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SOLID WASTE NEWS For Waste Professionals

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President's Message

By: Steve Lippy

Network – A group of people who exchange information, contacts, and experience for professional or social purposes (e.g., by volunteering to serve your local SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter) per Reader's Digest Oxford Complete Wordfinder (albeit I added the parenthetical phrase). Regardless, participating and volunteering is a great way to meet others. If you are an introvert, it helps you to be more of an extrovert. If your job keeps you cooped up in a cube, it is an opportunity to "escape" (for a short time anyway). If you have a problem (professional, that is), maybe someone else has experienced it (and possibly

even solved it) and you do not have to reinvent the wheel. See if the saying that the amount you receive is more than what you give is true when one volunteers.

Let's change the 20/80 rule where 20% of the people do 80% of the work. Let's as a Chapter increase the first number! The more who volunteer the more activities we can do as a Chapter, the more we can help one another, the more we can network.

Hope to see everyone sometime during the year!

**SWANA
Mid-Atlantic Chapter
Annual Crab Feast**

**June 14th
at
Sandy Point
State Park**



*See page 3 for a
Registration Form.*

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Chapter Board of Directors' (BOD) Meeting

On April 16, 2008, ten of the members of the BOD met at the Cecil County government landfill outside of Northeast, Maryland. Thank you to Landfill Services (distributor for Posi-shell) for lunch and to Cecil County for hosting the meeting.

Significant items include:

- The transition of treasurer duties have been shifted from Liz Smolen to Steve Tomczewski. We agreed to roll over a promissory note from SWANA maturing June 1 to another one from SWANA for financing training upgrades.
- The agenda has been finalized for the June 25-26, 2008 MRC/SWANA Conference in College Park, MD; registrations should be sent out within the week. (See page 7 of this newsletter for information.)
- The January MOLO course in Harford County netted approximately \$3,900 due to the two sponsorships (Alban Tractor and Honeygo Run Reclamation), less out of pocket costs than anticipated, and more registrants than anticipated. Thirty registrants out of the thirty-six who took the exam passed.
- The annual Chapter business meeting that is held in September may be held in conjunction with the County Engineers Association of Maryland's (CEAM) conference in Ocean City from September 17-20, 2008. Robin Ennis will explore the possibility with CEAM and report back at the next BOD meeting.
- Crab feast pricing was set. See registration on page 3 of this newsletter. It must be PRE-PAID. There are some possible corporate sponsors; amount of firm/product promotion is "negotiable." A separate flyer is to go out this year. Non-SWANA members from one's organizations are welcome to attend at the non-member rate.
- There were eleven organizations which responded to the training needs survey. Composting certification course was the "winner." The Board voted to present it at the HEAT Center in Aberdeen in Harford County. The planning committee consists of Pete Bieniek, Robin Ennis, Bob Ernst, Mike Houlihan, and Steve Tomczewski. Steve Lippy will provide some guidance.
- Jessica Martin of Tenax is the new Chair of Membership Committee. There are now 250 members, 29 new and three deleted (at least two of whom retired).
- After the scholarship applications are received and distributed, a conference call will be conducted among the scholarship committee to choose the 2008 winners. One scholarship for this year will be named in memory of George L. Winfield.

Scholarship Sponsorship Opportunities

Contact Mehal Trivedi at mtrivedi@fredco-md.net regarding scholarship sponsorship opportunities. Office Paper Systems (OPS) donates \$2,000 per year in memory of Kevin Stearman. Do you want to have a scholarship named for your company or an individual? The scholarship amount is negotiable (i.e., it can be less than \$2,000).

Chapter Membership Directory

Please let Jessica Martin (jmartin@tenax.com) know of any changes, additions, or deletions to either yours or someone else's contact information.

MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER SWANA
Annual Crab Feast
Sandy Point State Park (Osprey Shelter)
Saturday, June 14, 2008

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Place: Sandy Point State Park, Annapolis, MD. Located in Anne Arundel County at the western terminus of the Bay Bridge, off U.S. Routes 50/301 at exit 32. Osprey Shelter (same as last year).

