands
- ~Funds for a **Family Resource Center** Program to subsidize trash disposal for low income households
- ~**Sarah Eppenbach Scholarship(s)** to graduating senior(s) who demonstrate a working understanding of environmental care
- ~Funds for the annual **levy campaign** that allows us to tax ourselves to

- provide funding to run our disposal district
- ~Participation fees for the **Holiday Preschool Bazaar** and the **Port Stanley School Holiday Sale**
- ~Sponsorship of the **Dogs at the Dump Calendar** which are available at Paper, Scissors on the Rock. (Thank you, Ron!)

In 2019 we provided for the foundation and roof to store alliances with refrigerant at the dump site, aided by a grant from the Thrift Shop.

This year we have committed \$11,500.00 towards site improvement of the Lopez Solid Waste Disposal District Facility. Once the project is decided, we will update you through the LSWDD website. This amount includes a \$1,500.00 grant from the Thrift Shop.

We are always looking for volunteers to help us out! If anyone is interested in:

- ~board membership
- ~helping with skirts as we move towards selling skirts again
- ~helping at the Saturday Farmers' Market

Please contact us at lopezswap@gmail.com THANKS!

Sincerely,

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