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SUFFOLK RECYCLING AND TIRE AMNESTY DAY ANOTHER SUCCESS

SUFFOLK, VA (April 24, 2015) The Suffolk Clean Community Commission, in partnership with the City of Suffolk Public Works Department Litter Control Office, sponsored a R(E)cycling Drive and Tire Amnesty Day on April 18, 2015 in the Lowe's parking lot in the 1200 block of North Main Street. The results showed the continued dedication of residents to help Suffolk become a cleaner place to be.

Collectively serving over 100 residents, the event featured the Suffolk Clean Community Commission, Goodwill Industries, Suffolk Mosquito Control, Suffolk Public Works Refuse Division, TFC Recycling, and Cintas Shredding. Instead of placing items in the trash, residents were able to facilitate the repurposing of their products reducing pressure on landfills, saving energy, and positively impacting the community. Volunteers from the event included Suffolk residents, Isaak Walton League members and sailors from Portsmouth Naval Hospital. These 11 volunteers helped move tires, direct traffic and provide information materials.

TFC Recycling donated a roll-off container which collected 320 pounds of co-mingled items. Goodwill Industries collected approximately 2500 pounds of electronics, gently used clothing, home décor, furniture, even computers, laptops, cell phones, and other data storing technology, and flat screen TV's. Cintas Document Management provided on-site shredding of Suffolk residents' sensitive documents and shredded 3,734 pounds. Suffolk's own Mosquito Control Division signed out mosquito dunks to Suffolk residents, gave out children's books, pencils and provided information. Tire amnesty brought in a total of 1,132 automobile and light truck weight/size tires.

This event was also sponsored by Suffolk's National Night Out Committee. National Night Out offers communities an opportunity to clean-up their neighborhoods and say no to crime.

Residents are encouraged to mark their calendars for the next recycling drive event on Saturday, September 12, 2015 in the Lowe's parking lot, 1216 North Main Street.

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