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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Solid Waste Professionals,

Bills, bills and more bills. A statement in many a household decrying the challenges of living within your means. After the past couple of years, when I hear "bills, bills and more bills" I no longer think of the financial challenge to live within my means. Instead, I think of House Bills and Senate Bills relating to E-waste and bags. I applaud those of you who are in up to your ears with the legislative challenges we face in Illinois.

As a long-time ILCSWMA member, I can remember when decisions were more about "what is right for our Earth?" and not with "how will it impact the economy?". The economy is more of a factor now that many citizens feel we have done enough for the Earth or that it may not be worth it if it costs more to be earth friendly. One of the optimistic points from this legislation trend is it allows ILCSWMA to have some great topics at our annual conference.

This year's Annual Conference will be in Springfield; what are the chances of that since legislative topics are so popular? Attendees

will not only have the chance to learn of current legislative challenges to the solid waste industry, but also take in an area filled with history and maybe visit some key landmarks in our state capital.

This year mark's the 25th Annual Conference. A quarter-century of making a difference. If this were a marriage, we'd call this our Silver Anniversary. Whatever we call it, it is a time for some reflection, but also a time to look to the future. If we've learned anything during the first 25 years, it's that our industry is always changing and we must continue to think and plan for what's to come. We hope to see you at the Wyndham in downtown Springfield on October 26th and 27th. Block those days on your calendar; it will be worth it.

And after the spring legislative session ends, the next time you hear "bills, bills and more bills", maybe the conversation will instead relate to Clinton, Gates and Lambier.

Until next time....

All my best, Marlin Hartman

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

### 25TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD OCTOBER 26-27

ILCSWMA reminds members that our quarter-century conference will be held at the Wyndham Hotel in downtown Springfield on October 26-27, 2017.

In 1992, when dozens of solid waste management officials gathered for what would become the Association's first annual conference, no one would have guess we'd still be going strong 25 years later. The Association itself was only just an idea at the time, and wasn't incorporated until the following year. But here we are, having weathered highs and lows, but always respecting what is most important: providing our members with the information and connections they need to make their daily jobs easier.

So please mark your calendars to attend this milestone event! If you have ideas for topics or speakers, please contact Kerri Gale, VP & Conference Coordinator, at [vp@ilcswma.org](mailto:vp@ilcswma.org).

### SOUTHERN REGION MEETING RECAP

Twelve solid waste representatives from southern Illinois attended ILCSWMA's Spring 2017 Southern Regional Meeting on April 27th. The meeting was held at the Illinois American Water offices in Belleville, and hosted by Kerri Gale, ILCSWMA Vice President, and Kim Petzing, ILCSWMA Southern Regional Representative.

Participants were given an overview of ILCSWMA activities including membership, grants, and the upcoming conference. Updates were also given on current e-waste news, pharmaceutical collections, Illinois Food Scrap Coalition activities, the new Solid Waste Environmental Excellence Protocol

(SWEEP) Standard, and the OneSTL Regional Sustainability Summit.



Afterwards, Sara Ryan of St. Louis Composting provided a guided tour of the company's Belleville facility.

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## MEMBER NEWS

### DEKALB COUNTY

DeKalb County Health Department is hosting a Latex and Oil Based Paint Collection on Saturday June 3rd from 9am-12pm. The event is located at their facility, 2550 N. Annie Glidden Road in DeKalb. The event is open to the general public and businesses. Fees vary.

For more information, contact Michelle Gibson, Solid Waste Specialist, at [mgibson@dekalbcounty.org](mailto:mgibson@dekalbcounty.org).

### KANE COUNTY

Mill Creek is a special service area in Kane County. Mill Creek residents now have the opportunity to include food scraps in with their yard waste.



The food scrap program was approved by the Kane County Board on May 9<sup>th</sup>. This makes Mill Creek the 23<sup>rd</sup> community in the Chicago region to participate in residential food scrap composting. Like many of the other communities that have the same sort of “ride-along” program, residents will be able to separate their food scraps from their garbage and layer them in with yard waste in the

organics carts, where they ride along to the compost processing facility.

The Kane County Division of Environmental & Water Resources negotiates the hauler contract for the curbside trash, recycling, and yard waste collection program in the Mill Creek Special Service Area to secure the lowest prices for residents and ensure quality services.

This added ride-along service is being offered by Advanced Disposal for no added cost. It will not increase traffic or cause any other issues, as the same truck that is picking up yard waste will be collecting the added food scrap.

Residents who have an organics/yard waste cart will be allowed to simply layer the food scraps with the yard waste during the collection season - April through November. Advanced Disposal will deliver the material to Compost Supply, a permitted compost processing facility, where it will be turned into compost.

### SOLID WASTE AGENCY OF NORTHERN COOK COUNTY

The Village of Niles is partnering with Groot Industries, SWANCC and Culver School to undertake a pilot composting project at Culver School. Last year, Culver began this pilot program to compost food waste in their cafeteria. With Groot providing the compost removal and SWANCC a grant for a sorting station, the school has been able to increase their recycling and reduce their waste. This program is expected to continue into the future and only provide more and more benefits to the school, as well as the entire community.

