



Association of NJ RECYCLERS

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Beyond the Curb...



A Message from ANJR President

As 2016 comes to a close, the Legislature has passed and sent to the Governor the Bill that includes ANJR's changes to the current E-Waste Law. I thank all of you who wrote your Legislators, testified at hearings, attended meetings and spent countless hours researching and reporting on this important Bill. As for food waste - maybe 2017 will be our year?

Last year I asked the membership "What more can be done for ANJR?" Many of you answered my challenge by helping make our Swap-and-Share meetings, Annual Meeting, Symposium, Golf Outing, and the three workshops a success. **Thank you, all.**

At the December Board meeting I announced that I will not seek re-election as your president. This is a personal decision. I felt that it was time, 6 terms for one president was long enough. I have enjoyed every minute of my service to ANJR, and will continue to participate in the Association's activities. Thank you all for your support over the years.

For 2017 – Who knows what is in store for us? But I know that ANJR will continue our work on a Food Waste Bill. And, as we have always been, be your "voice" in matters of the environment and recycling.

I wish you and your families a happy and healthy holiday season!

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"With many of us shopping on smile.amazon the Amazon donations to ANJR will add up fast", said ANJR Treasurer, Donna Caputo. Donna made her first smile.amazon purchase and Amazon donated .42 cents directly to ANJR. Please join and encourage your friends, family and colleagues to shop on smile.amazon to further recycling in New Jersey.

E-waste Bill Advances

On November 21, 2016 the E-Waste Bill S-981/ A2375 was passed in the Assembly 60-12. The Senate voted 31-6 to approve the measure in March, so the Assembly's vote sends the legislation to Governor Christie for consideration.

The Legislature previously sent the Governor a similar e-waste recycling bill in January at the end of the two-year legislative session, but he declined to sign it without explanation, a maneuver known as a pocket veto.

ANJR will continue to keep its membership apprised of the status of this bill.



2016 REX Award recipient and ANJR Board Member Patrick McGaheran (r.) of Colgate Paper Stock Company, Inc., is joined by ANJR President Dominick D'Altilio.

*Inner Circle Spotlight...***COVANTA**

Powering Today. Protecting Tomorrow.

With over 250 million tons of trash still making its way into U.S. landfills annually, the four Rs of sustainable waste management—reduce, reuse, recycle and recover—are more important than ever in addressing climate change and preserving the world’s valuable resources. Covanta’s Energy-from-Waste (EfW) facilities specialize in extracting value from one of the most challenging materials out there—trash remaining after recycling. The fourth “R”, although not well-known, recovers energy from post-recycled waste.

Headquartered in Morristown, NJ, Covanta has provided sustainable waste management solutions to communities and companies for almost three decades. The company’s EfW facilities around the world convert post-recycled municipal solid waste (MSW) into clean energy for more than one million homes. In New Jersey, its facilities in Essex, Union, Warren and Camden counties annually process approximately 1.9 million tons of waste and generate 138 megawatts of clean electricity.

EfW takes non-hazardous waste—otherwise destined for landfills—and combusts it in specially-designed boilers to generate steam, which drives a turbine for electricity generation. Ash is processed to recover metal for recycling while all gases are collected, filtered, and cleaned before being released safely into the atmosphere.

A major benefit to EfW over landfilling is the recovery of metals for recycling. They recycle not only the stray aluminum can that may wind up in the waste stream, but other items that are not traditionally recyclable such as mattress springs, silverware, and even coins! Annually, nearly \$62 million in loose change is inadvertently tossed into the waste stream. In total, the U.S. discards over 7.5 million tons of metal into landfills every year — the equivalent amount of steel in over 174 George Washington Bridges. Conversely, Covanta’s facilities

recover that value and are able to recycle over 500,000 tons of metal annually.

The company’s New Jersey facilities annually recover over 42,000 tons of ferrous metal and 4,800 tons of non-ferrous metal for recycling—the equivalent amount of steel used to build 35,600 automobiles and the equivalent amount of aluminum used to manufacture more than 300 million beverage cans.

Another major benefit of EfW is the reduction of greenhouse gases. According to the U.S. EPA, for every one ton of waste managed at an EfW facility, greenhouse gases (GHG) are offset by approximately one ton due to the avoidance of methane generation at landfills, the offset of greenhouse gases from fossil fuel production and the recovery of metals. Annually, Covanta’s New Jersey facilities mitigate over 1.9 million tons of GHGs alone.

Covanta’s mission is providing sustainable waste and energy solutions, and ensuring no waste is ever wasted. The company believes in utilizing discarded materials to its fullest potential to preserve the world’s natural resources and to generate clean energy for the communities its facilities reside in.

To organize a tour at one of Covanta’s New Jersey facilities or to learn more about the company, please visit www.covanta.com.



Covanta - Camden Facility



Covanta - Essex Facility

Paper Recycling Rates on the Rise, But Contamination Remains a Major Concern

The American Forest & Paper Association recently reported that over 52 million tons of waste paper were recycled in the United States in 2015, which equates to a record-high 66.8% recycling rate. This recycling rate has nearly doubled since the Association first starting tracking this rate in 1990. The organization has set a goal of recycling 70% of the waste paper generated in the United States by 2020. While this trend is promising, there are challenges facing the recycling industry, especially the increasing amount of contamination found in curbside loads of recyclable materials. This topic was recently presented by ANJR at three regional recycling workshops - *“Working Together to Clean up the Curbside Mix.”* 150 NJ recycling professionals attended these workshops.



