

**Exchange Club Sponsored Camping Gear Buy Back at the Commons  
Saturday, November 2, 2019**

**The Camping Gear Buy Back event was held today despite the threat of rain.**

**Last night's heavy rain ended at 8:30am and we were at the Commons and ready to go on time at 9:00am.**

**The first hour was slow with just a few people, but by 10:00am more people started to arrive in larger numbers than last year.**

**We had brought two large double wheeled wheel barrows and that gave the people who did arrive ready to work the incentive to go back several times for more trash.**

**There were a few more people than last year but we got about twice as much trash out of the woods, as well as larger, heavier objects that were brought out of the woods because of having the wheel barrows.**

**We ended the event at noon as was planned.**

**The final tally was the following:**

**19 tents**

**31 sleeping bags and blankets**

**26 tarps**

**31 large bags of trash**

**6 1/2 bikes**

**1 was recycled on the spot and given to a homeless man - he was thrilled**

**3 will be taken to the bike recycle shop**

**2 1/2 were sent to the landfill.**

**1 damaged wheel chair**

**3 large carpets**

**1 dead car battery**

**4 computer monitors**

**1 damaged computer**

**1 American Flier wagon**

**Total paid out was \$433.00**

**Our thanks go out the City Police (Mark and Mike) for their presence and the City Parks Department (Derek Melville) for their donation of a garbage truck (Mark) for trash disposal.**

**The Exchange Club of Traverse sponsored this event and we thank them for their continued support of this project.**

**The timelapse video of the event is here:**

**[http://www.brcleansweep.org/2019\\_1102\\_XC\\_Buy\\_Back/XC\\_Buy\\_Back\\_19.mov](http://www.brcleansweep.org/2019_1102_XC_Buy_Back/XC_Buy_Back_19.mov)**

**A Gallery of photos is here:**

**[http://www.brcleansweep.org/2019\\_1102\\_XC\\_Buy\\_Back/2019\\_1102\\_XC\\_Buy\\_Back\\_small/](http://www.brcleansweep.org/2019_1102_XC_Buy_Back/2019_1102_XC_Buy_Back_small/)**

**The accounting of the items returned is here:**

**[http://www.brcleansweep.org/2019\\_1102\\_XC\\_Buy\\_Back/XC\\_Buy\\_Back\\_List19](http://www.brcleansweep.org/2019_1102_XC_Buy_Back/XC_Buy_Back_List19)**

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