



# Mid-Atlantic Chapter Solid Waste Association of North America

## SOLID WASTE NEWS For Waste Professionals

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### Editor's Message

By: *Stephen T. Lezinski, Engineer III*  
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#### Budget, Budget, Budget

When I daydream about budgets, pleasant images of tiny smiley faces dancing hand-in-hand with dandelions come to mind. Then reality hits with cold hard facts. Facility operations are continuous. Services to the public are ever increasing. All the while, business management offices attempt to reduce expenditures. Bottom line – operations' personnel are tasked to "do more with less."

How are we to stay the course and survive? Reviewing facility operation plans, implementing efficiency studies, updating contingency plans, locating different markets for recyclable commodities, cross training personnel and utilizing the resources of internal public sector departments instead of outsourcing to contractors are steps to "do more with less." Times are changing and adaptation is mandatory. For now, go play in the sand, but be prepared to brainstorm soon!

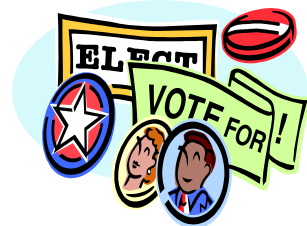
#### Chapter Events

Please note that the Mid-Atlantic Chapter has a couple upcoming events, which are provided below. Attend or Else!!!

- Annual Business Meeting, Election of Officers and Crab Feast – September 29, 2010 – see flyer insert.
- Managing Recycling Systems Certification Course – October 5 to October 8, 2010 – see flyer insert.

### Don't Forget to Vote!

Electronic Ballots for voting for the Chapter Board of Directors were distributed by e-mail (and via regular mail for those without e-mail); they are due by September 27. Please vote!



#### SWANA Mission Statement:

***"Advancing the practice of economically and environmentally sound solid waste management in North America."***

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# SWANA Professional Achievement Award

Phil Hoderfield of the Cecil County Solid Waste Management Division has been unanimously approved by the SWANA Awards Committee to receive the Solid Waste Association of North America Professional Achievement Award—Public Sector Member.

Recognition of the achievement occurred at the SWANA Opening Brunch and Awards Ceremony on Sunday, August 15, 2010 at the Boston Convention Center, Boston, Massachusetts.

Given annually, this award recognizes SWANA Members for valuable and distinguished contributions to the Association; the individual's employing organization and the general public. The length of continuous contributions and services by the individual is a consideration in the selection. Phil has dedicated the last twenty-five years to the Cecil County Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Management Division.



## 2010 SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter Scholarship Awards Program

*By: Mehal Trivedi, Project Manager  
Frederick County*

The 2010 recipients of the SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter Scholarship Award were:

### Category IA winner (\$1,500 each):

**Andrew Robert Reighart** – son of Charles Reighart, Recycling & Waste Prevention Manager, Baltimore County, MD. Andrew attends St. Mary's College of Maryland.

**Remy Clemm** – daughter of Hallie Clemm, Special Assistant for Strategic Planning, DPW, Washington DC. Remy attends the University of Virginia.

### Category I winner (\$1,000):

**Paola Valeria Espinoza** – Her father, Mr. David Espinoza, is an associate at Geosyntec Consultants – Columbia, MD. Paola will be attending the University of Delaware, majoring in Chemical Engineering.

### Kevin Stearman Memorial Program Scholarship Award winner (\$2,000) :

**Grace Ellen Ramsey** – received the highest score by the Chapter Evaluation Committee and she will receive a \$2,000 scholarship provided by Office Paper System (OPS) under its Kevin Stearman Memorial Scholarship Program. Grace attended Rockbridge Academy (High School) and will be attending Hillsdale College in Michigan. Her father Mr. Thomas Ramsey is an associate at Geosyntec Consultants – Columbia, MD.

Congratulations to the winners!

