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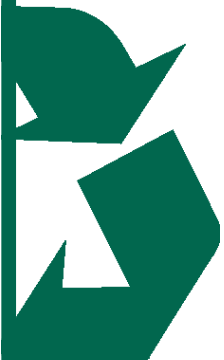
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Issues Forum Highlights

This year's Issues Forum proved to be informative and thought-provoking. Mary Jean Yon, Director of DEP's Division of Waste Management, kicked off the event with an update on proposed legislation to "rework" the Solid Waste Management Act. Although the intent is just to clean up obsolete sections of the Act, you never know what will happen as the bill works its way through the legislature - so keep an eye on SB 7068 at www.leg.state.fl.us.

The Issues Forum also provided an opportunity to meet Charlie Goddard, the new Chief of the Bureau of Solid and Hazardous Waste. Although not the same as meeting him in person, you can learn more about Charlie from the article on page 3.

Other highlights of the Forum included a presentation by Pam Swingle, EPA Region 4, on the link between waste reduction, energy conservation and reduction in global warming, and how to measure these connections using EPA's WARM model (www.epa.gov/mswclimate). Pam also mentioned that Region 4 will

be soliciting grant proposals in March/April, so contact Pam if you'd like to be added to her contact list.

A session on C&D debris proved interesting, including a presentation by Frank Coggins about Sarasota County's C&D recycling program. The County's contractor is recycling more than 50% of the C&D debris it receives by recovering concrete, asphalt, wood waste and pallets, carpet padding, cardboard, dirt residue, etc.

Copies of all Issues Forum presentations can be found at www.recyclefloridatoday.org. ▲



Mary Jean Yon addresses the audience at the RFT Issues Forum



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Letter from the Chair



Colleen Puglisi

"Whatever it takes" is a slogan from a local car dealer in Central Florida. I have adopted this as my personal mantra. I use it at work, at home, and now its time to extend this simple, but powerful theme throughout Recycle Florida Today.

When it comes to the membership, I feel it is time to do whatever it takes to offer you all rewarding, informative and meaningful opportunities. RFT can accomplish this by offering excellent agendas and locations for our Annual Conferences and Issues Forums. RFT can also achieve this by fostering relationships with local, state and national solid waste/recycling agencies, the regulatory community and the commercial sector whether they are processors, manufacturers

or end users. RFT must go the extra mile to hear our recycling community and apply what you tell us in order to be relevant.

To ensure RFT is doing whatever it takes to build and retain our membership, a survey was developed. To grow and create opportunities for our current and potential membership, RFT needs your honest response to the survey. Please take a moment to provide your feedback when you receive an email with instructions on how to complete the survey.

Get ready for our Annual Conference! We are back at the Tradewinds on St. Pete Beach. At the Annual Conference take a moment to welcome our newest board member - Deb Romanelli from the Resource Depot in West Palm Beach. Looking forward to seeing you all then! ▲

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June 4-7, 2006

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Introducing Charlie Goddard

Chief of the DEP Bureau of Solid & Hazardous Waste



RFT would like to welcome Charlie Goddard as the new Chief of the DEP Bureau of Solid & Hazardous Waste. To help introduce him to our membership, we asked Charlie to share with our readers a little bit about himself...

While growing up in Tennessee, I was asked what I wanted to do as a profession. Naturally, as any child of the 70s, I advised that I wanted to get an environmental degree and become an environmentalist in Florida. I graduated from East Tennessee State

University in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Health. I accepted a position with the Alachua County Health Department in Gainesville, Florida that same year. A part of my job required that I inspect and close dump sites in the County. This opened the way for a position with the newly formed Department of Environmental Regulation in 1977. I moved to Pensacola, Florida and worked with the counties in Northwest Florida conducting EPA's open dump inventory in the 16-county region. I worked closely with county officials to negotiate consent orders allowing centralized landfills and dump closures. I later accepted the District's enforcement coordinator position which included responsibility for enforcing the newly formed RCRA program. I went on to manage compliance and enforcement for the District Wetlands Program.

During the mid 1990s, I accepted a Department position largely responsible for assisting not-for-profit corporations and managing grants. This led to a position as the District's Watershed Management coordinator where I directly managed the District's chemistry and biology lab.

