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The Past Year In Review

This issue of *Wragtimes* is for the most part a photojournalistic essay which illustrates the highlights of the past year as seen through the eyes of the MCMUA and the lens of the camera. The highlights do not necessarily, however, appear in chronological order.

**MCMUA DEDICATES ITS PRIMARY WATER PUMP STATION
TO THE LATE FRANK MARKEWICZ FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION
TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF WATER SUPPLY
FOR THE CITIZENS OF MORRIS COUNTY**



Markewicz family members assemble in front of the Markewicz Pump Station on Pleasant Hill Road in Randolph at the May 9 dedication ceremony. Left to right: Rick Finn (son-in-law); Tillie Markewicz (Frank Markewicz's widow); Bob Shader (brother-in-law); Doris and Fred Markewicz (Fred is Frank's brother); grandchildren Kellie Finn, Danny Finn, Ryan Markewicz, Korey Finn and Derek Finn; Mary Finn (Frank and Tillie's daughter). Standing behind the grandchildren and Mary Finn are Ashley, Tina and Drew Markewicz (the latter is Frank's nephew); Diane and Thomas Markewicz (Thomas is Frank and Tillie's son); and Doris Shader, Frank's sister, who holds a resolution in memory of Frank from the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders. (Photo by Kate Coronari)

Tipping Fees Lowered Again by 4%

On Tuesday, May 2, 2000, the MCMUA reduced its solid waste disposal tipping fees at its transfer stations by \$3.00 per ton. The new disposal rate for municipal "Type 10" waste delivered to the transfer stations in both Mount Olive and Parsippany-Troy Hills townships is now \$76.90 per ton.

There are several reasons for this rate reduction. First, over the course of the past few years, the quantity of waste delivered to the transfer stations has increased significantly. This followed recent court decisions concerning waste flow control by which the MCMUA was granted the right to legally determine where county-generated waste is delivered. Second, the MCMUA has been successful in both reducing the cost of facility operations and utilizing available grant funds to subsidize the cost of

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Randy Stalter (r.), MCMUA water superintendent, explains what occurs in the pump room as he leads a tour for Markewicz family members and other guests at the dedication ceremony. (Photo by Kate Coronari)

775 Tons of Carpet Diverted from Landfill



During 1999, 775 tons of carpet and padding were diverted from the landfill and recycled through CarpetCycle of Dover in Morris County. CarpetCycle began sorting and baling carpet and carpet padding for recycling in February 1999. The new company is working with Evergreen Nylon Recycling, a joint venture, pilot recycling program started by Honeywell, formerly AlliedSignal, and DSM Chemical Co. Baled nylon carpet is sent to Evergreen's plant in Augusta, Georgia.

Sean Ragieli, owner of CarpetCycle, tests carpet with an infrared light reader that distinguishes nylon from polyester, polypropylene and wool. The carpeting, once received in Augusta, undergoes a process whereby nylon is separated into its main ingredients, a chemical called caprolactam and byproducts. The caprolactam is then used to manufacture more nylon; the byproduct is being tested for use in cement materials. The padding is sent to a plant that cuts it into small pieces, washes off the glue, then re-glues it into new sheets of padding.

Ragieli collects most of his material from carpet installers who remove the material from homes and businesses. CarpetCycle also collects material from municipal drop-off centers and directly from residents. To contact CarpetCycle, call (973) 659-9595 or visit www.carpetcycle.com.

Remembering Frank ...

At the dedication ceremony for the Markewicz Pump Station, several speakers paid tribute to the man who served on the MCMUA Board of Directors between 1986 and 1999, and in doing so provided invaluable service to the County of Morris. The following is a sampling of the memorable observations about "Mr. Water" which were made at that ceremony.