# Midshore II Regional Solid Waste Facility

## Project Status Update

The Maryland Environmental Service (MES) has substantially completed the construction of the second in an eventual series of four Regional Solid Waste Management Facilities to serve the citizens of Talbot, Caroline, Kent and Queen Anne's Counties, the jurisdictions that make up the Midshore Partnership. The first regional landfill, Midshore I was constructed in Talbot County near Easton. The facility opened in 1991 and is scheduled to cease accepting MSW on December 31, 2010. The second regional landfill, Midshore II is being constructed at a site near Ridgely, Maryland in Caroline County. Midshore II is scheduled to commence full operations on or before January 3, 2011.

The initial phase of landfill construction included the construction of the first cell, a 13.7-acre double-lined waste disposal area and, all of the necessary site infrastructure. The landfill's liner system exceeds both COMAR and 40-CFR standards, and consists of two 60-mil textured HDPE membranes separated by a leak detection system, both placed over a two foot thick prepared clay liner with an in-place permeability less than or equal to  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  cm/sec. A 12-inch protective drainage layer with in-place permeability greater than or equal to  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  cm/sec will be installed over the geomembrane for protection. The site development features include a combination administrative/maintenance building, a scale house with in-bound and out-bound scales, two stormwater management

ponds, three bottomless culvert stream crossings, a 500,000-gallon glass lined, bolted steel leachate storage tank and truck loading facility and on-site roadwork. Off-site improvements include upgrades to a one-half mile section of River Road and a roundabout to be constructed at the intersection of River Road and MD Route 480. Geosyntec Consultants developed the engineering design for the landfill system.

On May 28, 2009 a competitively bid contract was awarded to David A. Bramble, Inc., for the initial construction work. Notice to Proceed was issued June 4, 2009. The project is currently on schedule to be substantially complete by the end of July 2010. The stormwater ponds, leachate storage tanks, truck loading facility, administrative building, scale house and inbound and outbound scales are substantially complete. Entrance road paving and paving in the vicinity of the maintenance/administration building is substantially complete. Placement of the select clay liner and membrane installation is substantially complete. Off-site road improvements are ongoing. MES anticipates that the cell will be completed and select waste fluff layer placement will commence in September 2010, with full-scale operations to begin no later than January 3, 2011. For further information concerning the new regional landfill, contact Tim Ford, Chief Project Manager at MES at 410-729-8303 or via email at [tford@menv.com](mailto:tford@menv.com).

## Contracts

Baltimore County did a competitive RFB to award agreements to different contractors to remove excess soil from our landfill site whenever they have a need and the County has a need to have soils excavated, at the County's sole discretion. This theoretically enables the County to minimize the excavation required for any landfill expansion for which it would need to pay and potentially enables contractors to have a borrow source when they have a need for soil at a "minimal" cost to them. (The contractors would excavate the material.)

There is no cost to either party, except that the contractor must comply with certain stipulations and

conditions, e.g., including installing simple sediment control devices (to supplement existing structures), maintaining existing sediment control devices, vegetative stabilization, etc., which is determined on a case-by-case situation, depending on the location of the borrow area.

The master agreements give the contractors the right to ask the County for a Right of Entry agreement and Permit.

Any questions or if interested in "piggy-backing," contact Steve Lippy (410-887-2009) or at [slippy@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:slippy@baltimorecountymd.gov).

# SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND CRAB FEAST

**Location: Gunning's Seafood Restaurant**  
**7304 Parkway Drive - Hanover, Maryland 21076**

**Date:** Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Business Meeting and Election 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Crab Feast 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**Price:** \$25 per person for members  
\$45 per person for non-members and guests

**Menu:** Steamed Crabs                      Soft Drinks  
Appetizers                                      Beer  
Cole Slaw                                        (Cash Bar)  
Dessert



Any questions, please call or email Robin Ennis at:  
**240.777.6401** or [robin.ennis@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:robin.ennis@montgomerycountymd.gov)

Please see next page for  
map and directions.

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**# OF MEMBERS ATTENDING** \_\_\_\_\_ **# OF GUESTS ATTENDING** \_\_\_\_\_ **AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please send checks made payable to **SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter**  
and registration form by **September 20, 2010** to: Clare Fadden  
Montgomery County  
Division of Solid Waste Services  
101 Monroe Street, 6th floor  
Rockville, MD 20850





## MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER

# SWANA'S MANAGING RECYCLING SYSTEMS

## 3-Day Certification Course

### Objective:

**Chapter Partnering Training**  
*by Mid-Atlantic Chapter*

### Managing Recycling Systems:

This certification level course provides the information needed to successfully plan, develop, market, fund, contract, and manage recycling programs and systems.

