



Association of **NJ RECYCLERS**

Winter 2012

Beyond the Curb...



From ANJR President **Dominick D'Attilio**

Dear Members:

A Happy New Year to all!

As 2011 and our Fiscal Year comes to an end, I'm pleased to report that our finances are in the "black" and our economic activities are stable.

Our membership is higher than it has been for the last 10 years. Thank you to all that have renewed their membership for 2-years and a very special thank you to Sims Metal Management who have increased their membership to Sustaining Member level.

We received nothing but compliments on the location of our 2011 Symposium & Awards Luncheon and we are planning to hold the 2012 Symposium at the same location.

Our Enforcement Workshops were a success. In 2012 we will continue our education activities by hosting additional training sessions. Our first one will focus on gathering information and completing Annual Tonnage Reports (Grants).

The NJDEP has invited ANJR to participate, as a Stakeholder, in their Modernization Evaluation of the NJDEP's Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Program. Executive Director Marie Kruzan attended the first meeting to discuss transformation and modernization of the Department.

In September we contacted NJDEP Commissioner Martin regarding the County Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) grants. The 2011 REA grants were released soon after the receipt of our letter and the NJDEP has agreed to release future grant applications on a fixed schedule. The grant amounts were much less than anticipated and we have requested a meeting with the Commissioner to discuss the amounts of the grants. As more information becomes available, we will be sharing it with you.

At the December Board Meeting two ad-hoc committees were formed. The first committee, chaired by Anthony Giordano Sr., is to monitor suggested changes to Class A recycling facilities. Donna Caputo will chair the committee gathering information on issues and challenges in multifamily building recycling. You may get a call from them.

In closing, I repeat what I've said in previous years: "We can't rest on our success." For ANJR to continue to be vibrant and active and provide for the needs of its members, we all must lend a hand in support of ANJR and let us know what your concerns are.

I wish you all good fortune in 2012 and hope to see all of you at our Annual Meeting March 28 at the EcoComplex.



2011 REX Award recipient Carole Tolmachewich and her colleagues from Middlesex County.



The 31st Annual Recycling Symposium & Awards Luncheon

On October 20, 2011, ANJR hosted the 31st Annual Recycling Symposium and Awards Luncheon at the Jumping Brook Country Club, Neptune, NJ. The topic of the symposium was "Something to Think About."

ANJR Board Member Carole Tolmachewich, received the 2011 ANJR REX Award in recognition of the outstanding contributions she has made to recycling in Middlesex County and in New Jersey. Also during the event, winners of the annual recycling poetry contest for children in fourth through sixth grades were honored, and the NJ Recycling Certification Series Advisory Committee introduced the 19th annual NJ Recycling Series Graduates.

The following awards for outstanding achievement in recycling were awarded at the symposium:

Business

Verizon

Educator/Educational Program

Association of New Jersey Household Hazardous Waste Coordinators



Sharp Electronics Corporation

Institution

Far Hills Country Day School

Leadership

Recyclebank

Recycling Industry

Green Sky Industries

Rising Star

SBM Site Services

Commissioner's Awards

Terra Cycle



Bridget O'Connor



Rutgers University-Department of Environmental Services and Grounds

ANJR Board Member Honored

ANJR board member Valerie Montecalvo of Bayshore Recycling in Keasby was the recipient of a 2011 Governor's Environmental Excellence Award in the Environmental Leadership category. Under her leadership, Bayshore operates an array of recycling facilities with a combined capacity of 10,000 tons per day.



Inner Circle Spotlight

RELIABLE
WOOD
PRODUCTS



Nature's Choice Corporation (NCC) has been recycling vegetative waste for over 20 years which has resulted in the recycling of over 10 million cubic yards of material. Hundreds of municipal organizations in the tri-state area have used NCC for their vegetative waste recycling needs. All material is recycled into landscape products such as topsoil, compost, bio-retention media, engineered soils and many different types of landscape mulches. Nature's Choice is an approved vendor to the New Jersey and New York Departments of Transportation, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the New York City Parks Department, and currently provides vegetative waste services and recycling programs to over 200 municipalities. Nature's Choice is equipped to design and implement total recycling management programs for county and local governments as well as for private organizations.

In January of 2008, Nature's Choice Corporation and Reliable Wood Products (RWP) merged, and between both companies there are eleven Class B and Class C DEP recycling facilities throughout New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Since the merger, NCC and RWP have expanded and can provide the equipment, services and experience to assist any public entity in the management of its vegetative waste handling. The companies specialize in providing local turn-key site operations, providing the staff and equipment, as well as transportation services to carry out daily vegetative waste and compost site functions. As a team NCC and



Materials being run through the screener at the NCC White Township facility.

RWP can provide both public and private entities a valuable resource to increase recycling and the use of recycled products within their organization.

The future of organic waste recycling is just beginning. Nature's Choice and Reliable Wood are excited about opportunities that they are in the process of creating in their organization. Food waste recycling, energy production, and organic fertilization are all areas where Nature's Choice and Reliable Wood will be developing cost effective recycling processes for organic waste which will expand the uses of this material furthering the cause and need for recycling.



Materials being loaded into a tub grinder at the NCC Jersey City facility.

Certified Recycling Professional Update

New Jersey's Recycling Enhancement Act (P.L. 2007 c. 311) requires that municipalities or other government agencies that submit tonnage reports or other recycling-related documents have a Certified Recycling Professional (CRP) on staff to compile, document and sign/certify these documents no later than January 13, 2012. Since the signing of the law in January 2008, the Rutgers/NJAES Office of Continuing Professional Education (OCPE) has been working with the NJDEP and ANJR to get folks across the state trained to meet the deadline.

In response to the anticipated need for additional CRPs, the certification program was expanded to two tiers, with the type of training required determined by a combination of experience, prior training and current professional certifications. In addition to the long-running nine class, 21-day series, a four-day "alternate" certification program (which includes an exam) was developed to meet the needs of county, municipal or government employees who possess certain levels of experience, training, professional certification or a combination of all three. Those not meeting these criteria are still required to complete

the full nine class series. In addition, recertification requirements for those who had completed the series, but let their certification lapse, were also put in place.

Since the requirement was put into place, over 200 people have successfully completed one of the programs to become certified (or recertified) and approximately 50 people are enrolled and working their way toward certification. In lieu of having their "own" CRP, several locales are also working to develop agreements to share the services of a CRP with a neighboring municipality to meet the state filing requirement.

Article provided by Carol Broccoli.



ANJR President Dominick D'Altilio with Mary Jo Aiello, NJDEP Administrator for the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Program at the March 30, 2011 ANJR Annual Meeting in Burlington County.

Upcoming Programs

March 28, 2012
ANJR Annual Meeting
Rutgers EcoComplex, Bordentown

October 17, 2012
Annual Recycling Symposium & Awards Luncheon
Jumping Brook Country Club, Neptune

Pictures From the 31st Annual Recycling Symposium & Awards Luncheon



Jane Kozinskin (l.) NJDEP Assistant Commissioner presents Bridget O'Connor of Camp May County Municipal Utilities Authority with the Commissioner's Award.



Representatives from Sims Metal Management and Sims Recycling Solutions greet many visitors to their display.



Representatives from Green Sky Industries accept the outstanding achievement in recycling award for the category of Recycling Industry from Jane Kozinskin (center) of the NJDEP.



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Bill Kerwood is discussing the programs that he presents.