



# Association of NJ RECYCLERS

Summer 2017

## Beyond the Curb...



### A Message from ANJR President Guy Watson

*Greetings fellow recyclers!*

First, let me take this opportunity to once again thank Dominick for his many years of selfless service to ANJR. He is certainly a hard act to follow!

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as President. There are many exciting and challenging things going on in recycling in New Jersey, and ANJR will be front and center, always advocating for the issues that matter to recycling.

To begin with, we should meet with the Gubernatorial candidates, to make sure that recycling is on their radar screens. These issues include an assurance that the Recycling Fund will not be used to balance future state budgets, and that Treasury is aggressively pursuing full payment of the tax from all parties.

Additionally, ANJR will continue to work with the Legislature to protect recyclers from unwarranted background searches and licensure, while pushing for licensing for those activities that need closer oversight. Also, ANJR is playing a key role in crafting food waste recycling legislation, the next big recycling frontier.

I am particularly interested in working towards a more viable approach to the recycling of glass containers. The costs to process this material, added to the harm caused to paper from broken glass, and the limitations on marketing mixed, broken glass need to be addressed.

Should large scale food waste recycling become standard in the state, I think it will be time to look more closely at how waste, compostables and recyclables are collected, and paid for. If the

predictions are correct, the waste container may just be the smaller of the three, requiring us to rethink and re-engineer the entire collection system. Stay tuned!

I would appreciate hearing from you. Please don't hesitate to send me your thoughts to [watsonguy2@gmail.com](mailto:watsonguy2@gmail.com). Thanks!

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### E-waste Bill Becomes Law



On January 9, 2017, Governor Chris Christie signed S981/S2375 into law. This legislation revamps the state's electronic-waste recycling program and clarifies the responsibility of computer and television manufacturers to provide free, statewide recycling of worn-out TV and computer monitors and related products.

Municipal and county programs, saddled with rising program costs in recent years (formerly borne by manufacturers) have been forced to pass on the costs to residents or close down their e-waste collection and recycling programs. In many cases where the programs were no longer available, local officials reported an increase in illegal dumping. The legislation was supported by ANJR, a host of environmental organizations and by the New Jersey Association of Counties. It was opposed by the electronics manufacturers and by the New Jersey Business and Industry Association and the state Chamber of Commerce.

As additional information becomes available, ANJR will provide its membership with updates.

Information for this article was taken from: [EnviroPolitics Blog](#)

Monday, January 9, 2017

## The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Recycling in New Jersey Celebrated at Annual Meeting!

This year's April 12, 2017 ANJR Annual Meeting was one of the most exciting in recent history! Not only did over 200 recycling professionals attend the annual meeting, the membership applauded and thanked outgoing President Dominick D'Altilio for his many years of service to ANJR. They also welcomed incoming President and former NJDEP Recycling Chief Guy Watson as their new President, but this was only the beginning. After the meeting ended there was 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the of the enactment of the New Jersey's Recycling Law.

NJDEP Commissioner Bob Martin addressed the overflow crowd and noted that the Recycling Act-- the nation's first--had set a recycling goal of 50 percent for all municipal solid waste. New Jersey has never been able to surpass 40 percent, but Martin said his department is committed to enhancing household recycling. The Department is implementing several initiatives, including a new web app that will make it easier for residents to participate by clarifying what materials can be recycled and what cannot, on a county-by-county basis.

Taking a bow for his role in recycling was former legislator Paul Contillo, who sponsored the Recycling Act in the state Senate. Arthur Albohn, deceased, was the bill's sponsor in the Assembly. Contillo's daughter, Angela Andersen, ANJR's Vice President-Administration, and recycling coordinator in Long Beach Township, also addressed her recycling colleagues, encouraging them to continue to build on the recycling foundation established by many others, including her father.

Sending messages of congratulations were former Governor Thomas Kean, who signed the recycling legislation into law, and Mary Sheil who was a driving force behind recycling in its early years at the NJDEP.

***Congratulations ANJR members and here's to another 30 year's of recycling in NJ!***



*Thirty years later...former NJ Senator Paul Contillo, who sponsored the recycling bill, was on hand to enjoy the celebration.*

Information for the annual meeting article was taken from: [EnviroPolitics Blog](#)

Thursday, April 13, 2017

## Register for ANJR's 5K Walk/Run 4 Recycling in NJ!



The Association of NJ Recyclers is hosting its inaugural "5K Walk/Run 4 Recycling" on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Duke Island Park in Bridgewater, NJ. The event is family friendly and the course is scenic, flat and fast. The cost to participate is \$30 for runners (\$35 day of event) and \$25 for walkers (\$30 day of event). Prizes will be given to the top three male and female runners. The course and event are USATF certified. For online event registration, go to <https://raceroster.com/12549>.

Preregistration is recommended, cash or check will only be accepted if registering at event. T-shirt pickup is at 8 am and the walk/run starts at 9 am.

