



Association of NJ RECYCLERS

Summer 2015

Beyond the Curb...



A Message from ANJR President

Dominick D'Altio

Dear Members:

Hope all is well with you and the summer, in spite of the weird weather, has been enjoyable.

ANJR is well – we have new government and business members; our finances are stable; the annual meeting was well attended; and the presenters well received. Our program committee and their Chairperson, Vice President Monica Gismondi, are putting the final touches on the agenda for our symposium that is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14th at the Jumping Brook Country Club, 210 Jumping Brook Road, Neptune.

Thanks to Golf Committee Chairperson Nancy Paquette and the Golf Committee for its efforts in making our third annual golf outing a success. The date for our fourth annual golf outing will be announced soon. Will we see you there?

Through our legislative monitor, Frank Brill, we monitor and review all new legislative proposals that could impact public and private recycling. When threats arise, our Legislative Committee Chairperson Carole Tolmachewich organizes the Committee and works to overturn the negative results.

The Association is working today to support changes to make the state's E-waste recycling law more effective and to counter practices by electronics manufacturers and brokers that threaten the viability of many county and local electronics recycling programs.

We have gone on record in support of Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill S1420. This legislation would require paint producers to implement or participate in a paint stewardship program.

Imagine a New Jersey where every single person recycles. We have markets, processing facilities and manufacturing for our recyclables, and sustainability is not just a buzz-word but a way of life. To that goal ANJR continues to support legislation and regulations to strengthen the state's recycling efforts. To quote Albert Einstein, "Imagination is more important than knowledge."

Let's all imagine and work to making what we imagine a reality!

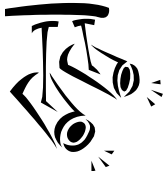
School Recycling Toolkit—Update

"The crew", pictured below, performed a waste audit at the New Brunswick Middle School. The audit was videoed and will be one of the videos that will be used to expand ANJR's on-line manual for school recycling.

The Crew sorted through 256 lbs. of waste which was a representative sample of waste originating from classroom breakfasts, cafeteria, food service, classrooms and offices.



"The Crew" (l to r) ANJR President Dominick D'Altio, ANJR Treasurer Donna Caputo and Dave Sliker of Middlesex County dressed in their protective clothing are sorting through trash as ANJR Vice President—Development, Ron Hutchinson (l) and Frank Brill of Brill Public Affairs assist "the crew."

***Company Spotlight...*****Atlantic Coast Fibers**

Atlantic Coast Fibers, LLC has a proud history beginning over 80 years ago. The Riviello family started Rivsec Recycling in the 1930's right around the same time the Monteleone family started Monteleone Paper Stock. They later merged and changed their name to Atlantic Coast Fibers in the 1980's, and again merged with Gaccione Brothers Recycling in 1998. From those early beginnings Atlantic Coast Fibers has grown to become one of the largest independent processors of Class "A" recyclables, handling between 30,000 to 40,000 tons per month.

Atlantic Coast Fibers, LLC is currently operated by its five owners who are all in the 3rd or 4th generation of the business. These owners, each operating different aspects of the business, create a perfect team in which to accommodate all needs from the largest to the smallest of our accounts.

Recently ACF announced their association with Allan and Larry Zozzaro, forming Zozzaro Atlantic Coast Processing. The Zozzaro family has a long history and tradition in recycling in New Jersey and the surrounding area. For over 70 years their family operated Zozzaro Bros. Recycling in Clifton, NJ. Their facility in Clifton was unique, and was considered the most efficient recycling facility in the United States.

Headquartered in Passaic, NJ, Atlantic Coast Fibers (ACF) is organized into three subsidiary companies, Zozzaro Atlantic Coast Processing (ZAC); Atlantic Coast Recycling (ACR); and Information Destruction Systems (IDS) to efficiently accommodate all of their varied customer needs. Together they operate four recycling centers in three New Jersey locations - Passaic, Tinton Falls and Neptune. They employ over 200 employees combined from all locations. The multiple locations offers convenience and easy access for their municipal and commercial customer base.

The subsidiaries are broken into different processing

responsibilities: the Zozzaro Atlantic Coast Processing subsidiary is responsible for all municipal and commercially sourced commingled can and bottle processing; all municipal and commercial paper and single stream processing is the responsibility of the Atlantic Coast Recycling subsidiary; the processing of commercial printers recyclables falls under the Atlantic Coast Fibers responsibility, ACF is also responsible for all brokerage transactions; lastly, document destruction is the responsibility of the Information Destruction Systems subsidiary.

