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A New Look at Fundraising Car Washes

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Fundraiser car washes can be a great source of funds for community and youth groups. Unfortunately, they can also be a source of oil, grease, and soap that can pollute our waterways. Kitsap County's Surface and Stormwater Management Program has teamed up with several local car wash owners to offer an alternative to the typical parking lot car wash fundraiser. Officials hope this solution will be a win-win situation for fund-raising groups and for the environment. Groups taking advantage of the program agree. "This has been by far the most profitable fundraiser for our team to date" according to Chuck Smiley, Girls FC Kitsap GU12 Soccer Team. "We sold a total of 158 coupons in four weeks and made \$948."

The Kitsap County Fundraiser Car Wash Program offers community groups two options. Groups can sell coupons good for a basic car wash at participating commercial automatic car washes from Port Orchard to Bainbridge Island. There is no up front cost for the coupons and the group pays only for the coupons they sell. Groups are charged four dollars of each coupon sold. Any money collected over that amount is kept by the fundraising organization. Participating car washes include Shur-Kleen in Bremerton; Express in East Bremerton and Silverdale; Mike's in Poulsbo; Madison Mike's on Bainbridge Island; and Sedgwick 76 in Port Orchard.

For those groups who prefer to wash cars themselves, the Bay for a Day option is also provided. Groups contact the owners of participating self-serve car washes to arrange a time when they can use one of the car wash bays to hold a fundraiser. This ensures that runoff water from washing cars will be properly treated and not end up in local creeks, streams and Puget Sound. Participating Bay for a Day car washes include Cruise-N-Car Wash in Port Orchard, Mike's in Poulsbo, Shur-Kleen in Bremerton, and Cruisin' Car Wash & Coffee in East Bremerton.

Most commercial car washes recycle wash water. All commercial car washes discharge wastewater to a wastewater treatment plant where it is cleaned before entering our waterways. So if you know a community group considering a car wash to raise money, let them know about these alternatives. Both programs offer a unique opportunity for your community to raise funds and protect the environment.

Contact Mike or Jeanne at 360-697-1144 or 206-842-7167 to get started on your next fundraising car wash!

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