



SOUTH SHORE RECYCLING COOPERATIVE NEWS

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Mass Recycles Paper! Kicks off

Sixteen months after the South Shore pilot showed promising results, the Mass Recycles Paper! Campaign kicked off on **Nov. 15**, America Recycles Day. With 60 supporters in attendance, MassDEP Comm'r **Laurie Burt** headlined the event at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility, bearing a proclamation from **Gov. Deval Patrick** declaring it "Massachusetts Recycles Paper Day". **Rowe Elementary** students treated the adults to a rousing rendition of "It Isn't Really Trash (till you mix it all together)". Behind them, a pyramid of overflowing blue bins showed how much paper even their small school generates in a year.

The SSRC, and 154 selectboards and mayors have signed the **Mass Recycles Paper! Resolution** to support the campaign, including 10 SSRC member towns. Signers receive the Campaign handbook, "**Grassroots Guide to Recycling More Paper**", produced with **MassDEP** and **Staples, Inc.** Posters hang in most Mass. **Post Offices**. Chairman **Claire Sullivan** and Campaign Manager **Karen Patterson** have made presentations at several meetings and conferences. Fairs, festivals and even the **Boston Children's Museum** have featured MRP exhibits and materials. And the Campaign website is fully functional and getting rave reviews.

MassRecycle's goal is to **divert a million more tons of paper** from trash to recycling each year over the next 2-3 years through the Campaign. Over **1.5 million tons** of good paper is trashed each year in Mass, at a combined disposal cost and revenue loss of about **\$200M**. The Campaign focuses on the **economic and environmental benefits** of putting waste paper back in circulation, and the **wide range of recyclable papers**.

The gargantuan efforts of the Steering Committee, MassDEP and its **Municipal Assistance Coordinators**, and financial support from several sponsors have made the Campaign's progress to date possible, most notably **MassDEP, US EPA, North Shore Recycled Fibers, and Covanta at SEMASS, Integrated Paper, Recycle America** and the **Mass. State Lottery**. 508-505-0851; www.MassRecyclesPaper.org.



MRF Adv. Bd chair Eric Weiss introduces MRP chair Claire Sullivan
(see p. 7 for another photo)

HHP contract extended

The Board voted unanimously to accept **Clean Harbors'** proposal for a one year extension to the Household Hazardous Product Collection contract (July 08-June 09). The original contract was awarded in Dec. 2005 for the term July '06-June '08. Terms include a 5% increase in the per car rate from \$42, to \$44, a minimum charge adjustment from \$4000 to \$4500, and the oil drum rate from \$75 to \$79.

Participation over the past 3 years has been pretty steady, with 2,554 cars attending fifteen collections in 2007, including 110 out-of-town residents and small businesses. Invoices for 2007 totaled \$122,300.

Hot trash letters get response

Aiming at the most frequent source of radioactivity that causes about 70 trash load rejections/year at SEMASS, the Exec. Dir. sent a letter and a template flyer to 65 area nuclear medicine facilities this fall. She included an informational flyer for distribution to patients, also in printable form on the website, in the hope that the facilities would print and distribute it to their patients before discharge. ssrc.info/how/Oddball_waste.htm.

One radiation and health physicist provided voluminous feedback on the letter, expressing concern that the regulations and policies that result in the rejections are out of line with the actual risk. The Exec. Dir. was aware of these issues, having researched them extensively, and had concluded that preventing incidents through patient awareness was a more efficient approach in the short term than attempting to change SEMASS policies and Mass DPH regulations.

IMAs expiring, dues rising

SSRC member Towns' Intermunicipal Agreements will expire on June 30, 2008. Make sure there is an article on your town meeting or council warrant to reauthorize it for five more years. Recommended language has been sent to all Board members and Town Managers.

After holding steady for **ten years** at \$4,000, annual dues will increase in FY09 to \$4,500. All affected departments have been notified.

3 companies buy "trash"

Got books? Want to get paid for residents' old videos, used clothes and shoes? Need help managing your deposit containers? Principals from three companies that provide containers, transportation and big bucks for castoffs made presentations at our September SSRC meeting.