"Frank's qualities go beyond 'water.' He was always excited about his work. We remember Frank so many times displaying his maps and passionately explaining to us the likely locations of limestone formations. Those episodes were all chapters in his 'march up the valley,' as Alex Slavin and other board members called it." -- Glenn Schweizer, MCMUA Executive Director

"He was kind, and he had a divine gift which helped Morris County enormously." -- Jack Schrier, Morris County Freeholder

"Frank was one of the greatest finds this county and state ever made." -- Ted Eppel, MCMUA Board member

"He lived and loved his work, and that's a real blessing." -- John Scarmozza, MCMUA Chief Engineer

"Mark [his nickname for Frank] was a true geologist who brought groundwater matters to the forefront. I learned more riding around with him than I did in four years of college." -- Bob Canace, geologist with the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection

"Frank was a true servant." -- Alex Slavin, MCMUA Board Chairman

"Do you know what a Frank Markewicz cocktail is? It's MUA water on the rocks with a twist of lemon!" -- Frank Druetzler, Morris County Freeholder



Senior Solid Waste Planner Laura Macpherson and Executive Director Glenn Schweizer sport wide smiles as they reflect on accepting the 1999 Special Waste Excellence Award (Silver Award category) given by the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA). They accepted this award at the 1999 SWANA conference held in Reno, Nevada. (Photo by Kate Coronari)

Monitors and computers are now being accepted by appointment at the MCMUA Household Hazardous Waste Facility. The hazardous components will be removed via a process known as "demanufacturing." For more information on this program, please contact the MCMUA at (973) 631-5109. (Photo by Laura Macpherson)



On September 26, 1999, two Morristown Fall Festival attendees relax at the MCMUA exhibit. Sitting on a park bench made of recycled plastic lumber while holding a sample piece of such lumber are Jessica Wyzkowski of Florham Park (l.) and Katlyn Sutton of Morristown. (Photo by Kate Coronari)

Recycling Renaissance, The 13th Annual Morris County Recycling Awards Dinner



WHEN: Wednesday, November 1, 2000
WHERE: The Hanover Manor, East Hanover
TIME: Cash bar -- 6:30 p.m.; Dinner -- 7:31 p.m.

For more information, call (973) 285-8395.

COOPERATIVE STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT COMPLETED



The stream restoration project is under way.



The debris left by Hurricane Floyd is no longer in the stream.



The historic Washington Valley Schoolhouse (pictured in summer 2000 after the stream restoration project had been completed) is adjacent to the stream. (Photos by Geoff Knapp and Kate Coronari)

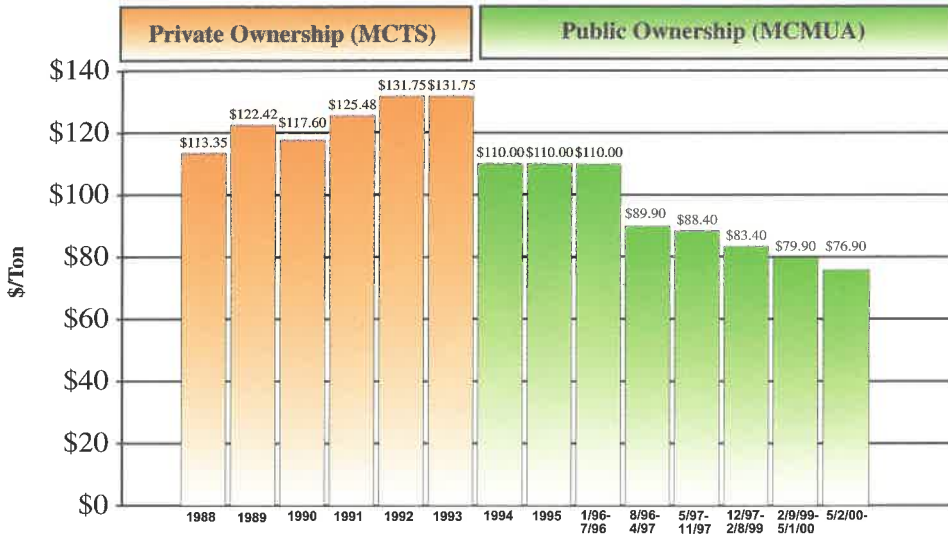
In December 1999 the MCMUA completed the stream restoration project behind the historic Washington Valley Schoolhouse in Morris Township. This restoration was a cooperative project of the MCMUA, the Mosquito Extermination Commission, the Shade Tree Division, the Roads and Bridges Division and the Washington Valley Community Association. The stream channel was filled in with sediment and debris from Hurricane Floyd which led to flooding of the schoolyard. As a result, the project involved realigning the stream channel and restoring stream flow capacity. The Natural Resource Conservation Service provided \$3,000 for the project, and the MCMUA gave in-kind services of \$1,000.



