

March 2019 March was up and down with a good start and a great finish.

Pickups are improving and we are blessed with the helpers that make themselves available to help on Tuesdays. We are using both trucks to make it easier for the gang and to spread out the work so nobody works too hard. John K came back last week and it is hard to keep him from doing anything as he is right involved.

I had an email on tues from the Article company in British Columbia asking if we would be interested in some furniture. I answered immediately and got a quick reply. I sent Egebert John K and Desmond and Matthew to Aj Campbell to do the pickup to find that this was a new couch and ottoman and 4 new contemporary chairs overall retail value approx \$3500.00. We hope that our team made a good impression on AjCampbell as they may use us to dispose of goods as well.

We have the product listed on Kijiji at the moment but will make it available to volunteers first at a fair price. We will keep the furniture in the boxes for now! We also now have 2 almost new King mattresses from the mattress company that we now pick up when the customer wants to return them. They call us when this occurs and we simply have to contact the customer and make the pickup.

We are struggling with space at the store with room for appliances and larger furniture pieces.

John Meijard came in on sat night to clean the carpet at the store front and in the process blew a fuse that runs the sump pump. It turns out that the sump setup works however I still get a call from Baylock as the sensor is below the level.

I am hoping to have a gang of volunteers come in on wed night for a spring cleaning, organizing, dusting etc.

The last auction netted again another \$800.00 and I continue to encourage Rose to find unique items for this! We also did an additional apartment for TLC so that helped our sales by another \$800.00.

I have informed Co-operators that we wish to go ahead with the sign so this has been passed along to the sign company. We will have to pay \$1000. (deductible)up front. If Co-operators is successful in settling the claim with United we will get the \$1000. Back but this likely will take some time. The difference in what will be billed to the insurance company and the difference in the new sign will be our responsibility and I will pass on the specifics when this is all finalized.

I look forward to improved free advertizing that will be highly visible. With that in mind we have to repair all of the existing Twice as Nice signing as it is all peeling. I have contacted Matthew Kamphof and am waiting for a solution to see if he can make new signs. I have also send info to Angela Blekkenhorst for signing that directs the parking and also says no dumping violaters will be charged.

Upcoming projects are installing pipes in the furniture area up at about 7-8 ft and wiring them to display chandeliers and other hanging lamps and fans. Also having hooks installed on the wall behind the tills so we can hang up expensive jackets, jerseys etc.

We will be cleaning in the next little while and get out as much summer product as we can in the coming weeks and we are continuing to make the store a fun place to shop!