Got Books: Founder and president Bob Ticehurst has sited 200 free 6'-40' containers throughout New England. With 4 receptionists and 8 trucks, GB picks up **books, DVDs, CDs and comic books** from the containers within 2 days of requests, paying up to \$100/ton. They also pick up door to door from residents. GB provide signs and does regular press releases, ads, and direct mail promotion. In 2007, GB reported collecting 109 tons from 8 SSRC locations.

Materials are sold online through sites such as eBay, sent overseas to our troops, given to charity or recycled. GB has an inventory of 1 million books, and just outgrew its 40K SF warehouse. If SSRC "catches anyone in the act" of recycling at a Got Books Container (see outreach plan), or an SSRC town requests a container, GB will donate \$200/incident. 978-664-6555; fundraiser@gotbooks.com

Bay State Textile: Paul Curry described the services of his Brockton company, which pays \$50/ton to the host community or a local nonprofit for used **clothing, shoes, bed clothes, small rugs, stuffed toys and other textiles**, which account for 4% of municipal solid waste. About 8% of the collected material can be resold; the rest is sent developing countries for reuse, sold as rags, or recycled into carpet padding. Some "out-throws" are expected.

BST sites 12' or 20' containers in easily accessible corporate or municipal locations. Donations are tax deductible. Chairman Brown noted that other "charities" that collect used clothing also sell the good stuff, and their executives are well paid.

Several towns are using revenue generated for recycling education, scholarships, and athletic programs. A recycling center isn't necessary to make this program successful. SW & Recycling Enforcement Officer Debbie Sullivan noted that Marshfield BST container at the library works very well. BST reported collecting 280 tons from 9 SSRC containers in 2007. 508-415-3855; Boston2674@aol.com

Eagle Recycling

(formerly Eagle Bottle and Can): Business manager Tony Basile described how the Holbrook traveling redemption center provides trailers and liners for **redeemable cans and bottles**. It is

the only company that **provides pick up service and pays the full nickel**. Hanover Boy Scout Pack 77 nets over \$15,000/year from its redemption operation at the Transfer Station with minimal effort. The only sorts are plastic from aluminum, and cases of glass by color in gaylords. Eagle reimburses by volume, so counting is not necessary. 781-961-4041; eaglereturn@comcast.net



Board tours Capital Paper

Craig Lovett told the SSRC Board at its October meeting how **Capital Paper Recycling** hopes to expand its reach to South Shore towns. CPR services 70% of Boston high-rises, and operates from NH to RI. With a goal of getting as much paper out of the trash as possible, CPR collects all grades of paper and processes them for sale to mills at its **Weymouth** facility. CPR pays clients for paper based on the OBM yellow sheet. They provide marketing materials to new clients, including posters, mailers, flyers.

CPR offers flexible services and rebates. With 150 compactors, 600 dumpsters and thousands of barrels out on loan, they can collect trash and recycling from transfer stations, collect just recycling, provide hauling, or just receive and buy paper at the door. CPR can also provide lockable "**Doculock**" containers, with a slot for sensitive docs. Craig illustrated several areas where CPR could help towns save on their disposal and recycling costs and he encouraged towns to **separate trash and recycling bids** in the future. CPR can recycle all grades of paper, plastics 1 - 7, metals and e-waste.

After the Weymouth meeting, about a dozen board members toured the CPR facility.

781-844-4845; craig@mass-hauling.com.

Used cooking oil?

Old vegetable oil can be converted to biodiesel fuel. Health Dept. Director **Richard Marino** reported to the Board that the Weymouth BOH passed a grease trap ordinance to address the problem of **clogged sewer mains from restaurant**



grease, Marino then visited every establishment in town about recovering grease, which is now converted to biodiesel fuel. The DPW is also accepting pourable homeowner cooking oil in a 55 gal drum on a pallet for this purpose. **Suburban Waste**, 781-848-1580, is collecting it from the DPW at no charge, and **Big Green Hippo**, 401-855-8850, provides free pickup to restaurants. No problems with waste oil illegal dumping were reported.

According to *Car and Driver*, an \$800 modification to a diesel fuel tank allows the use of filtered used veggie oil directly, no chemistry needed, It's only the higher viscosity, especially at lower temperatures, that makes it unsuitable to use it straight in diesel engines. www.caranddriver.com/article.asp?section_id=4&article_id=7818.