**Type 10 (Municipal Solid Waste) Disposal Tipping Fee History
Morris County, New Jersey**

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**MCMUA Reduces
Tipping Fees**

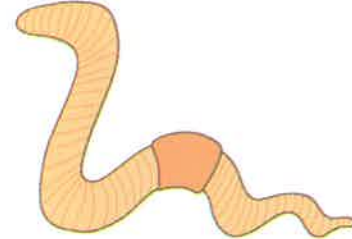


those operations. Finally, the MCMUA has realized additional revenues from the resolution of waste flow control enforcement litigation.

This decrease is the sixth tipping fee rate reduction since the MCMUA purchased the transfer stations in January 1994. Since that time, the MCMUA has implemented a total rate decrease of approximately 42 percent. As a result of the latest rate reduction, the year 2000 will allow Morris County residents and businesses to save an additional \$1.2 million in solid waste disposal fees.



In June 1999 the County of Morris and Bell Atlantic Mobile, assisted by the MCMUA, sponsored a collection program for cellular telephones. Diana Vance (pictured above) of the Office of the Morris County Administrator coordinated the effort which resulted in the distribution of approximately 350 phones to school crossing guards, victims of domestic violence and others who might need to contact the police very quickly. As a result of her efforts, Diana was the recipient of the Returning the Call Award at the November 5 Recycling Awards Dinner. (Photo by Kate Coronari)



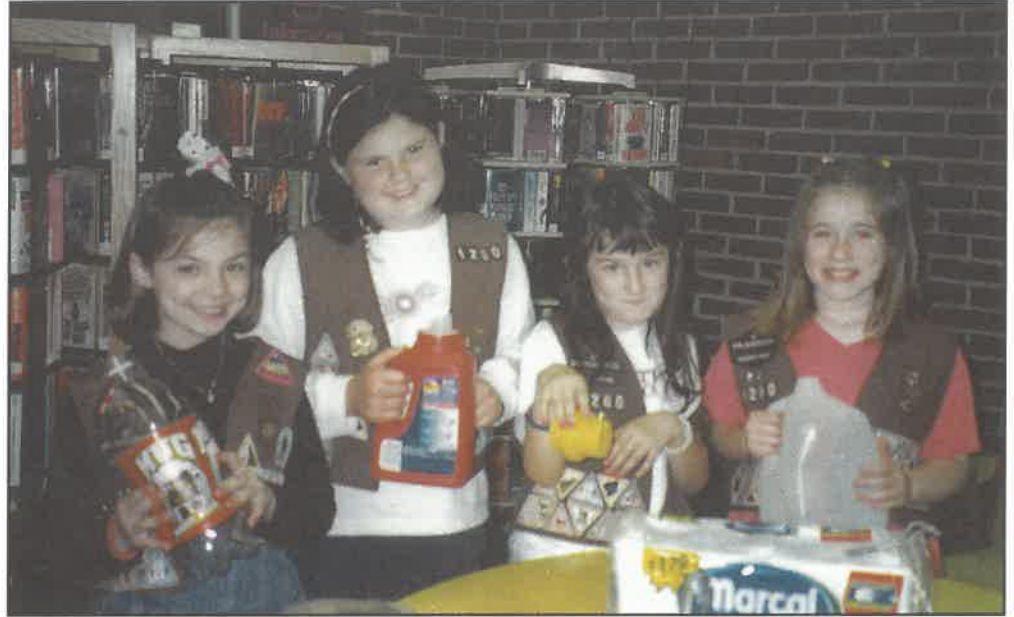
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BROWNIES AND CUBS CONNECT WITH RECYCLING