Cost: Registration and Payment Received by Mail on or before June 6th

\$10 for Member and immediate family

\$5 for Member Individual

\$10 Individual (non-Members)

Free – Children under 12

Registration and Payment Received After June 6th

\$20 for Member and immediate family

\$10 for Member Individual

\$20 Individual (non-Members)

Note - \$4 per person park entrance fee (pay at gate)

Food: Crabs, Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Beans, Corn, Coleslaw, Chips, Cookies, Soft drinks and bottled water. BYOB

Free Registration Available for Volunteers – Please contact Dana Murray (dmurray@scsengineers.com) if you are interested.

Help Wanted

Crab pick up from Kent Narrows

Side dish pick up from Red Hot and Blue

Unloading and set up (2) – must be there by 10:30 a.m.

Cooks (2)

Trash removal (pick up truck recommended)

Registration and Payment Due by June 6th

REGISTRATION FORM - ANNUAL CRAB FEAST

(Please return by June 6, 2008)

Registrations and payment received on or before June 6th.

Number:

_____ \$10 for Member and immediate family

_____ \$5 for Member Individual

_____ \$10 Individual (non-Member)

_____ Free - Children under 12

\$ _____ Total Amount Enclosed

NAME: _____

AFFILIATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Mail Completed Registration to: Dana Murray
c/o SCS Engineers
11260 Roger Bacon Drive
Reston, VA 20190

What Are You Doing?

To help in the networking effort among Chapter members and to minimize reinventing of the wheel, if there is interest from enough other Chapter members, there will be a new section on our Chapter web site devoted to listing what your organization does or has or operates or provides that may be of interest to others, due to its uniqueness or state-of-art or versatility or simply due to its very existence that someone may want to check it out. Listed items may work well or maybe they don't. Possibilities in Baltimore County, even though state-of-art is not necessarily in our vocabulary, are as follows:

Sites

- Eastern Sanitary Landfill Solid Waste Management Facility
 - Subtitle D Landfill (uses GCL)
 - Multi-phase extraction system (for diesel fuel recovery)
 - Landfill gas air curtain
 - 4 MW LFG energy facility and LFG well field
 - Residents' Drop-Off Center
 - Transfer Station
 - Yard Materials Processing Center (i.e., composting and grinding)
- Parkton Landfill
 - Model Race car track (buffer area)
 - Model Airplane club (top of landfill cell)
- Hernwood Landfill
 - Recent completion of 60 acre, \$8,000,000+ cap
 - Leachate treatment facility (for ammonia removal)
 - Passive LFG vent swales/trenches
- Baltimore County Resource Recovery Facility
 - Residents' Drop-Off Center (top of closed landfill; trash is dumped into a "trough")
 - including electronic recycling
 - Transferring Operation
 - "MRF"
- Western Acceptance Facility
 - Transfer Operation (Compactor and open-top)
 - Residents' Drop-Off Center

Programs

- Quarterly e-mail "The Re-source" newsletter
- Student intern program (in recycling)
- HHW (permanent center open 6 days per week, April – November, at Eastern; two one-day events; without using outside vendors to collect and package HHW)
- Once per week trash and once per week recycling collection for 300,000+ homes

This section of the web could be added and deleted as the organization deems appropriate. Other possibilities include Cecil County's new state-of-art residents' facility; Montgomery County's MRF, transfer station/rail haul, waste-to-energy; Harford County's composting operation; Prince George's LFG to energy; DSWA's transfer operation, exposed geomembrane cap. Others have on-site leachate collection and/or treatment facilities. Most counties have some sort of residents' facility convenience center. Many have permanent e-cycling. Many facilities have been recognized award winners by SWANA and AAEE.

If anyone is interested in putting your facility or program on our web site (with the understanding that people may call for more information or to visit), send the information to swright@nmwda.org.

This can become a potential resource, especially for those who are new to the solid waste management field.

Tour of Cecil County Central Landfill

By: Tanya Adams

On April 16, the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of SWANA held its board meeting at the Cecil County, MD Roads Department building in Elkton. Thank you to Chief Pete Bieniek of Cecil County Solid Waste Management for coordinating the meeting and lunch which was provided by Posi-Shell.

After the meeting a tour was held of the Cecil County Central Landfill and recycling facilities. A Posi-Shell mixing and application demonstration took place. There were also concrete and asphalt crushing and grinding demonstrations using a Cat excavator with concrete crushing attachment and an Allu-gator. The tour concluded with a visit to Cecil County's new Homeowner Convenience Center which incorporates their residential refuse tipping area and recycling tipping area into one location. Previously residents had to visit two separate areas for trash and recycling.