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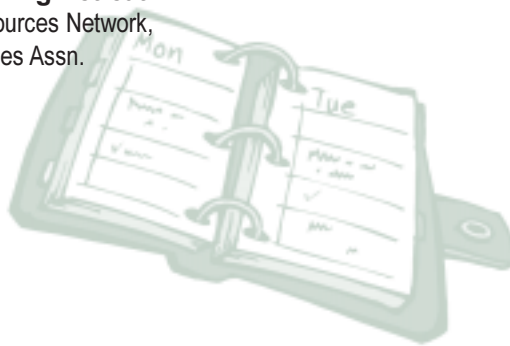
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Fort Lauderdale Invites Neighborhoods to Join Mixed Paper Program

by Casey Eckels, Recycling Program Coordinator, Fort Lauderdale

The City of Fort Lauderdale invited 12 neighborhoods in the northeastern quadrant of the City to participate in an innovative new Mixed Residential Paper "Green Bin" curbside collection program. Imperial Point currently participates in the program as part of a test pilot launched in 2003.

This program adds one green bin at the curb to recycle paper items such as magazines and catalogues, junk mail, home office paper and clean paper food containers in the eligible neighborhoods. The addition of these common products provides residents the opportunity to recycle the majority of paper materials being generated at home.

Nearly 200 residents attended the kick-off of the expanded program and container distribution event. The large turnout for the event is representative of the anticipated strong community support for the program as it is expanded to all City of Fort Lauderdale residents by 2010.

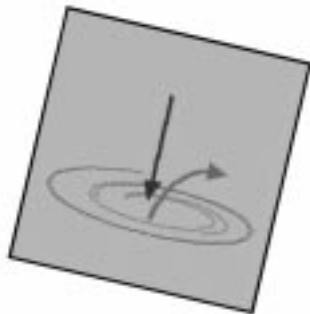
In addition, the City distributed 217 blue bins to residents who needed replacement bins damaged as a result of Hurricane Wilma, normal wear and tear or who were requesting a second or third bin due to an increased commitment to recycle. ▲



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Introducing Charlie Goddard

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During 2000, I returned to the Waste Program. I accepted the position of Waste Program Administrator in the Northwest District which I held until January 2006. I was thrilled upon learning the news that I had been selected for the position of Chief of the Bureau of Solid and Hazardous Waste. It is exciting to have the wonderful opportunity to work with a group of extremely talented individuals who treat me like family and to serve the waste and recycling community.

I have learned a lot about Florida's fragile environment and the effects of the unregulated disposal sites of the 70s and before. I understand the responsibility that the Department and we as citizens have to protect our natural resources. I am aware of the need to balance economic growth and development with sound environmental practice. I am convinced that recycling our natural resources and educating and mentoring our children hold the key to Florida's future and sustainability. I am committed to this end.



How to get rid of a dead horse... and 150 other items from A to Z

by Camille Evans, Pinellas County Utilities

Got a dead horse? Probably not! But you probably do have an old cell phone, empty inkjet cartridge, and a handful of plastic grocery bags. Pinellas County Utilities has developed a web resource to help citizens find environmentally-friendly ways to "get rid of" these items at www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/getridofit.

The new A to Z Guide was created to answer questions from citizens about, "How do I get rid of it?" The guide provides convenient, local options for recycling or safely disposing of over 150 items in Pinellas County. Answers are provided for what to do with your old smoke detector, couch, set of tires, pile of junk mail, and burned-out fluorescent light bulbs.

Cell phones are one of the most popular items in the guide, and visitors learn that there are over 100 drop-off sites in Pinellas County for recycling cell phones. Other items getting attention are bulk items such as appliances, and e-waste. Samples of useful information found in the guide:

- ▶ What to do with old paint.
- ▶ How to donate an old musical instrument to a school music department.
- ▶ Where to buy or trade DVDs.
- ▶ How businesses can recycle paper, cardboard, hazardous waste, carpeting, etc.
- ▶ Where to sell your used sports equipment.
- ▶ How to safely dispose of unusual items such as ammunition, marine flares, syringes, or propane tanks.
- ▶ Where to sell or donate your old jet ski or boat.
- ▶ How to reduce your junk mail in a few easy steps.

The new web guide received over 800 visits in the first two weeks it was online. ▲



Earth Patrol Promotes Environmental Awareness

by Karen Bryant, Recycling Coordinator,
District School Board of Pasco County



Resource Recovery and the Department of Energy joined forces several years ago to create "Earth Patrols" in elementary schools. Pasco County Earth Patrol members are students who monitor recycling, energy management, and water usage while collecting recyclables in their schools. Classes doing a good job are given a green door hanger congratulating them on their participation. Those wasting resources are given a yellow door hanger encouraging them to turn off their lights, put trash in garbage cans, and recyclables in recycling bins.