Electronic Recycler lowers rates

Noting that municipalities' tight budgets discourage the use of State contracts for electronics recycling services, Andrew DiVincenzo, of **Electronic Recyclers, Inc.** urged his superiors to sharpen their pencils on municipal pricing. ERI made changes to reduce their costs, which in turn reduced the charge of their services.

Andrew told the Board at our December meeting that the California-based company recently bought Electronicycle in Gardner. Now the largest electronics recycler in the US, ERI recycles 100% of the material collected domestically at its resource efficient facilities, documenting where all material, much of it toxic, goes. To win the State contract, they had to meet strict environmental requirements. He cautioned that there is no good reason to reuse old monitors. Most are broken by the time they get to facility, but are often exported by cheaper vendors. "It's up to us to manage this waste properly; all the parts can be reused".

ERI reduced its price to 9¢/lb, which includes containers, gaylords, pallets, and transportation. He hopes this price will make it possible for municipalities to work with an e-waste recycler devoted to preserving the environment here and abroad.

ERI will take anything with a cord, and accepts **CPUs at n/c** if separated. ERI services Framingham, New Bedford, Taunton, Lexington and several others.

They also do one day collection events, either charging residents on site or billing the town, but pricing is higher. They accept tires at \$5, and auto batteries at n/c as a convenience. 508-439-3744, adivincenzo@electronicrecyclers.com.

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Bucks for Batteries

Ocean State Removal in RI now pays \$6.25 each for a minimum of 25 auto batteries stacked on pallets. OSR will shrink wrap, load and haul them. A town rep. has to be there to verify the counts. Contact James Waterman III 401-726-1352.

Survivor Battery in Hanover also picks up batteries. Recommended by Hanover Transfer Station Foreman Steve Herrmann, the company pays \$6 each for a minimum of 50 batteries on pallets. Contact Charlie Fisher at 617-797-3439.

Residents of towns that don't take car batteries can take them to **Conway Scrap Metal**, 36 Vincent St., Whitman. Conway was paying \$4 each last August; value has risen since then. 781-447-2534.

Earth Day Celebration at the Mall

With 30 hours of Municipal Assistance Coordinator Janine Delaney granted by **MassDEP** and sponsorship by **Covanta at SEMASS**, the SSRC is planning its first (annual?) Earth Day Celebration at the **Hanover Mall** in April! Exhibits by area environmental groups, opportunities for shoppers to get "Caught in the Act" (see below), and document shredding are just some of the activities in the works. Retailers will be invited to showcase their environmentally preferable products too.

Featured exhibits will include "Mass Recycles Paper!", and mercury diversion by SEMASS.

Covanta's sponsorship covers the venue cost, including the space at Center Court, and publicity via the Hanover Mall's website, listserv, retailer news and marquis, as well as printing of brochures,

Board members **Susan Brennan**, **Rudy Childs**, **Joanne Dirk**, **Bob Griffin**, and **Norm Thoms** have volunteered to help. All are welcome, there will be plenty to do!



Donations complement Outreach Plan

Thanks to donations by Bay State Textile, Got Books and Covanta of SEMASS, the SSRC will keep recycling out in public this year.

New and improved website: Check out our redesigned website, ssrc.info. Webmaster **John Garvey**, who designed the original site pro bono, streamlined and made it easier to navigate. The site includes member town-specific recycling information, Haz prod collection details, directions on managing "oddball wastes", meeting dates and minutes, annual reports, newsletters, press releases, photos, business recycling service providers, links to other recycling-related sites, and more. A new hit counter recorded **212 website visitors in the first 18 days of 2008**. \$500 well spent.

Legislative Breakfast: A Board favorite, the annual tradition will mark its 7th year this March. The event will move to the more central **Rockland Radisson**. Municipal solid waste managers meet with State legislators, and will recognize one Recycling Hero with a plaque. Recent winners include **Senators Robert Creedon and Robert Hedlund**. \$1000.

"Caught in the Act" of recycling: the SSRC will photograph recyclers from each town over the course of 3 months at various venues. "Perps" will get a useful enviro-prize, and photos of the willing with deep captions will be sent to their towns' newspaper. WATD will be invited to tag along for a live feed.

Exhibit for Schools: We may borrow materials from the **Mass Recycles Paper!** campaign, MassDEP and/or MassRecycle, add our own identification. We would need help from the Board to identify schools willing to host, and have already been invited to a school event in Hingham (see "LOCAL"). SSRC may work with recycling committees; to encourage Green Team participation, help non-recycling schools to catch up.

