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Landlords Clean Up during Street Sign Amnesty

Morgantown landlords accounted for all returned street signs during the free return period.

MORGANTOWN – Students who wanted a reminder of their time in Morgantown were encouraged to do the right thing and return any street signs they may have collected during the school year, but it appears as though they left the work to the landlords.

May 6 through 17, anyone returning street signs to the City of Morgantown could do so anonymously, and without fine or penalty. The City received a total of 16 signs, all turned in from landlords of rental properties.

“We didn’t get any students bringing in signs,” said Lyle Matthews, Assistant Public Works Director. “The landlords are usually the ones who find them when they’re cleaning out apartments.”

Based on the signs turned in, the most popular area for students to claim souvenirs was Sunnyside. Two were from the Greenmont area, and a West Virginia Avenue sign was taken from First Ward.



Street sign replacement has grown expensive for the City of Morgantown. Recently, the Streets & Signs Department has tried out a few different kinds of street signs to deter theft, including a kind of green plastic “wrap” street sign that attaches to wood power poles. Department heads decided on a new, stronger pole, with street sign supports



that are several inches thick – instead of a thin, metal sheet sign that is often pliable enough to tear down.

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