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coordinators' update

Clean Communities Conference Goes Green

For the 6th consecutive year, the Clean Communities Council will host a 3-day conference to disseminate information about litter and honor those who have helped make the state cleaner. Join us for the 6th annual Clean Communities Seminar & Awards Banquet on May 19th thru 21st in Newark.

The conference opens with Kids for Clean Communities – Clean Teens awards program on May 19 in the ballroom of the historic Robert Treat Hotel, located across from NJ Performing Arts Center in the heart of downtown Newark. Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. with demonstrations, exhibits and performances, followed by lunch and awards. Guests will then enjoy a festival in Military Park and tours of local sites. Tours include such landmarks as the Newark Museum, Turtle Back Zoo and the Eco Garden in East Orange.

On the evening of May 19 guests can enjoy a reception in the lounge of the Maize, located in the Robert Treat Hotel. Dinner on your own may include dining in the Theatre Grill adjacent to the NJ Performing Arts Center, casual faire at a sports bar on Park Avenue around the corner from the hotel, Portuguese cuisine in Newark's popular Iron Bound, or even a comedy show at the Key Club which begins at 8:00 pm on Tuesdays, only two doors from the entrance to the hotel.

The second day of the conference opens at the Robert Treat with a seminar for coordinators and public officials designed to demonstrate the link between litter abatement and sustainability. The agenda features remarks by Mayor Cory Booker and County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo; a case studies panel hosted jointly by the Clean Communities Council and the NJ State League of Municipalities; a corporate panel; and a keynote by Dr. Clement Price, Professor of History and Director of Ethnicity, Culture and the Modern Experience, Rutgers University. The seminar is about the cleaning and greening of New Jersey, which began more than 100 years ago.

While the Robert Treat is the hotel of choice, the awards banquet will be held at the Newark Club on the 22nd floor of the Newark Center. Transportation will be provided to and from the hotel. Valet parking will be available at the Newark Center.

Student Environmental Exchange

On March 25, young environmentalists from northern Jersey will travel to the shore to hunt for trash and visit wind mills during the very first Clean Communities Environmental Student Exchange. The project is spearheaded by the Clean Communities Council to provide opportunities for students to learn about litter and waste in regions other than their own. Later that afternoon, pre-selected students from East and West Orange schools will join students from St. Augustine Prep in roundtable discussions at the Coast Guard Station in Atlantic City. They will consider such issues as waste management, clean water, clean air and global warming. Congratulations to coordinators Joe Campitelli, Brigantine; Knadya O'Kelly, East Orange; and lead teacher Maria Johnson, Gordon Parks Academy, East Orange, for the leadership, commitment and tenacity to make this project work. Special thanks to businesses, community organizations and schools in Brigantine and to the Atlantic County Utilities Authority, for gracious hospitality and many acts of kindness. Plan to join us—and plan to host a student exchange in your town!

To attend the student exchange in Brigantine, please make reservations by calling the New Jersey Clean Communities Council at 609-989-5900.

Earth Week Urban Cleanups

April 21, City of Trenton Litter March • April 23, City of Elizabeth New Energy Cleanup
April 24, City of New Brunswick Urban Cleanup • (Others to be announced)

Clean Communities Conference • May 19-21, 2009, Newark, New Jersey

The conference concludes on the morning of May 21 on the rooftop of the Robert Treat with the Breakfast of Champions and a fond farewell until 2010.

Credits offered in recycling and public works.

Deadlines

April 1 –Pre-registration for Kids-Teens awards
April 10 –Mail, fax or e-mail awards applications for awards banquet
April 19 –Reserve rooms at Robert Treat Hotel at reduced rate
April 30 –Mail, fax or e-mail student awards applications and registration forms



Gateway to a Cleaner Community Cleanup in 2003

- > 2008 Statistical Reports Due January 15, 2009
- > Deadline for the expenditure of funds June 30, 2009
- > Overdue 2007 Statistical Reports Remit Immediately!



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Robert Treat Hotel at
973-622-1000

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Corps Join Clean Communities

On October 2, 2008, 75 volunteers from the Coca-Cola's Newark facility helped clean the streets of Newark during the Gateway to a Cleaner Newark urban cleanup. The 6th annual Clean Communities Council thanks the management and employees of Coca-Cola for more than 20 years of support. Other corporations supporting the cleanup were COVANTA and Waste Management of New Jersey.

Clean is Green!

New Jersey Clean Communities, the state's 20-year-old litter abatement program, is an integral part of the greening ethic of the 21st century—to be green, you have to be clean! And the Clean Communities Council is taking steps to be really green. The Council will be increasing online communication, decreasing the distribution of printed materials, increasing the purchase of recycled products, and encouraging coordinators to implement "green" events. Look forward to our regional workshops in October of 2009 when the topic is "Are your Clean Communities Dollars Green."

