



Prince William County Fix-It Fair

Event date: 10/17/2020

Keep Prince William Beautiful
Prince William County Solid Waste Division



Why Plan a Fix-It Fair?

- Encourages advanced sustainability steps
 - Going Beyond Recycling
- Encourages conscious consumerism
- Encourages thinking outside the 'Throw-Away Society' mindset

Event Planning: Beginning Stages

- Original date planned: June 6, 2020
 - Event partners: Prince William County Solid Waste Division
 - Chinn Park Regional Library
- New date: October 17, 2020
- Resources Utilized
 - Repair Fair Toolkit from Zero Waste Washington
 - Kitsap County Public Works (Washington)

Event Planning: Funding

- Grant from Keep Virginia Beautiful
 - \$750
 - Stipend for the fixers
- Shifted some sponsorships from PWC Composting Awareness Day
 - Snacks, lunch, banner

Event Planning: Volunteers and Registration

- Volunteers
 - Parking, registration table, item 'ferrying'
- Finding fixers
- Attendee Registration: SignUp Genius
 - 30 or 45 minute time slots

Event Planning: Volunteers and Registration

Available Slot	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Time (EST)	
Jewelry	10/17/2020 (Sat)	10:00am - 10:30am	<p>PW Patricia Wilson Small bag of precious and costume jewelry needing minor repairs</p>
		10:30am - 11:00am	<p>CP C. Purn Watch needs a link removed</p>
		11:00am - 11:30am	<p>AC AJ Clark Bracelet needs restringing</p>
		11:30am - 12:00pm	<p>FP Frank Pinetro Jr Earring needs repair</p>
		12:00pm - 12:30pm	<p>JC Jeff Clarke Repair to small necklace chain</p>
		12:30pm - 1:00pm	<p>Sign Up ■</p>
		1:00pm - 1:30pm	<p>KG Karen Gates Bracelet needs repair</p>
		1:30pm - 2:00pm	<p>Sign Up ■</p>

Appliances and Electronics	10/17/2020 (Sat)	Time (EST)	
Appliances and Electronics	10/17/2020 (Sat)	10:00am - 10:45am	<p>DK Debby Kelly I have a waffle iron and it is amazing except I don't feel safe using it now because the stainless steep top pops away from its frame and I worry about moisture from steam during cooking will get to the wires housed inside.</p>
		10:45am - 11:30am	<p>SM Sandy Menzie I have a very old table lamp that doesn't come on. Wiring problem.</p>
		11:30am - 12:15pm	<p>NP Nat Peters freestanding air conditioner that is not very n't make it work old but we could</p>
		12:15pm - 1:00pm	<p>DP David Peters room air filter</p>
		1:45pm - 2:30pm	<p>BD Bernadette Deal ASUS Transformer Mini tablet computer . Charging port or connector needs fixing. It doesn't connect properly to charger and can't charge the computer.</p>
		2:30pm - 3:15pm	<p>BC B Crawley</p>

Event Details

- Items allowed:
 - Small engines (7)
 - Bicycles (5)
 - Jewelry (3- multiple items)
 - Clothing (3)
 - Small appliances and electronics (14)
 - Furniture (9)
- Not every item was fixed
 - 2 televisions, a tablet, and a blender

COVID Adjustments

- Held outside vs inside
- Item registration vs 'first come, first served'
- No attendee-fixer contact
- No education/outreach tables
- Masks required
- Snacks and lunches served in individual packaging





Event Take-aways

- Well-received by fixers and attendees
- Lots of comments:
 - Great to hold outside when weather is nice (which it was)
 - Having additional offerings, like kids tables
 - Wanting us to host another one in the spring
 - Gratitude for the event

What's Next?

- Maker Faire, NOVA Labs



About Our Maker Faire

The Faire brings together an amazing collection of tech enthusiasts, engineers, woodworkers, metal workers, auto hackers, artists, teachers, and craftspeople from all over the northern virginia, Metro DC area and beyond! Our Maker Faire gives our local makers a chance to show us and tell us about what they're making. We also have tons of hands on activities where you can learn how to make this stuff yourself!

Want to learn how to build a robot? Program an Arduino? Turn wood to make a bowl? Weld? Blacksmith? Build underwater remotely operated vehicles (ROV)? Automate your garage door? Learn to solder? Fly or make a drone? Spin yarn from wool and knit? Recycle glass into beautiful tables and glass pieces? Or maybe just take-a-part something and learn how it works? You can do it at the Maker Faire NoVa.



The faire is a wonderful event for ages 4 to 94 and now takes place in late spring/early summer each year.

Still don't fully get what a Maker Faire is? Watch this great video from our friends at Cox Cable's NoVa Channel.

Meet our Local Maker Space and Sponsor!

What's Next?

- Maker Faire, NOVA Labs
 - Repair fair plus educational component
- Clothing swaps/repair events
- Determining a different location- we can't always guarantee good weather!
 - PWC Library

Thank you!

