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Window to Waste

Annual Recyclers Summit

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On October 12th, the MMSWMD Executive Board was pleased to welcome approximately 30 participants from universities, colleges, recyclers and sheltered workshops to their fourth recycle summit. The objective was to foster discussion between these entities about challenges and successes in the business of recycling.

Mike Heimos, Stormwater Educator for the City of Columbia was the guest speaker. He offered attendees helpful tips on spreading the word about their business through social media and other free tools available such as Facebook and Google Maps.

Brenda Ardrey of MDNR spoke about the waste reduction program. She encouraged those attending to keep in mind that a product purchased today will eventually end up somewhere. Before making a purchase, research to see whether a more durable, environmentally friendly product is available. Go paperless whenever possible.

Attendants of the summit all agreed that consumers need to be more aware of solutions in recycling. Not only when it comes to greener purchases, but recycling or reusing in general. It has become increasingly more noticeable that convenience is a driving factor when it comes to recycling. Education and outreach will be the focus this coming year to encourage our communities to recycle their everyday consumer goods and other recyclables; such as electronics, ewaste, and household hazardous waste.



Mike Heimos gives a presentation on his findings of advertising free on the web.

FY2012 DEADLINES FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 09/02/11—Preliminary applications for small grant projects due
- 09/23/11 by 4:00 p.m.—Final applications for small grant projects due in MMSWMD office
- 11/11/11—Preliminary applications for large projects (no small projects considered this process)
- 01/04/12 by 4:00 p.m.—Final applications for large projects only due in MMSWMD office
- 03/02/12—Preliminary applications for small grant projects due
- 03/23/12 by 4:00 p.m.—Final applications for small grant projects due

Pick-up America visits Mid-Missouri



Pick-up America is a full-time crew of six that travels across the US picking up trash on the roadways and communities they visit. Using a blue school bus turned mobile home named Due West, (it runs on diesel fuel and vegetable oil!) these green crusaders are able cook and sleep along their route maximizing their efforts to keep America beautiful. There is also room to store the collected trash for proper disposal.

In October, these green crusaders made their way through Region H and spent about a week picking up trash along I-70 and smaller highways. They also spent time at Coopers Landing in Columbia and working with River Relief, a local non-profit organization that has efforts keeping the MO River clean.

The Pick-up America team has been highlighted on local new programs as well as the national news program, ABC Nightly News with Brian Williams. These outlets have helped raise awareness of their project and to empower communities to transform themselves.

To follow the Pick-Up America team, visit www.pickupamerica.org. Region H was excited to have this crew come through our District and make help a difference.

District News

October Tire & Ewaste Collections

MMSWMD held a tire and ewaste collection in Audrain and Boone County during October. The weather for both days was chilly, but had clear skies. Collectively, both events brought 110 residents with a total of 56 tons of tires and 63 residents giving 3.4 tons of ewaste. ABC Tire and Mid MO Recycling respectively collected the items that were dropped off. We appreciate their services and the help of the volunteers! The next scheduled tire and ewaste collection is July 2012.



Audrain County Commissioner, Tom Groves operates loader to assist with getting the bigger tires on the truck.



Proj. Manager, Tim Reinbott discusses the composting cycle and how the facility will benefit the environment.

On November 18th both the City of Holts Summit and the University of MO had ribbon cuttings opening their MMSWMD grant funded facilities.

The City of Holts Summit prepped a space at Greenway Park to place two 22' roll off containers to receive paper, cardboard, aluminum and plastic recyclables from their residents.

The University of MO built a composting facility at Bradford Research Farm. Food waste from MU's

Campus Dining will be collected and taken to the compost facility and mixed with animal manure and beddings as needed to balance any nitrogen or carbon requirements. Once this process is finished, it will be used by MU's Landscaping services along with growing vegetables; which then will be sold back to Campus Dining to complete the cycle.

Congratulations to both organizations on a job well done!

Creek Clean Ups in Region H

In last quarter's newsletter, MMSWMD advertised Creek Clean Up's for the month of October for both Jefferson City and Columbia. Here are the impressive results:

Jefferson City's event on October 1st was focused on cleaning up Wears Creek. 200 volunteers scored a huge effort by removing 480 lbs. of trash and recyclables, and 1.2 tons of scrap steel from the area!