LOCAL

Cohasset is delivering OCC to **Capital Paper Recycling**. CPR is a shorter haul and pays more than Cohasset's former paper recycler.

- The AP Chemistry class at **Cohasset Middle High School** did a school-wide waste audit. Students sorted out a day's worth of school trash, not including the paper recycled in the Abitibi container. They estimated that 60-66% of it was recyclable or compostable, and is costing the School **over \$50,000/year** in disposal cost and lost revenue. They recommended that:
 - the School recycle plastic,
 - paper recycling containers be more accessible
 - disposable food service items be replaced with recyclable or reusable ones, and
 - food waste composting program be set up.

Duxbury became the first drop-off community in Mass. to accept recyclables in a **Single Stream** in November. **Integrated Paper Recyclers** now takes cardboard, paper, bottles and cans all in one bin at n/c, and still pays for paper/OCC. The residents are thrilled, with many expressing disbelief that all the recyclables can go together. DPW Director **Tom Daley** visited IPR's North Andover facility with a reporter to verify that material is recycled, and saw the processing equipment.

- After two public hearings, the BOS voted to fund its disposal costs with a **PAYT** program, re-named "**Save as you Throw**" by a resident at the hearing, beginning on April 1.
- The BOH passed regs **requiring private trash haulers to provide recycling services** as a condition of renewing their permits.

Hanover Boy Scout Pack 77 donated \$200 of the proceeds from the bottle and can deposit trailer to **MassRecycle**. The trailer is serviced by **Eagle Recycling**, formerly Eagle Bottle & Can, in Holbrook.

Green Hanson hosted a "Rally to Recycle" day at the transfer station in November. The SSRC provided a printable paper recycling handout customized for the town. All SSRC towns may receive this service.

Hingham - The SSRC and Mass Recycles Paper! will exhibit at Plymouth River Elementary School's "**Green Family Day**" on March 1. The school's 450 families will learn what their children are doing in the Green Curriculum this year with workshops, presentations and displays. The BOS and School Board are invited to further "green education" in town.

Kingston is upgrading the recycling system at the Transfer Station. Facing capacity shortage for recyclables, **Paul Basler**, the Supt. of Streets, Trees & Parks, consulted with Exec. Dir. Sullivan and DEP MAC/ Kingston resident **Janine Delaney**. The Town will pour pads and run electricity for two new compactors promised by **Integrated Paper Recyclers** for paper, cardboard and commingled containers. The containers will be rearranged to make them more easily accessible, and IPR will haul, process the bottles and cans at no charge, and pay a sliding scale with a \$7.50 floor price for paper and OCC. Currently, the Town hauls loose material to Brockton.

Marshfield - In the first five months of **PAYT**, which started in July, **trash tonnage dropped 35%**. Curbside recycling tonnage rose 43%. The recycling rate (excluding yard waste) grew from 17% in '06 to 30% in '07. The heroic efforts of SW & Recycling Enforcement Officer **Debbie Sullivan** to prepare the residents was a key success factor. Illegal dumping rules are strictly enforced, and are not a big problem.

- A second **Phone Book Recycling contest** among Marshfield's five elementary schools in November yielded 4 tons of paper. The School with the most tonnage per student is the Martinson School, which won it an ice cream party!

Norwell - A month before Norwell's HHP collection, a **corrosive vapor cloud** from a trash truck forced the evacuation of 30 residents from 10 homes. The resident who disposed of **muratic acid and rust remover**, which reacted in the compactor, has been fined for the costs of the 21E violation. The Norwell Fire Dept. spent five hours securing the area, mutual aid had to cover the fire station, two workers were treated at South Shore Hospital, and MassDEP's Haz Mat Team had to be called in.

- Recycling Committee member **Norman Thoms** will join our Treasurer, **Joanne Dirk**, in representing Norwell on the SSRC Board. Dirk retired from working at the Norwell Library this month.

Plymouth - The BOS voted unanimously to implement a **PAYT program beginning in July 2008**. The Town will keep its 3 transfer stations open, deciding against a proposed curbside collection program.