Photo provided by John Killman, Crew Leader, Cecil County SWMD

Reminders / Wanted

- ◆ **“Reporters”/writers for our Chapter newsletter.**
- ◆ **Important Websites to Remember:** www.swana.org, www.swana-midatl.org & www.mdrecycles.org.
- ◆ **Training the Trainers:** Contact a Board member if interested in being trained to be a trainer for a SWANA course.
- ◆ **SWANA E-sessions:** If your organization presents e-sessions, make them a Chapter event so that all attendees can get CEU's. Contact Steve Lippy or Dana Murray or Shirl Wright.
- ◆ **Job Vacancies in your Organization:** Contact swright@nmwda.org for inclusion in our Chapter newsletter.
- ◆ **Articles, information, recent/on-going projects of interest, active purchase orders, etc.:** Contact swright@nmwda.org to be placed in our Chapter newsletter.
- ◆ **Scholarship Sponsors:** Contact Steve Lippy, Mehal Trivedi, Hallie Clemm or Aigen Zhao.
- ◆ **Name(s) of Prospective SWANA Members:** Contact either our Chapter Membership Chair, Jessica Martin (jmartin@tenax.com) or Dave Hernandez at SWANA (dhernandez@swana.org), or direct the prospective member to our Chapter website (www.swana-midatl.org) or SWANA's website (www.swana.org)
- ◆ **Newsletter Ads:** These are business card size ads only (2" x 3.5"); \$100 for 4 issues. Send your business card or a JPG file and a check made payable to: Mid-Atlantic Chapter of SWANA and mail to Shirl Wright at NMWDA, 100 S. Charles Street, Tower II, Suite 402, Baltimore, MD 21201-2705.

American Academy of Environmental Engineers (AAEE) Extends an Invitation to SWANA Members Who Are Environmental Engineers to Join

To better serve the Environmental Engineering community, AAEE in 2005 expanded the opportunities for Environmental Engineers and aspiring environmental engineers to become members of the Academy. Today, the Academy membership categories include:

Student Member:

Open to any full-time undergraduate or graduate student majoring in a number of programs that will lead to an engineering degree. *Student memberships in the Academy are free.*

Member:

Open to any individual holding an undergraduate or graduate degree in engineering and working or teaching in an environmental engineering function. Membership is free for the first year after graduation to all Student Members who complete their academic program and earn a degree in any of the eligible engineering disciplines.

Board Certified Environmental Engineering Member (BCEEM):

Open to any individual who holds an engineering degree, works in an environmental engineering function, has completed the required time in responsible roles, and has taken and passed a written examination and peer review in one of the specialties that the Academy issues certificates of engineering excellence.

Board Certified Environmental Engineer (BCEE):

Open to any individual holding an engineering degree, who works in an environmental engineering function, has completed the required time in responsible roles, holds a valid license or a valid certificate of registration to practice engineering, and has taken and passed a written examination and peer review in one of the specialties that the Academy issues certificates of engineering excellence.

For further information and details, please refer to the Mid-Atlantic Chapter's web site www.swana-midatl.org; AAEE's web site www.aaee.net; contact AAEE at (410)266-3311 or info@aaee.net; or contact SWANA's representative on AAEE's Board of Trustees, Steve Lippy (slippy@baltimorecountymd.gov, (410)887-2009).

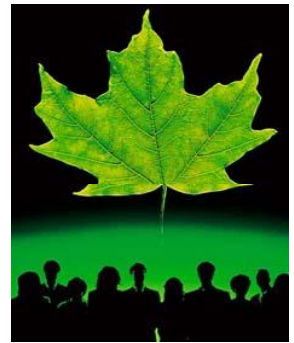
Operator of the Year Award

The deadline for the 2008 Operator of the Year Award will be September 2, 2008. A standardized form for nominating your personnel is available on the Chapter website. The criteria are also on the Chapter website. Nominations should be submitted to Jerry Scanlan by e-mail at gpscanlan@harfordcountymd.gov or fax to 410-638-4019.



4th Joint Conference MRC & SWANA's Mid Atlantic Chapter

**June 25-26, 2008
University of Maryland
College Park, MD**



New Frontiers in Recycling and Waste Management

Join us for the only event in the Mid-Atlantic Region designed for solid waste and recycling professionals.