The **City of Columbia** gathered approximately 600 volunteers together on October 8th to clean Hinkson Creek. 5 tons of trash and recyclables were removed from its banks.

Congratulations to both City's of Columbia and Jefferson on their successful events!

MMSWMD Grant Round 1

Region H received six grant submissions for their first grant round the end of September. This was a small grant round that offered potential funding up to \$5000 per application. The Advisory Committee met mid-October to review and score the applications received by 4PM on September 23rd.

Their recommendation was presented to the Executive Board in November for discussion and final recommendation to be submitted to MDNR for funding.

The next small grant opportunity will be in March. Final applications for this round will be due to the MMSWMD office by 4:00PM on Friday, March 23, 2012. For additional information, please visit www.mmswmd.org or call us at 573-874-7574.

Purchase Compost in CoMo

Every Thursday in January through May 2012, the City of Columbia will be selling compost at the landfill, located at 5700 Peabody Road. .

Beginning January 5, 2012, between 1:00-4:00pm, compost will be available for purchase. It is \$12+tax per cubic yard.

The compost facility also accepts yard waste free of charge. Other acceptable items for drop off are clean drywall and untreated lumber. There are chipping fees involved with dropping off this material.

For additional information call 573-474-9145 or visit:

www.gocolumbiainmo.com/PublicWorks/Solidwaste/compost-mulch.php



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www.facebook.com/MMSWMD

Electronic & Appliance Recycling

ATTENTION READERS

In today's technologically driven world, there are not many places to properly dispose of your old, unwanted or broken electronics. Region H has two outlets for residents and their unwanted items.

Mid MO Recycling, 6104 Brown Station Rd. in Columbia has been around since 2001. They have established themselves to provide services not only in Region H, but throughout mid-Missouri. MMSWMD has worked with Mid MO Recycling for many years coordinating one-day e-waste collections for our residents. They are also happy to take items that residents drop off at their facility. They can be contacted at 573-474-3997 or via their website: midmorecycling.com

A newcomer to our region is Midwest Recycling Center (MRC). MRC has been in business since 1998 and have been recycling electronics and appliances since 2003. They have 5 locations throughout MO, with the newest being located at 1327 Hwy 179 in Jefferson City. MRC accepts items dropped off at their facility and also has pick up services for a fee. You can visit their website at midwrc.net or phone them at 573-635-4122 for additional information.



Let's work together to keep these items out of the landfill!

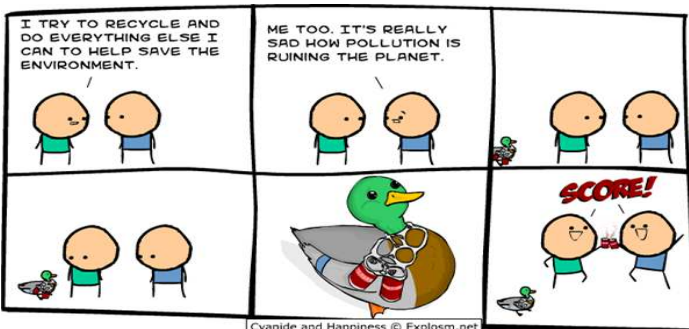
Go Green!

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- CARPPOOL
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Green Resolutions

Sometimes, the easiest ways to be green aren't always the first things to come to mind. Yet, as I say this, some of the items that we will share below you've heard since you were a whipper-snapper. At the time you just thought your parents were nagging and it was useless jibberish.

1. "Turn the light off if you're not using it": Not only will turning off lights when not in use save energy, switch to CFL bulbs. They can reduce your lighting costs by as much as 75%.
2. "Close the door! We're not paying to heat (or cool) the outside": The ever popular in/out routine the kids like to play. Sometimes adults play too. Reducing trips in/out doors will certainly save on energy cost, but another angle is to set your thermostat two degrees cooler in the winter and two degrees warmer in the summer. This will save 1000 pounds of emissions this year.
3. "You're lucky to have a bus to ride to school. I had to walk 2 miles each way.....up hill.....in the snow!": Even though we find it fun to exaggerate to our kids as to how good they have it, things like, walking, carpooling, or taking public transportation to your destination helps the environment. Doing this once a week for a year will reduce your carbon emissions by 1000 pounds per year.

Let your New Year's Resolution include an effort to be green and environmentally friendly!

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