Four members of Hanover Township Brownie Troop 1260 pose with plastic items following an MCMUA presentation about recycling. Three of the Brownies hold plastics which are acceptable in Morris County municipal recycling programs, but one holds a “no-no.” L. to r.: Samantha Alfonso (the #1 PETE soda bottle is acceptable); Kim Abbondanzo (the #2 HDPE laundry detergent bottle is acceptable); Danielle Miess (the #5 PP lid for the laundry detergent bottle is not acceptable -- absolutely no plastic lids/caps should be put into recycling containers); and Alexandra Vitale (the #2 HDPE milk jug is acceptable). (Photo by Kate Coronari)



Starring as Recycleman, Cub scout Aaron Fliss says, “Hi! I’m Recycleman. Don’t you know that those things you threw into this trash can are supposed to be recycled?” (Photo by Kate Coronari)



Jefferson Township Cub scouts who are members of Wolf Den 3, Pack 46, present a recycling skit on March 15, 2000, for their parents and fellow scouts. L. to r.: Greg Le Maire, Chris Soptei, Michael Mc Loughlin, Lori Mc Loughlin (co-den leader) and Lukas Cannarozzi. All of the Cubs are second graders at Cozy Lake School. (Photo by Kate Coronari)

"The Art of Recycling"

-- The 12th Annual Recycling Awards Dinner Paints a Colorful Picture



The following awards and certificates for exceptional achievement in recycling were presented by the MCMUA on November 5, 1999, at the 12th annual Morris County Recycling Awards Dinner held at the Hanover Manor in East Hanover:

Individuals and Groups Who Have Made A Difference Awards

Recycling Enthusiast – Joe Robbins, Mendham Townhouse Association
Mr. Clean and Safe – Chris Kimker, Morris County Engineering Department
Returning the Call – Diana Vance, Office of the Morris County Administrator
Dedicated Municipal Recycling Coordinator – Bill Isselin, Town of Dover
Railroad Tracks and Riverbank Restoration – Morristown Department of Public Works

Education Awards

Hands-On Recycling – New Jersey Department of Human Services Regional School, Morris Campus
Re-Light – Morris Hills Regional School District
Recycling Depot Odyssey – Hal Bermingham, Morris Plains Recycling Coordinator
"Once Upon a Time in the Environment" – Sulekha Das, Whippanong Library

Business Awards

"Can-Can" – ShopRite Supermarkets
Re-Modeling – Wellman, Inc.

Truly, the Art of Recycling Awards

Flight of Fancy – Carl Bressan, Randolph Township Engineer
Re-Set Button – Perry Kroeger, Artist
Opening Doors – Willie Cole, Artist
Re-Fine Arts – The Morris Museum
Re-Inventing the Wheel – Gary Anderson, Recycling Symbol Creator

Recipients of Certificates of Achievement for Publishing Outstanding Municipal Recycling Notifications in 1999

Boonton Township	Morris Plains Borough
Chatham Township	Mount Olive Township
Dover Town	Randolph Township*
Harding Township	Rockaway Borough*
Madison Borough	Rockaway Township*

*a top-of-the-recycling-heap recipient



During the cocktail hour, Kristine Schmidt of Waste Management makes an observation about the contents of the dinner program.



