

Winter SWEO Updates: Nov 2019 – Jan 2020

Operations

- Jessica is working on batteries & oil/antifreeze curbside collection reports.
- Koski property (at Leichner landfill) in process of being sold
- 2019 Paint Take Back had ~3,300 participants, and +280,000 lbs.
- RSS reports coming in
- RFP for new flare at Leichner should be going out soon.
- RFP for recycling collection should be going out soon.

Green Neighbors

- Cart Tagging is underway
- Working on 2020 ad and column content for [Living in the Couve](#)
- Working on contracts for Pacific Park, including
 - Master Gardeners
 - Garden overhaul
 - Brochures and outreach
- [WasteBusters](#) Challenge will run from 2/28 – 03/18
- [Recycled Arts Festival](#) applications are now being accepted
- [Elizabeth Fournier](#), author of, “The Green Burial Guidebook”, will be speaking at the Vancouver Community Library on 04/02

Green Business

- [C-Tran](#) and Kafiex have both become certified
- Vancouver Mall wants to earn GB certification
- Next [Morning Blend](#) is February 20th, at [Columbia Springs](#)
- [Green Awards](#) is coming up on March 18th, at Kiggins Theatre
 - 13 nominations received from businesses, government and nonprofit organizations
 - Postcards & flyers will be distributed

Green Schools

- High School Summit on March 3rd with OR & WA Green Schools, and National Green Schools Conference & Expo
- Traditional summit, on March 10th, will be geared toward elementary and middle schools
- Helping the School for the Blind train their students to recycle properly
- Creating an all school Green Team at Gardner School
- VPS' iTech Preparatory opened on Jan 6th; our staff on site to train them on recycling bins and sort tables
- Trying to set up appearance with Seattle Seahawks player at York Elementary, promote milk dispensers

Master Composter Recycler

- Recognition event had 80 attendees, celebrating 2019, which had:
 - 2313 volunteer hours & 56 actively reporting participants
 - The largest MCR class ever (35)
 - 11 community workshops, educating 282 citizens
 - 33 outreach events, contacting 10,000 people
 - Partnered with CASEE/NatureScaping on Compost Project
 - 50 tons of coffee grounds from 21 businesses, used in various workshops & demos
- Spring Workshops coming up in May
- Now on week 3 of 10 week training classes, with 33 attendees