



Coordinators' Update

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New Jersey, Clean & Litter Free '08 Conference to Attract Thousands!

Princeton, New Jersey, has something for everyone—centers of learning, historic landmarks, five-star restaurants and first-class shopping. And it is in the heart of Princeton that the Clean Communities Council will host its fifth annual Seminar & Awards Banquet, May 21-23, 2008.

The conference begins on May 21 in Jadwin Gymnasium on the campus of Princeton University where the Kid for Clean Communities – Clean Teens awards program will take place. The morning offers exhibits, demonstrations, student awards and box lunches. The only charge for student groups is the implementation of an educational project related to litter and the proper handling of solid waste. On hand to present awards will be the Clean Communities Council mascot, a Garbage Goat.

May 22 features a seminar for coordinators, public officials and concerned citizens at the historic Nassau Inn in Princeton. Top notch speakers include Steve Stein, R.W. Beck & Company, who conducted the Clean Communities Council's visual litter survey released in 2004 and Mika Ryan, President of the Mercer County Sports and Entertainment Commission, color commentator for the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference women's basketball broadcasts seen on ESPN and MSG.

Tours of Drumthwacket and other historic sites and are being arranged for the afternoons of May 21 and May 22. The annual Breakfast of Champions, May 23, Nassau Inn, will conclude the conference.

Please note: Conference brochures will be mailed in February. Conference information, including award applications, may be accessed online at njclean.org. Hotel reservations may be made by calling the Nassau Inn at 609-921-7500. The government rate is \$137 per night. The Clean Communities Council is not holding a block of rooms so make your reservations early!

Helping Your Municipality to Make the Most of the Clean Communities Program

A panel of five coordinators participated in a workshop hosted by the Clean Communities Council on November 13 at the annual State League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City. Thanks to Barbara Fiedler (Galloway Township) who discussed innovation in cleanup; Joe McElwain (Bergen County) who discussed enforcing the law; Knadya O'Kelly (East Orange) who discussed education at the East Orange Clean & Green Center; Kim Alvarez (Howell Township) who discussed statistical reporting; and JoAnn Gemenden (Union County) who discussed Best Practices in Clean Communities. Participants applying for public works and recycling credits ranked the workshop "excellent."



On October 24, regional workshop participants hiked a nature trail in Cumberland County's Maurice River Bluffs Preserve.

Maximizing Clean Communities Dollars Regional Workshops '07

Five regional workshops held in October as far south as Cape May and as far north as Bergen attracted 170 coordinators and public officials who administer Clean Communities programs. While the common topic was *Maximizing Clean Communities Dollars* with effective and innovative programming, the problems discussed were as diverse as the populations. Participants ranked the workshops "excellent."

The Clean Communities Council would like to thank county coordinators who helped organize the workshops: Dennis DeMatte (Cumberland), John Minton (Monmouth), Linda Morehouse (Bergen), Liz Sweedy (Morris), and Joe Versaggi (Cape May).

Litter Free for You and Me!



The Clean Communities Council's Garbage Goat is pictured with Clean Communities Coordinators at a regional workshop on October 31 at the Casino in Silas Condict Park. The goat will be promoting litter-free events throughout the state during 2008.

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Urban Cleanup Team

A thousand volunteers participated in cleanups in East Orange, Irvington, Newark and Paterson during October as part of the Clean Communities Council's Urban Cleanup Team.



October 4... The Cedar Team (Flagg World and Waste Management) accepted a broom award for picking up 65 bags of trash during Newark's Gateway Cleanup.



October 20... Free Teens accepted a broom award at the Great Falls Cleanup in Paterson.

Best Practices, New!

The Best Practices CD has been revised for 2008 and may be accessed on line at njclean.org. Thanks to county coordinators JoAnn Gemenden (Union), Liz Sweedy (Morris), Carole Tolmachewich (Middlesex), Diana Vigilante (Somerset), and Melinda Williams (Salem) for revising, publishing and preparing the CD for distribution.

Rathje DVD on Sale



Looking for new and innovative tools for educating students about litter and solid waste? For a \$40 donation to the Clean Communities Council you can purchase Dr. Bill Rathje's DVD on the *Garbology of Us*. Dr. Rathje is internationally known for excavating fresh garbage from Landfills and for founding the Garbage Project at the University of Arizona (1973). The DVD includes a lesson plan, lecture and news clips. Discounted rates are available for bulk purchases. A donation will be made to the Garbage Project on the sale of the DVDs. Order forms can be accessed on line at njclean.org.

'07 Statistical Reports
Due to the Clean Communities Council
January 15, 2008

Final Date for the expenditure of funds
June 30, 2008

Overdue? Please submit immediately.
Information: 609.989.5900