Briana Suffy from the City of New Brunswick discusses keys to success — education, at the ANJR Northern Regional Recycling Workshop on September 21st at Kean University in Union.

The 36th Annual Recycling Symposium & Awards Luncheon

On October 19, 2016, ANJR hosted the 36th Annual Recycling Symposium and Awards Luncheon at the Jumping Brook Country Club, Neptune, NJ. The topic of the symposium was *“RECYCLE BEYOND THE BIN,”* and presentations included the following: *Creating Consistent & Clear Messages; Overview on Food Waste in America, Food, Nutrition, Sustainability—Feeding America; Clothing Recycling; Trash Free Waters—A Collaborative Effort to Reduce Trash in all Waterbodies; and Learn Our ABCs BYOBAG Campaign: A Collaborative Initiative in Princeton.*



ANJR board member Patrick McGaheran, Vice President, Customer Service, for Colgate Paper Stock Company, Inc., received the 2016 ANJR REX Award in recognition of the outstanding contributions he has made to recycling in New Jersey. Also during the event, the following awards for outstanding achievement in recycling were presented.

Business

Cox Printers, Linden

Earth Friendly Products, Parsippany

Benjamin Moore and Company - Clifton Distribution Center

Leadership

Learn Your ABC's BYOBAG Campaign (a partnership of the Municipality of Princeton, the Princeton Merchant's Association, McCaffrey's Grocery Store, and Sustainable Princeton)

Rising Star

Patricia Totaro, Brick Township Public Works Department

Institution

The Valley Hospital, Ridgewood

Fourth Annual Golf Outing - A Hole in One!



On a beautiful clear day without a cloud in the sky, 80 golfers took to the tees at the Mountain View Golf Course in Ewing, NJ in support of the 4th Annual ANJR Golf Outing. Participants were treated to a relaxing and fun-filled memorable day. As one repeat participant stated,

“This is a great outing to not only reconnect with former colleagues, but also to establish new personal and business relationships.”

Golfers were treated to a satisfying lunch, followed by a booming 1:00 PM shotgun start. Throughout the day, laughter could be heard from multiple fairways and despite a few errant shots and the occasional call of “FORE!!” an enjoyable time seemed to be had by all.

This event could not be possible without the **VERY** generous support of all of the sponsors.

At the conclusion of the round of golf, players enjoyed a delicious dinner buffet and prizes were awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd lowest rounds; men and women’s long drive and the pot of gold (ANJR’s version of closest to the pin).

As with any successful event, it takes a group of dedicated individuals working diligently behind the scenes to ensure all goes well. This same sentiment exists with the ANJR Golf Outing Committee and its many volunteers. An enormous thank you to all who helped make the 4th Annual Golf Outing the most successful event to date.

Lastly, as we eagerly look forward to the 5th Annual Golf Outing, a very special thank you to the phenomenal leadership of the awesome Golf Committee Chairwoman and Board Member Emeritus, Nancy Paquette! Nancy handled the mammoth task of keeping the golf committee focused and accountable which in turn was invaluable in making the day run smoothly.

A special thank you to our Golf Outing sponsors...

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Pictures from the ANJR 36th Annual Recycling Symposium & Awards Luncheon on October 19, 2016, at Jumping Brook County Club, Neptune, NJ.



Christine Symington of Sustainable Princeton and John Marshall of the Princeton Merchants Association discuss the BYOBAG Campaign in Princeton.



Joshua Kogan, USEPA Region 2, presents Trash Free Waters A Collaborative Effort to Reduce Trash in all Waterbodies.



Joe Njoroge, Chief Operating Officer, Food Bank of South Jersey, presents an overview of food waste in America.



Past ANJR Board Members Joseph McNellis of Waste Management and Kathleen Hourihan of the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority "catch up" during the break.



Deanna Miller and Chris Sikorski of Middlesex County with ANJR Board Member Wayne DeFeo (r.)



ANJR Board Member Andriana Kontovrakis (l.) of Sims Recycling Solutions and ANJR Vice President—Development Ronald Hutchinson (r.) of Pulse Safety Assessments are joined by ANJR Board Member Emeritus Penny Jones.



Michael Paneggiante of the Benjamin Moore and Company - Clifton Distribution Center accepts an Outstanding Achievement in Recycling Award for the category of business from Vicki Kerekes of the NJDEP.

Pictures from the June 21st ANJR 4th Annual Golf Outing



(l. to r.) Gary Smalley, Rob Bengivenga and Jeff Bryk, all from Republic Services, are enjoying the day!



ANJR Executive Director Marie Kruzan (center) surrounded by ANJR Board Members (l. to r.) Jennifer Solewski, Vice President-Programs Monica Gismondi, Andriana Kontovakis and Maite Quinn.



On such a beautiful day, ANJR President Dominick D'Altilio didn't need to use his Waste Management Umbrella!



The Bayshore Recycling team is getting ready to hit the links!



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