The Maryland Recyclers Coalition and the SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter are joining forces to hold this great two-day event. You'll find:

- **Technical sessions** that cover the hottest topics in the industry including Carbon Credits and Offsets, Globalization vs. Localization, MD's Source Reduction System, Event Recycling, Carbon Calculators, Greening Collection Systems with Natural Gas and more.
- **Keynote – John Skinner**, executive director and CEO, Solid Waste Association of North America will address the *Climate-Waste Connection: How integrated solid waste management can help reduce GHG emissions*.
- **Exhibits** – Come see a wide variety of products and services from vendors in the region who can help you do your job, better.
- **Network** with your peers – Step out of your office environment and be among those that understand what you're faced with day in and day out. It recharges your thinking and inspires creative approaches. The ideas you generate could improve your program – and your career.
- **Social Events** – Some of the best exchanges occur during business-related social events. You're not going to want to miss what this event has in store for you!
 - Continental Breakfast & Lunch – Wednesday & Thursday, June 25-26, 2008 (Included with registration)
 - Reception and Networking Dinner at Adele's Restaurant in Stamp Union - Wednesday, June 25, 2008 starting at 5 p.m. (Purchase your ticket, now, for only \$40)

When: June 25-26, 2008

Where: Stamp Union, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

How to Register: Visit www.marylandrecyclers.org/2008Conference/index.htm and Click on the "Register Today" tab to download a registration form. You can also find additional details on the website re schedule details and speaker information, as well as information about hotels and sponsorship and exhibiting opportunities.



Employment Announcements

Engineer I or II (Solid Waste) [Modified] Refuse Disposal Division, Bureau of Solid Waste Management Department of Public Works, Baltimore County

Minimum qualifications - Bachelor's Degree in Engineering for Engineer I or degree and two years engineering experience (qualifying education may be substituted for experience) or P.E. license for Engineer II. 35 hour work week, possible alternate or flexible work schedule, generous annual leave [12-25 vacation days (one day per month for first year), 15 sick days, 6 personal leave], 10 -11 holidays; educational, training, and professional opportunities. **Salary \$38,889-\$48,851 if Engineer I; or \$46,684 to \$58,032, with longevity steps to \$74,142 if Engineer II (promotion from I to II to III should be anticipated).**

Various and diverse office and field duties involving engineering, environmental monitoring, and regulatory compliance associated with operations and construction projects at one active municipal sanitary landfill (owned and operated by the County), as well as at closed landfill sites (located throughout the County) and other County solid waste facilities, to include, but not limited to, performing civil design, administrating contracts and overseeing consultants and contractors, coordinating with other Bureau divisions and regulatory agencies, writing reports, performing site inspections, attending meetings with public and regulatory agencies.

For more information, please contact Stephen G. Lippy, P.E., DEE, Refuse Disposal Division Chief, 410-887-2009 or slippy@baltimorecountymd.gov. Applications can be submitted on-line by visiting www.baltimorecountymd.gov. Click on the "JOBS" tab in the right hand corner for a listing of current job vacancies. For information about County benefits, job description, and application, go to <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/humanresources/jobs/index.html>.

Recycling Program Coordinator/Planning Specialist II Bureau of Environmental Services Howard County Government 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 514 Columbia, MD 21046

Salary Range: \$48,277 - \$77,834 annually

This is a full-time professional level position working in the coordination and management of one or more components of the County's solid waste recycling program. Work includes planning and implementing recycling activities and preparing supporting documents, such as; performance specifications, cost/revenue analyses, and operating procedures. This position will be required to work Monday thru Friday from 8 am to 5 pm.

This position will be responsible for assisting County businesses in developing and implementing recycling and waste reduction programs and activities; data collection and analysis; research, evaluation and recommendation of new materials and methods of waste reduction and recycling; development and administration of contracts; conducting evaluations and audits of recycling activities; developing and recommending business and residential outreach and promotional material; assisting with preparation of the annual MRA report; and other related duties as directed.

See http://www.co.ho.md.us/DOA/DOA_HumanResources.htm for application and closing date. Any questions please contact Alan Wilcom at 410-313-6433.

Nominating Committee

As the Chapter President, Steve Lippy chairs the Nominating Committee. For this year, Robin Ennis (as the Vice-President) and Frank Henderson are the other members. We anticipate having at least one vacancy on the Chapter Board; therefore, if you are interested in serving or if you know of someone who would be a good candidate, please let one of them know.

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