

## 31 May Large item pick-up day - -a successes!

The Combined Orange Hunt and Winston Knolls Civic Association Large Pick-Up on Saturday, 31 May was a tremendous success and a lot of junk and excess items were gotten rid of by our residents. I personally believe that this event is one of the best bangs for your buck. The cars were lined up at 7:30am, although we started at 8am and in fact when we arrived at the OHES parking lot that morning, there was debris already unloaded and waiting to be hoisted into the trucks by the crane. As we greeted the line of cars, the residents were in a very good mood and mentioned they were grateful to have the opportunity to get rid of unwanted trash and we were once again happy to sponsor the event, of course in conjunction with and the cooperation of Fairfax County. One of the side events to this project is watching the crane pick up and crush the items – the children that accompanied their parents were amazed and could have watched all day, by the way the grown-ups also had fun watching the crane! Just to put things in perspective, we counted approximately 150 cars that came through and took advantage of this event and that is not even counting several residents that made return trips. The favorite items that most people got rid of (including myself) were old grills and lawn mowers, but we saw washers, dryers, refrigerators, patio furniture, tables/chairs, mattresses and even a piano! Below are a few pictures of the event and I would be remiss if I did not give out a big thank you to Denise Bruno and Christine Swirbliss, who were responsible for bringing you this event, saving all of us the time and effort of going to the dump or paying our trash service \$75.00 for a special pickup. Again, thank you for supporting the civic association, without your support we wouldn't be able to bring these types of events to the community.