- Last year, one school hosted an Abitibi Paper Retriever. The **municipal union** that hauls the schools' waste filed a **grievance** when three more containers were sited. **Abitibi**, which had been emptying and paying Plymouth for the material **had to remove the containers**. The union drivers now bring the paper to Casella in Rochester.

Weymouth held a Shred Day on the Saturday after its HHP collection at the DPW yard, which enabled 60 residents to bring documents to be shredded and recycled. Cintas provided on-site shredding service at no charge.

- arranged for curbside hauler **Waste Management** to provide an **extra post-holiday paper/OCC collection** from Dec. 26 through Jan 2. A dedicated packer truck was sent on the trash routes; residents didn't have to flatten their holiday boxes,

Whitman - the BOH voted to start a curbside **PAYT program in July**. The plan is supported by the BOS and the DPW.

REGION and STATE

SEMASS estimates '08 CIL surcharges

At the October Council of SEMASS Communities (COSC) meeting, Dan Peters and Ken Ryan provided contract communities with an estimate of pass-throughs for CY07 Change in Law costs. While no single item was substantial, towns should plan on their per-ton trash costs to go up by **\$2.75 - 3.16/ton** In FY09, to cover third party inspections and compliance with new landfill regulations,

Muni Load rejected for waste ban violations

Last summer, SEMASS rejected a load of waste from a nearby town because of the amount of recyclable bottles found on the truck. There were no recycling receptacles at the Town's Arts Festival, so the trash cans were filled with bottles and cans. The parks department will provide the necessary receptacle for bottles and cans in 2008.

"Recycling isn't just smart, it's mandatory," Patti (O'Hara) Howard of Covanta at SEMASS reminds contract towns. "SEMASS is required to reject any load that contains more than 20% of recyclable materials, such as bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard. So before the outdoor festivities begin in your town this spring, make sure there are enough recycling receptacles for residents to use when they are out and about."

According to Covanta Environmental Engineer Dan Peters, in 2006 SEMASS had 946 solid waste loads that "failed" due to the presence of DEP-waste banned items. Commercial loads are the more frequent culprits. White goods, CRTs and cardboard account for 70% of the rejections.

SEMASS is planning a new program of incentives and additional fees for Waste Bans and other unacceptable material (i.e. gypsum wallboard) during 2008.

The SSRC has labeled bins and totes at the Marshfield Fairgrounds available for member towns to borrow for event recycling. Call or email Claire Sullivan at 508-785-8318, ssrcclaire@comcast.net.

Cape invites south shore to join in trash planning

Cape Cod Commission Urban Planner **Greg Smith** has gathered the Cape's municipal solid waste contract managers to discuss options for long term regional disposal. Their current Tier 1 contracts with SEMASS, with rates in the \$30-40/ton range, expire in 2015-16. The group agreed that including off-Cape communities would be beneficial to the process.

Smith has been working with SSRC Exec. Dir. Sullivan to bring SSRC towns into the discussion. Four SSRC towns have Tier one contracts, and several others have contracts that expire around the same time. SSRC member towns' disposal costs range from \$23/ton to \$95/ton, with fourteen of its fifteen towns contracting with SEMASS. Several of our towns have indicated an interest in joining the regional planning process.

Smith will meet with the Council of SEMASS Communities' Executive Committee and SEMASS reps for preliminary discussions in late January, and plans to report to the SSRC at its Feb. 14 Board meeting.



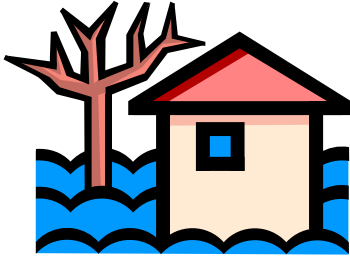
SSRC on Beacon Hill

Getting in at the start of the **FY09 Budget** process, Exec. Dir. Sullivan pitched for more recycling funding (line 2010-0100) to Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Sec. Ian Bowles and new DEP Commissioner Laurie Burt. ELM and others echoed the sentiment at the crowded hearing. Inadequate funding for EOEEA as a whole has squeezed all departments over the past several years. Gov. Patrick is expected to release his House I Budget, which is informed by the Executive Offices, in late January.

The Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture heard testimony on **Sen. Robert Crendon's Clean Environment Fund Reinstatement Bill**, S1923, on Oct. 22. Sullivan had drafted the bill at the Senator's request; he filed it with minor changes, and Sullivan voiced SSRC support at the hearing. She also testified in favor of Rep. Koczera's similar CEF reinstatement bill, H792, at a different hearing.