Atlantic Coast Fibers is well known throughout the industry for being one of the most efficient processors, utilizing the latest state-of-the-art equipment to achieve unparalleled throughput. Together with Larry and Allan Zozzaro they designed and developed one of the most automated facilities in the world for processing commingled containers and single stream recyclables. Through the use of the world's most advanced automated equipment, they have the ability to handle 30,000 to 40,000 tons per month of commingled containers and single stream recyclables, in addition to their other facility in an adjoining building where our paper, including high grades, mixed paper and cardboard are processed.

The high quality commodities produced allows their brokerage division to market the recyclables across the entire United States and throughout the world. This combination allows them to offer markets, services and professionalism to their customers that most cannot match.

Atlantic Coast Fibers is fortunate to have many industry veterans with many years of experience. The commonality of the business ethics and business approach of the team members is unique in the recycling and solid waste industry. Through the years their team has built their existing and prior successes on their reputation for honesty and professionalism, keeping their word and working with their customers. In addition the team members at ACF have always believed in keeping their employees enthusiastic and "partnering" with their loyal customers who have worked together.

ANJR Testifies before NJ Senate Environment and Energy Committee

The intent of the “Electronic Waste Recycling Act,” which was established five years ago, was that the costs associated with e-waste recycling would be borne by the electronics manufacturers. As most ANJR members know, in recent years several NJ municipalities and counties have abandoned the collection of electronic waste due to the unexpected costs of e-waste collection and recycling.

Monica Gismondi of Gloucester County and ANJR Vice President—Programs recently testified before the Senate Environment and Energy Committee regarding e-waste recycling. Ms. Gismondi told the committee that Gloucester County had been providing free e-waste recycling for years via municipal drop-off sites and at the county landfill. In 2014, the recycler who took the county and municipal material began collecting a fee of more than \$12,000 for the service.

As of the date of this publication, a new E-waste bill, S-2973, has been introduced by the Senate Environment and Energy Committee to revise the current “Electronic Waste Recycling Act.”



ANJR Vice President—Programs, Monica Gismondi (center) of Gloucester County recently testified before the Senate Environment and Energy Committee. Photo by Frank Brill

ANJR and Sustainable Materials Management

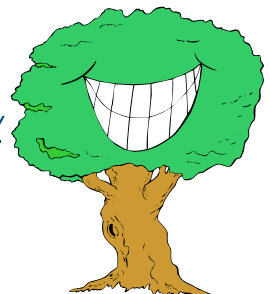
Executive Director Marie Kruzan and Board Member Gray Russell represented ANJR at the first ever Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Summit on May 12-13, 2015 at the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

In an effort to illuminate and elevate the issues around SMM to the forefront of national policy and create a plan of action to move SMM forward, the National Recycling Coalition (NRC) organized the Summit. Over 130 individuals, representing a diverse set of stakeholders came together to discuss the challenges and opportunities around SMM and strategize how the NRC network relates to and can support implementing SMM nationally. Both the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) and select EPA regions participated and spoke about how the EPA is transitioning to SMM. Marie Kruzan worked for 6 months prior to the event on the national Steering Committee that designed the Summit. ANJR continues to work on a select Committee that is developing the draft follow up action plan and its' activities. ANJR will be addressing the issue at its Annual Symposium on Oct. 14, 2015.

Materials management refers to the life cycle of materials as they trace their course through the economy, from raw material extraction to product manufacture, transport, use, source reduction, reuse, recycling, and disposal. (US EPA)

Environmental Tip of The Day

Go to <http://epa.gov/earthday/tips.htm> and enter your email to receive an environmental tip of the day.



Third Annual Golf Outing — A great Success!

June 23, 2015, was a beautiful, sunny day—perfect for golf! Gathering at Mountain View Golf Course, one of Mercer County's premier courses, managed by John Kostin, 50 golfers had a memorable day. They supported ANJR and its mission and goals, while having a lot of fun and enjoying a special camaraderie. This, the third annual event, began at 11:30 am with the purchase of Mulligans. Each player was given a golf “goodie bag” provided by *Waste Management*, a tee shirt given, along with other prizes, from *Modell's* and the *Middlesex County Improvement Authority*. Registration was followed by lunch and a 1:00 pm shotgun tee off.

This event could not have been a success if it were not for our VERY generous sponsors:

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

Gold Sponsors:

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Tee boxes were adorned with colorful signs from the above named major sponsors as well as other supporters. They include: *Brill Public Affairs*, *DeFeo Associates*, *EnviroPolitics*, *G. Lobosco Recycling*, *Jedstock Inc.*, *JMS Construction*, *K&A Excavating Contractors*, *Kettle Creek/Windsor Barrel Works*,

Laser Save, *Association of NJ Household Hazardous Waste Coordinators*, *NJ National Gas Home Services*, *Ocean County Recycling Center*, *Sims Recycling Solutions*, *Solterra*, *T.M. Fitzgerald & Associates*, *Turnkey Enterprises*, as well as the *ANJR Board*.