## INDUSTRY NEWS

### PSI OFFER PHONEBOOK OPT-OUT TOOLKIT

This month, PSI launched [new, FREE public education materials](#) that encourage citizens to opt-out of phone book delivery. ILCSWMA members can utilize these tools to help reduce unwanted phone books in your communities.



How can you get started?

1. Copy and paste [sample website language](#) onto your organization's website, perhaps under your source reduction or paper reduction efforts.
2. Copy and paste some of our [sample social media posts](#) (including our [animated video](#), [infographics](#), or [images](#)) into your Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram, or other social media platform.
3. Promote opt-out in your monthly newsletter by copying and tailoring [our sample language](#).
4. [Print](#) flyers or postcard-sized mailers to hand out at your events.
5. Explore [the rest](#) of the Toolkit's outreach/education materials for other ideas.

### ILLINOIS EPA SPONSORS SPRING 2017 HHW COLLECTION EVENTS

IEPA is holding one-day household hazardous waste collections in eight locations in May and June. For a list of these locations, visit <http://bit.ly/1M9jOI9>.

### ISTC & SEA GRANT WORK ON MEDICATION DISPOSAL ISSUES

The Illinois Sustainable Technology Center (ISTC) is making an impact on reducing emerging contaminants in the aquatic environment by addressing the issues at the cause. In conjunction with the Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant (IISG), ISTC sent out over 400 mailers to independent pharmacies in Illinois that included a letter about the importance of unwanted medicine disposal programs, a poster that pharmacies could put up describing the steps the public can take when disposing of unwanted medicines, and a [video link with more information about medicines' impact on the environment](#) and talking to patients about proper disposal.

The response rate to a survey included with the letter to pharmacists was seven percent. Of those replying, 91 percent indicated that they posted the informational poster, 68 percent said they have or intend to watch the informational video, and several indicated in the open comments that they have been participating in medicine take-back programs for many years. The [educational video](#) will be sent to additional pharmacies, clinics, and hospitals as well as health-related professional programs this summer to increase awareness of how to talk to patients about proper disposal and impacts of improper disposal on the environment.

### NERC UPDATES DISPOSAL BANS COMPENDIUM

The Northeast Recycling Council (NERC) has updated its [compendium of state disposal bans and mandatory recycling laws](#) around the country. This unique resource provides state-specific information, including contact information, which materials are banned for disposal and to whom the ban applies, as well as what has to be recycled and by whom.



## ***INDUSTRY NEWS continued***

### **WEBINARS ON TRACKING AND MANAGING WASTE**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR® program, in partnership with EPA's Sustainable Materials Management program, is excited to launch a new webinar series on tracking and managing waste.

Join this engaging webinar series to learn how to track waste and materials in ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager®, hear best practices from building partners and waste providers, and become familiar with emerging industry trends.

Click on the titles below to go directly to the webinar description.

- [How to track waste & materials in Portfolio Manager](#)
- [Rolling out waste tracking across your portfolio](#)
- [How to work with your hauler to get better waste data](#)
- [Technology solutions to waste tracking](#)
- [Trends in tracking waste data in Portfolio Manager](#)
- [Engaging Tenants on Recycling](#)
- [10-minute takes: highlights from commercial real estate partners](#)

To register for an upcoming session, click the link below or visit <https://esbuildings.webex.com>.

### **THE RECYCLING PARTNERSHIP OFFER GRANT FUNDS**

In its continued effort to overhaul the U.S. recycling system, The Recycling Partnership released its latest grant RFP. Geared specifically to help counties, municipalities, tribes and solid waste authorities with 4,000 or more households seeking to upgrade to cart-based curbside

recycling collection, awardees will receive up to \$7/cart in grant funding, tailored educational materials paired with a communications grant, and best in class technical assistance.

In a change from past grant rounds, this funding opportunity will not have a cutoff date, but instead be an open, rolling process for as long as funds are available. However, the Partnership encourages interested communities to apply as early as possible to allow ample time for preparation prior to cart launches.

Successful applicants must provide comprehensive curbside recycling collection programs, meaning all homes that receive curbside garbage services must receive a recycling cart in order to be eligible for this grant. The application is one simple form that must be submitted with letters of recommendation. More details and eligibility requirements can be found at this [recycling grant link](#). Potential applicants may email questions to Technical Assistance Specialist Justin Gast at [jgast@recyclingpartnership.org](mailto:jgast@recyclingpartnership.org).

Past awardees in this competitive process include such cities as St. Paul, MN, Greenville, SC, East Lansing, MI, Portland, ME, Santa Fe, NM, and Richmond, VA.

### **CLOSED LOOP FUND ISSUES GLASS RECYCLING REPORT**

The Closed Loop Foundation recently released a [Glass Recycling report](#). The report covers recycling costs, processing technologies, and end markets, as well as offers guidance on improving glass recovery.