Prospects for updating the Bottle Bill seem better than ever this year. Sullivan joined a panel, including MassRecycle, MassPIRG and the Mass. Sierra Club, to speak in favor of four versions of **Updated Bottle Bills** at a Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy Committee hearing on Halloween. The south shore's own **Sen. Hedlund** drafted the SSRC's favorite version, **S1935**. The south shore's **Sen. Morrissey**, who chairs the TUE Committee, requested more information about municipal effects of the bills from Sullivan, who met with him to provide more details this month.

The Committee may need a nudge from other constituents to encourage it to take a vote on the UBB. Call the Committee offices at 617-722-1494 and 617-722-2263 today to voice your support.



Be prepared for disaster

In the coming months, MassDEP and MEMA planning staff will reach out to local governments about developing local debris plans. They plan to finish the state Disaster Debris Plan by early 2008, and will hold training sessions with MEMA for local government officials in Spring 2008.

To help local governments meet the criteria for the **FEMA Public Assistance Pilot Program (PAPP)**, MassDEP has released a **Massachusetts Local Disaster Debris Management Plan Checklist - October 2007**, posted at www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/laws/policies.htm#sw. PAPP enables local governments to qualify for 80% federal reimbursement, instead of the usual 75%, in the event of a disaster. Criteria include:

- Completion of a disaster debris management plan, to be approved by MEMA and FEMA
- Identification of two pre-qualified debris contractors

These steps must be completed before the end of 2008.

A form titled Disaster Debris Management Site Selection Worksheet, helps local planners walk through considerations in selecting site(s) for temporary staging and management of debris in the event of a disaster. See p. 13 of **Disaster Debris Management Planning: An Introduction for Local Gov't Officials**, also posted on that web page,

Contact Gretchen Brewer, MassDEP, 617-694-6594, Gretchen.brewer@state.ma.us, or Mike Philbin, MEMA (508) 820-2008, mike.philbin@state.ma.us.

RET Grants easily available to towns

When residents sign up for "Clean Energy Choice" through the Renewable Energy Trust, their town becomes eligible for matching grants for renewable energy installations. Towns that have grant credit of over \$4,500 may use it to acquire, among other things, a Big Belly solar trash/recycling compactor. **Cohasset, Norwell, Scituate and Weymouth** have about enough in their "accounts" for this acquisition.

Hanover, Holbrook, Rockland, and Whitman have \$1,000-2,000 available. **Abington and Hanson** have over \$500.

To find out what your town's available funding is, as well as ways to encourage your residents to sign up for this program to increase your available funds, go to www.masstech.org/CleanEnergyOrg/matching_grants.htm.

Recycling key in Federal Climate legislation

The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works passed The Lieberman Warner Climate Security Act (S. 2191), which included an amendment on recycling. **The importance of recycling was firmly recognized as one element in efforts to combat global warming and the avoidance of greenhouse gasses.** The recycling language includes the use of more recycled content in manufacturing and assistance to state recycling activities.

Get ready for DTV

Municipal collection programs will likely see a spike in the disposal of CRT TVs over the next year. At midnight on Feb. 17, 2009, full power broadcasters must stop broadcasting in analog format. Digital TV will replace it, and CRT TVs will become obsolete. All U.S. households may request two \$40 coupons for the purchase of digital-to-analog converter boxes beginning on January 1, 2008 by calling 888-DTV-2009. Learn more about the transition and the Coupon Program at www.ntia.doc.gov/dtvcoupon.

The **Sony Take Back Recycling Program** offers customers free recycling of all Sony products at 79 WM sites, including **Waste Management of Taunton**, 330 E. Britannia St., 508-828-5023. WM accepts all TVs and electronics, but charges a fee for non-Sony products.

SONY is also offering a **\$100 coupon** towards purchase of a new BRAVIA HDTV when an old CRT TV is recycled at an approved Waste Management site. The offer is good until March 15, 2008.