Following the round of golf, players enjoyed a delicious dinner and prizes were awarded. Dan Napoleon, Mercer County Improvement Authority, was the emcee for the event, and the three lowest score winners were awarded foursomes to other golf courses. The highest scoring group was awarded 'most honest golfer' prize of a "second try" to play at Mountain View at a future date. The longest drive (men and women), as well as “closest to the pin” prizes were received and finally a drawing of other great prizes, which made everybody happy. Many thanks to *Colgate Paper Stock* for providing four Yankee Tickets; *Bayshore Recycling* made available two beautiful gift baskets; the *Somerset Patriots* provided eight flex tickets to a game; *George Chen* supplied a new pair of golf shoes and a golf glove; *Modell's* donated, not only the tee shirts, but also a Modell's golf bag, three overnight bags and 4 Modell's gift cards. Also, many many thanks to *Newtech Recycling* for bestowing on a lucky winner a Callaway golf bag; to *NJ Natural Gas* for the \$75 Walmart gift card; and *Penny Jones* for her generous donation of a Sports Authority Gift Card.

All of the volunteers were invaluable in making the day run so smoothly. Special thanks go to JoAnn Gemenden, Andriana Kontovrakis, Janet Pellichero, Maite Quinn, Diana Vigilante and Melinda Williams who helped with photography, registration, prize set up, and pot of gold spotters.

We can't wait for next year and are looking forward to another fun and successful outing. It is never too early to spread the word and seek out players and sponsors for 2016.

Submitted by ANJR Board member Nancy Paquette

Two ANJR Board Members Chosen Sustainable Heroes!

Angela Contillo Andersen

founder and chair of the Long Beach Township Green Team and serves as the recycling and clean communities coordinator for the township was selected the February 2015 Sustainable Hero by Sustainable Jersey. Some of the initiatives that Angela was recognized for include:



Hydration Stations — Long Beach Township is the first LBI town to install hydration stations. The hydration stations allow individuals to fill their reusable water bottles with cold, filtered municipal water.

LBI Shuttle Service — Long Beach Township started an LBI Shuttle Service. A fleet of nine micro busses service residents and visitors during the peak summer season and weekends through the fall.

Making LBI More Sustainable and Resilient Through Arts and Culture — The goal of this program is to enhance quality of life, improve economic conditions, and build a healthier climate for creative expression in ways that are realistic, cost-effective, and protect the best qualities of LBI.



Gray Russell, the Sustainability Officer for the Township of Montclair was selected the June 2015 Sustainable Hero by Sustainable Jersey. Some of the initiatives that Gray was recognized for include:

Montclair Public Charging Stations for Electric Vehicles — Montclair was the first town in the state to install a networked series of public charging stations in the heart of its commercial districts.

Montclair Bike Depot at NJ Transit Station — In partnership with the New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition (NJBWC), Montclair established a bike depot to provide safe, secure, weather-protected storage for bikes, helmets, and personal items. The depot reduces vehicle emissions and lowers the carbon footprint.

Montclair Farmers Market - Fresh Foods for Underserved Communities — As a founding member of the Montclair Farmers Market, Gray is excited that the market opened for its twenty-third season on June 6. He is especially proud that Montclair Farmers' Market vendors will now accept SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), WIC (Women, Infants, and Children), and Senior FMNP (Farmers' Market Nutrition Program) vouchers. This year, Montclair will be one of the first markets able to give all SNAP, WIC, and Senior FMNP participants double value for their vouchers -- this means that for \$10 of voucher or SNAP money, they can purchase \$20 worth of fresh, locally-grown produce and other healthful foods at the Montclair farmers' markets.

United States Environmental Protection Agency Honors ANJR Board Member



Angela Contillo Andersen of Long Beach Township and ANJR Board member, receives a 2015 U.S. EPA Environmental Champion Award, accompanied by New York City Councilman Donovan Richards and EPA Regional Administrator Judith Enck.

Pictures from the ANJR 3rd Annual Golf Outing



ANJR Board members Wayne DeFeo, Nancy Paquette and Dan Napoleon (l. to r.) are flanked by Chris Sikorski of Middlesex County and Diana Vigilante of Somerset County.



Bayshore Recycling representatives Jennifer Solewski (and ANJR Board Member), Jenny Barton and Gary Sondermeyer (l. to r.) are joined by Adam Zellner of Greener by Design.



ANJR Board member Bill Lehman (l.) of Waste Management with Nick Smolney of Middlesex County.



ANJR Board member Patrick McGaheran (r.) is joined by CJ DiNardi. Both gentlemen are representatives of Colgate Paperstock Co.

Photos provided by Gary Sondermeyer



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