Morristown Recycling Coordinator Jim ("Babe") Cutler and Morristown Clean Communities Coordinator Kathleen Margiotta grin for the photographer, and in Jim's case perhaps it's because he's looking forward to his April 2000 retirement from the Morristown Department of Public Works after working there for more than 30 years.



Taking a break from devouring hors d'oeuvres are (l. to r.) Morris County Administrator Jim Rosenberg; Morris County Freeholder Jack Schrier and Parsippany resident Patrice Sullins.



Just one example of the art of recycling: Budd Lake artist Perry Kroeger (l.) and Gary Anderson, creator of the recycling symbol, hold the gold and silver relief symbol which Perry created from used corrugated cardboard and other found materials.



Morris County Crier William Joseph officially launches the dinner by reading a proclamation extolling the virtues of recycling.



Environmental Scientist Lorraine Graves of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II, appears to have chosen her clothing and accessories with Perry Kroeger's recycling symbol in mind.



The models gather at the conclusion of the mini-fashion show: (L. to r.) Larry Gindoff, Caridad Cole, Louise Abato, Eileen Hladky, Penny Jones, Geoff Knapp, Dolores Madison, Esperanza Cole and Kathleen Hourihan Pelak. With two exceptions, the clothing worn by the models contains Wellman's Fortrel[®] EcoSpun[™], the polyester fiber made from 100% recycled plastic bottles. The exceptions: Suburban cowgirl Eileen wears an outfit made from regular Fortrel[®] polyester, and Dolores Madison sports a vest and a skirt, each of which she made from older-model ties collected from her colleagues at the Randolph Township municipal building.



A first at a recycling awards dinner -- "Happy birthday to you" is being sung by all of the guests to honor James Dillahunt (l.), a Morristown DPW employee who attended the dinner on his 50th birthday with some of his colleagues in order to accept the Railroad Tracks and Riverbank Restoration Award.



Kathleen Pelak and Glenn Schweizer flank Dover Recycling Coordinator Bill Isselin who is the recipient of the Dedicated Recycling Coordinator Award.



After accepting the Opening Doors Award, Mine Hill artist Willie Cole elicits laughter when he says, "When I was collecting shoes [to use in his sculptures], they said I had more shoes than Imelda Marcos had." In the background is the sculpture titled "The Pink Leather Venus," one piece from the series "High-Heeled Venuses."



Gary Anderson (r.) holds the Re-Inventing the Wheel Award plaque. Gary received this award for having created the familiar three chasing arrows recycling symbol design in 1970 when he was a senior at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. (This design was the winning entry in a contest sponsored by the Container Corporation of America.) He is currently a senior associate at STV Inc., Baltimore, Maryland, an architecture, engineering and planning firm. Gary also serves as director of 1,000 Friends of Maryland, a controlled-growth activist group. (The MCMUA also presented a certificate of achievement to Joanne Kares, Morris County Library Reference Services supervising librarian, for locating Gary via the Internet.)



Representatives of the municipalities which received certificates of achievement for publishing outstanding recycling notifications in 1999 oblige the photographer by displaying recycling symbol decals along with their certificates. Front row (l. to r.) Freeholder Doug Cabana with the Mt. Olive certificate; Eileen Hladky, Chatham Twp.; Tracy Toribio, Harding; Sylvia Banbor, Rockaway Borough; Ann Dixon, Boonton Twp. Back row: Doug Smith, Madison; Bill Isselin, Dover; Sue Ruiz, Rockaway Twp.; Hal Bermingham, Morris Plains; and Clem Ferdinando, Randolph.



The party's over, it's time to go MCMUA employees Marilyn Regner and Ken Smith offer the last hurrah of the evening. (Photos by Robyn Craig Genualdi)

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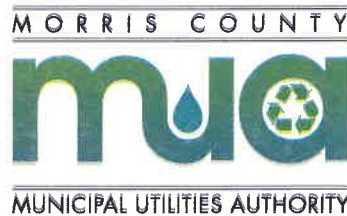
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