All event proceeds will go to support [ANJR](#). ***Come out to stretch your legs and support recycling in NJ!***



**ANJR hosts its first two clothing drives**

At the 36th Annual Recycling Symposium and Awards Luncheon on October 19, 2016 and the Annual Meeting on April 12, 2017, ANJR hosted its first two used clothing drive fundraisers. With the assistance of Turnkey Enterprises, LLC., attendees helped ANJR “recycle beyond the bin” and a total of 2,200 pounds of materials were collected and provided ANJR with \$176.00. The materials that were collected included: clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys.

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**Regional Swap & Share events draw a large crowd**

Over 100 NJ recycling professionals attended the ANJR Annual Regional Swap & Share sessions. The Southern session was held at the Gloucester County Government Services Building in Clayton on February 28, 2017 and the Northern Session was held at the Bergen County Utilities Authority in Little Ferry on February 24, 2017. The goal of the Swap & Share is to provide NJ recycling professionals with a venue to share ideas and learn from each other. Attendees included municipal and county recycling coordinators from all over New Jersey. Many ANJR Board Members and representatives from recycling companies were also in attendance.

According to Mark Vangieri, ANJR Secretary, “many pertinent topics were discussed including electronics recycling, municipal construction & demolition debris recycling ordinances, recycling enforcement, recycling contamination issues, and public space recycling.”



*Turnkey Enterprises collected over 900 lbs. of materials at the ANJR Annual Meeting on April 12, 2017.*



*Pictured are some of the more than 50 recycling professionals that attended the Southern Swap & Share in Clayton on February 28, 2017.*



**Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority hosts 30th Annual Environmental Excellence Awards**

The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) celebrated environmental excellence at the 30th annual Environmental Excellence Awards ceremony on May 12, 2017. The event included middle school students wearing "recycling" hats of their own creation; Watershed Ambassadors; MCMUA staff members and Vo-Tec students modeling upcycled fashion; educational displays about plastic film and packaging; hard cover book recycling; and the growing problem of ocean litter.

Seven awards was presented for categories including: "Recycling is Fundamental" award; "Golden Age Recycler" award; "Insuring a Better Tomorrow by Caring about Today" award; "Rockaway River Clean Water Stewardship" award; "Leading by Example" award; "Recycling Naturally" award; and Supporting Sustainability" award.

Acting Executive Director, Larry Gindoff, thanked all of the award recipients for their outstanding environmental work!



*Fred Wilson, MCMUA Human Resources Officer, displays for audience members a pair of Adidas Parley Boost sneakers made of 95% upcycled ocean plastic.*



*Grace Weiner, granddaughter of ANJR Board Member Emeritus Penny Jones, models her dress that was made with pages from hard cover books, which are not acceptable in the MCMUA's single-stream curbside recycling bin.*

**Slow Down To Get Around Legislation For Sanitation Vehicles Becomes Law**



The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has rated waste material collection, specifically for refuse and recycling, to be the fifth most dangerous job in the country. Many accidents involving waste and recycling collection workers are caused by inattentive motorists and distracted driving. A bill (A-4452) was signed into law on May 1, 2017 adding sanitation vehicles to New Jersey's existing "Slow Down/Move Over" law. New Jersey is now the 15<sup>th</sup> state to enact this legislation.

The bill, referred to as "Michael Massey's Law", follows the death of Freehold resident Michael Massey, an Ocean Township public works employee who was killed in a 2013 motor vehicle crash while working.

The law requires motorists to reduce their speed and change lanes when approaching authorized vehicles. The law also requires **sanitation vehicles** to display flashing amber warning lights while stopped on a street and while engaged in the collection of garbage or while moving between stops at a speed of 10 miles per hour or less.

More information about the law is available at: <http://www.assemblydems.com/Article.asp?ArticleID=12534>

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) is offering its members free "Slow Down to Get Around" decals (up to 20) for their vehicles. More information can be found on the SWANA website at: <https://swana.org/slowdowntogetaround.aspx>.

ANJR hopes to help raise awareness of the this new law, and to educate residents of the dangers that refuse and recycling collectors face daily on New Jersey roadways. The safety of waste collection employees, whether private or public, should be of the utmost priority.

*\*a charge for shipping and handling will apply.*



**ANJR Recycling Workshops Announced**



The title for these workshops is - "I'm just a bill" - All about Legislation and the Legislative Process. The speakers and subject matter will be the same at both workshops. **Please choose the date and location that is best for you.**

**South**

**Wednesday, September 6, 2017**

Gloucester County Government Services Building  
Clayton, NJ 08312

**North**

**Wednesday, September 13, 2017**

STEM Donald R. Conklin Conference Center  
Kean University  
Union, NJ 07083

**CRPs will receive 3 classroom recertification credits**

**CPWMs will receive the following CEUs:**

- 1 - government, 1 - information technology & 1 - technical**

**You may only take this course once for credit.**

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**New Jersey WasteWise Business Network Announces Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting of the New Jersey WasteWise Business Network is on **November 2, 2017.**

Please mark this date down on your calendars (*meeting location is yet to be determined*).

**CRPs can earn CEUs for attendance at the New Jersey WasteWise Business Network meetings.**



Preserving Resources,  
Preventing Waste



At the April 12<sup>th</sup> ANJR Annual Meeting Dominick D'Altilio (r.) passes the torch to the new ANJR President Guy Watson.



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