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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Solid Waste Professionals, Challenges are a part of life, sometimes a bigger percentage than we would like. The challenges facing the recycling markets today have thrown some communities and businesses into making some rash decisions. We have read numerous articles describing some of these rash decisions, such as Pittsburgh recently dropping glass from curbside programs and creating drop-off centers for glass only. We all know recycling must be convenient and having to make a special trip just doesn't cut it for all commodities.

Some of us see the "opportunities within challenges" (also known as optimism). Another recent article pointed out this is our country's opportunity to turn our recycling collection & processing system around and do it right. Actions such as educating of our communities about what is recyclable, developing better

MRFs (dirty or clean) to improve separation processes, and creating markets domestically for our recyclables. It can be done right, but it won't happen by accident.

As I close out my term as President of ILCSWMA I can assure you it has been a highlight of my career to lead an organization with such a legacy of success. This success is not always due to its leaders, but to its members. I can't thank you enough for your support over the years. We faced challenges, we worked together, we supported each other and we have made a positive impact in Illinois.

I hope you are looking forward to the upcoming ILCSWMA conference where we will continue to work toward overcoming the challenges of the solid waste industry in Illinois and the US. Personally, I can't wait.

All my best, Marlin Hartman

The Board of Directors wishes to express our sincere gratitude to Marlin Hartman for his leadership of ILCSWMA over the past four years! Well done!

ASSOCIATION NEWS

2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

In early January 2020 the designated contact at each member organization will receive a renewal invoice by email (or by mail, if requested). If any member would like to receive an invoice prior to then, due to budgeting or end of fiscal year concerns, send such a request to info@ilcswma.org and we'll be happy to assist!

ANNUAL CONFERENCE APPROACHES

The Association's 27th Annual Conference will be held October 31-November 1 at the Wyndham City Centre in Springfield. **The deadline to register is October 25.** View our [website](#) for details.

Many thanks to our conference sponsors!

- [Heritage Environmental](#)
- [Lakeshore Recycling Systems](#)
- [Waste Connections / Millennium Waste](#)
- [Kuusakoski / Vintage Tech](#)
- [Solid Waste Agency of Lake County](#)

We look forward to seeing you there!

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Some of the bills ILCSWMA was tracking earlier this year were signed into law by the Governor. Here's a look at them:

[HB2296](#) Prohibits placing lead-acid batteries with other recyclables to be picked up by a hauler. Prohibits placing rechargeable batteries with other recyclables to be picked up by a hauler, unless expressly authorized by the recycling program.

[HB2491](#) Amends Environmental Protection Act to allow for permitting a plastics pyrolysis pilot project in either Will or Grundy County.

[HB2764](#) Amends Environmental Protection Act to allow for use of special waste manifest forms available from third party vendors.

[HB2988](#) Amends the Counties Code to allow counties to establish standards and regulate the placement of electric-generating wind devices and commercial wind energy facilities, even if they do not have a zoning commission or zoning rules.

[HB3068](#) Creates a Statewide Materials Management Advisory Committee to investigate and provide recommendations for expanding waste reduction, recycling, reuse and composting in Illinois; provide recommendations for the form and content of county waste management plans; and prepare and submit a report on their work to the General Assembly by July 1, 2021.

[SB 009](#) Relates to Coal Combustion Residual surface impoundments.

[SB1114](#) Amends the Counties Code to address residential properties of 1 acre or less which contain garbage or other debris which presents an immediate threat to public health or safety. In such situations counties may petition the court for immediate injunctive relief to abate or cause the abatement of such conditions.

[SB1847](#) Amends Environmental Protection Act to require IEPA to provide public notice via its website of when it grants permits to new facilities.

[SB2027](#) Amends Environmental Protection Act to require IEPA to identify and prioritize for inspection, using stated criteria, those unregulated or underregulated landfills that overlie the Mahomet Aquifer. Requires IEPA to design and implement a pilot project at the Pekin Metro Landfill and another site present over the Mahomet Aquifer. Provides that the Pilot Project shall require Agency to evaluate the sites for threats to groundwater, etc. using remote sensing technologies and other more traditional methods.

OTHER NEWS

IEPA ELECTRONICS PROGRAM

Melissa Silva recently departed IEPA for another State position. Anything that pertains to the Illinois Electronics Recycling Program should be sent to Jessica Miller, Jessica.H.Miller@illinois.gov or phone # 217/524-7948.

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

[America Recycles Day](#)[®], the only nationally-recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States, has opened registration for businesses, community organizations, government entities, individuals and others planning to host an America Recycles Day-themed event.

America Recycles Day, which takes place on and in the weeks surrounding Nov. 15, educates people about the importance of recycling to our economy and environmental well-being, and helps to motivate occasional recyclers to become everyday recyclers.

Aside from the [#BeRecycled Pledge](#), people can be part of the recycling solution by participating or [hosting their own America Recycles Day event](#). Event organizers can access valuable resources to plan, promote and host an event on the America Recycles Day website where there are easy reference guides and resource materials for hosting events. Events can be scheduled at any time during the fall leading into the official America Recycles Day celebration, Nov. 15.

FREE RECYCLING SIGNAGE TOOL

The Recycling Partnership announced the public beta launch of DIYSigns, the debut of a free online resource that anyone can use to help people know

what to throw into the recycling. Whether at home, at the office, at school, at a sports stadium, or anywhere, education is needed to show what is recyclable and where.

DIYSigns is an online tool with editable templates available in a variety of sizes from a bumper sticker to a poster – to fit just right wherever it’s needed. The tool is available by going to The Recycling Partnership’s website and signing up with contact information at recyclingpartnership.org/DIYSigns. No special software is needed to edit the signs. Through the online tool, all sizes of the signs, labels, and posters can be customized for any company, any jurisdiction, and any type of recyclables.

IEPA FALL HHW EVENTS

IEPA held, or will be holding, five HHW collection events this fall. These events are being held on Saturdays throughout October.

Location collections include:
DuPage County,
Peoria County,
Adams County,
Champaign County
& Madison County.

For details, click [here](#).