Most of the time, the students on the Earth Patrol are already members of an existing environmental group. These students are concerned about wasted resources and work hard to help their school become more environmentally aware. The Earth Patrol program has expanded to include many secondary schools; the students wear lanyards instead of vests and monitor the campus to encourage participation.

Faculty and students who are involved with Earth Patrols agree that recycling and energy conservation awareness have increased, which in turn helps the schools save money on their electric and solid waste bills. The Earth Patrol students are committing their time and energy into saving our resources. The added benefit of this program is that the students are learning by doing. These will become life-long lessons learned. ▲

▶▶▶ GPI Announces New Resources for Recycling Professionals



The Glass Packaging Institute (GPI) announces the release of two new resources for recycling professionals - "Glass Packaging Essentials," a multimedia CD-ROM, and "Glass Recycling: The Need for Quality is Clear," a glass recycling community education brochure.

GPI's newest full-color, two-page brochure, "**Glass Recycling: The Need for Quality is Clear**" features the "do's and don'ts" of glass recycling, how best to collect glass containers, and tips for improving quality. It's downloadable from the GPI web site (www.gpi.org), a one-stop source for facts and tools to help communities recycle glass containers.

The third edition of "**Glass Packaging Essentials**" is designed as both an instructional CD-ROM toolkit and a window into the world of glass container manufacturing, design, labeling, and product marketing. It can be purchased by contacting Bryan Vickers at bvickers@gpi.org. The CD-ROM includes:

- ▶ Glass container industry statistics.
- ▶ A new and expanded section on glass recycling.
- ▶ A glass container manufacturing plant interactive process flow chart.
- ▶ Plus instructional videos and more than 35 web links.

"It's vital to understand the environmental and economic benefits of recycling glass packaging," says GPI's academic committee chairman Rick Bayer. "And given glass's consumer appeal and supermarket shelf impact, brand managers are turning to glass to create environmentally responsible connections with both people and brands," added Bayer. ▲



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▶▶▶ Southeast Forms Recycling Development Council

by Gloria Hardegree, SERDC

Representatives from a 10-state region have formed the Southeast Recycling Development Council (SERDC) to improve the recovery rates for



quality recyclables in the region and promote sustainable recycling programs.

SERDC's goal is to unite

public and private groups, including local businesses, state recycling coalitions and state, local and federal agencies. The group has elected a board of directors, approved a five-year budget and adopted a common theme, "One strong united voice for recycling."

Initial business partners include: The Aluminum Association, American Plastics Council, Bluegrass Regional Recycling Corp., Earth Protection Services, KW Plastics, Market Services of Alabama, Mohawk Industries Inc., Mount Scrap Material Co., RecycleNet Corp., SP Recycling Corp., Steel Recycling Institute, and Recycle Fibers-SE Region. State and local organizations participating in SERDC are Alabama Recycling Coalition, Arkansas Recycling Coalition, Capital Area Corporate Recycling Council (LA), Georgia Recycling Coalition, Tennessee Recycling Coalition, Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County, and state departments from North and South Carolina.

A General Meeting of stakeholders was held on November 9, 2005 at the EPA Region 4 headquarters in Atlanta, GA where each commodity group and each state agency or SRO representative was asked to provide input regarding their expected role and outcomes from involvement in the ten state consortium. EPA Region 4 also provided information about their function and programs that the agency expects to roll out in support of the council's mission and goals.

The group's first electronic newsletter was distributed in mid-January 2006 and is available on the web site at www.serdc.org. ▲

▶▶▶ Organics Workshop a Success

by Stacie Stokes, Sumter County Solid Waste



The Florida Organics Recycling Center for Excellence (FORCE) in conjunction with RFT, SWANA

Florida Sunshine Chapter, FDEP and FDOT held an Organics Workshop on December 7, 2005 in Sumter County. Approximately 20 representatives from various public and private sector organizations attended. Site tours were provided by Jackey Jackson, the new FORCE Superintendent and Jim Stevens of Organic Matters.

Workshop attendees were presented with organics recycling information from Dr. Monica Ozores Hampton, UF/IFAS, RFT Organics Committee Chair and FORCE grant recipient; Jennifer O'Leary, UF/IFAS Forestry Department; Francine Joyal, FDEP; and Josh Boan, FDOT. Additionally, Mitch Kessler of Kessler Consulting, Inc. gave an update on a preliminary compost regulatory report comparing Florida to eight other states across the country.

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For more information, visit FORCE at www.floridaforce.org or call (800) 566-4413. ▲

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