E-Waste (mis)management featured in National Geographic

Last winter, reporters from National Geographic photographed the Hanover Transfer Station and visited CRTRecycling. Over a year later, a lengthy article appeared in the January 2008 issue of NG, entitled "**High-Tech Trash: Will your discarded TV or computer end up in a ditch in Ghana?**"

With its usual compelling photos, the 17 page article describes the good, the bad and the ugly sides of electronics recycling. It documents the continuing practices of impoverished workers of all ages in developing countries extracting valuable components with no protections for health, safety or the environment. (Neither of our local contacts was mentioned in the article). ngm.nationalgeographic.com/ngm/2008-01/high-tech-trash/carroll-text.html

An adjunct article, "**Recycling: The Big Picture**," reassures readers that it makes sense to recycle, giving reasons and graphic statistics about energy savings, recycling rates, packaging waste, and where the US stands in the world of recycling. (We beat Cyprus, Poland, and Estonia. Woohoo).

Executive Director Wins Award

Released by MassRecycle
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Worcester, MA - MassRecycle presented the 2007 Green Binnie Awards at its Awards Celebration on October 30, at the DCU Center. The awards acknowledge individuals and organizations for their outstanding contributions to recycling in the state.



The Member of the Year Green Binnie was given to Claire Sullivan, Executive Director of the fifteen-town South Shore Recycling Cooperative. From 2005 to 2007, Claire served as President of MassRecycle, and participated in numerous projects. As the one-person Legislative Committee, she consistently stays on top of legislative and regulatory issues.

It was Claire's vision to have a statewide paper recycling campaign. Through her unrelenting efforts, the **Mass Recycles Paper!** campaign exists (www.massrecyclespaper.org) and is making a state-wide impact on paper recycling efforts.

MassRecycle selling stickers again

MassRecycle received another sticker grant from MassDEP, which allows MassRecycle to offer the stickers at a low price. Order soon; once the granted stickers are gone, the cost will increase from \$20/100 stickers to \$50/100. ("Yard Waste" stickers are already being sold at the higher non-grant price.)

These 18" x 4" stickers can be used on totes, set-out containers, dumpster or collection containers in schools, residential areas, businesses, public spaces, special events, multi-families, condos, institutions, etc. To order, go to www.massrecycle.org/sticker_form_mu.html.

They can be picked up at SSRC or other meetings, or mailed at cost.



Campaign Kickoff, November 15, Springfield Material Recycling Facility

Steering Committee with DEP Commissioner Laurie Burt (see related article, page 1)



From left: Brooke Nash, Regan Clover, MassDEP; Chris DeRosa, Integrated Paper Recyclers; Chris Beling, US EPA Region 1; Jess Wozniak, MassRecycle Executive Director; Karen Patterson, MRP Campaign Manager; MassDEP Commissioner Laurie Burt; Ann Dorfman, resource management consultant; Angie Sottile, MassRecycle President; Claire Sullivan, SSRC Executive Director, holding the Governor's proclamation

EVENTS

- ** Contracting for Curbside Solid Waste & Recycling Services**, Tuesday, January 29, 9:30am - 12:30pm, Mansfield Town Hall, Mr. John W. Giorgio, Esq., Kopelman and Paige, P.C. Register with regan.clover@state.ma.us, 617-292-5707
- ** SSRC Appreciation Dinner**, Thurs., Jan. 31, 5 pm, Papa Razzi, Hanover. Hosted by Covanta at SEMASS. RSVP phoward@covantaenergy.com
- ** SSRC MSW Manager Meeting**, Thursday, Feb. 14, 9-11, Abington Town Hall. Hosted by Old Colony Scrap. Greg Smith, Cape Cod Commission. **BYO mug**
- ** MassDEP Municipal Recycling Data Sheets** for calendar year 2007 due February 15, 2008. Please return completed datasheet to Julia Wolfe at Julia.Wolfe@state.ma.us, and to Claire at ssrcclaire@comcast.net
- ** Organics Recycling Summit** : "The Changing Climate of Composting", **March 4-5** , Best Western Royal Plaza, Marlborough. morgan.harriman@state.ma.us, 617-654-6580
- ** 7th Annual SSRC Legislative Breakfast**, Fri., March 28, 9-11 am, Rockland Radisson

“Without realizing it, we have begun to wage war on the earth itself. Now, we and the earth's climate are locked in a relationship familiar to war planners: "Mutually assured destruction." ... It is time to make peace with the planet.”

-Al Gore's Nobel Lecture, Oslo, Norway,
12/10/2007

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