### Course Content:

This course consists of presentations, classroom exercises, and case studies on topics including planning, markets, collection, processing, outreach and education, contracting, health and safety, buy-recycled, waste reduction, and composting. Students will learn about:

- Planning and designing sustainable recycling systems and programs.
- Planning, implementing and improving recycling collection systems.
- Understanding markets and market quality for recyclables.
- Planning and operating a recyclable materials processing facility.
- Developing and managing contracts for collection and processing.
- Funding a recycling program.
- Developing and initiating an effective outreach and education plan
- Residential, commercial, special waste, and multi-family recycling.
- Preparing for SWANA's Recycling Systems certification exam.

### DATE & TIME:

**Tuesday, October 5, 2010 - Thursday, October 7, 2010**

(8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) Lunch noon to 1 p.m. is on your own.

**Certification Exam - Friday, October 8, 2010**

(8 a.m. to noon.)

### LOCATION:

**Howard County Government**

Gateway Building, Room #303

6751 Columbia Gateway Drive

Columbia, MD 21046

Please visit the Chapter website at <http://www.swana-midatl.org/Events.htm> for complete details and a registration form.

## In Memoriam

### **Joseph A. Kolodziejski 1947 – 2009**

Joe served Baltimore City in its Department of Public Works' Bureau of Solid Waste from 1974 to 1980 and then 1985-2007. While in the Bureau, he was a hokey cart man, safety supervisor, supervisor of mechanical street sweeping, Chief of the Maintenance Division, and from 1999-2007, Head of the Bureau.

His main involvement with SWANA was being one of the co-chairs of the 2001 WASTECON, which included his photo (with the other two co-chairs) on the cover of the October 2001 issue of Waste Age, as well as being quoted in an article on page 56, "SWANA Sails into Baltimore."

### **Charles (Chuck) K. Weiss 1943 – 2010**

Chuck began his career with Baltimore County, MD in November 1967 in the Office of Personnel and transferred to the Department of Public Works in 1970 to begin his solid waste career in the Bureau of Sanitation, later renamed the Bureau of Solid Waste Management. He started as Administrative Analyst (later reclassified to Management Analyst), then was Bureau Chief from 1984 until his retirement in 2002.

One of his joys was golf; as a result, Steve Lippy, as conference co-chair, enlisted him to be the Chair of the Golf Tournament for the 1988 GRCDA annual conference and the 1995 SWANA conference when they were held in Baltimore. Going back to the Chapter archives, Chuck attended the July 1983 meeting when the committee was formed to establish the local GRCDA Chapter. Another way he supported SWANA was allowing the Bureau engineer, Steve Lippy, to be active in the local chapter, starting at that meeting in 1983.

THE MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION  
**2010 FALL SUMMIT**  
SEPTEMBER 29  
- OCTOBER 1



**BALTIMORE,**  
**MARYLAND**

The MWMA is offering guest registrations for SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter members to attend the upcoming 2010 Fall Summit in Baltimore. In order to take advantage of this **free registration**, please contact Susan Jarvis at [sjarvis@usmayors.org](mailto:sjarvis@usmayors.org) or 202-861-6770. For additional conference details, please visit <http://www.usmayors.org/MWMA>.

## Reminders / Wanted

- ◆ "Reporters"/writers for our Chapter newsletter.
- ◆ Important Websites to Remember: [www.swana.org](http://www.swana.org), [www.swana-midatl.org](http://www.swana-midatl.org) & [www.mdrecycles.org](http://www.mdrecycles.org).
- ◆ Training the Trainers: Contact a Board member if interested in being trained to be a trainer for a SWANA course.
- ◆ SWANA E-sessions: If your organization presents e-sessions, make them a Chapter event so that all attendees can get CEU's. Contact Steve Lippy, Dana Murray or Shirl Wright.
- ◆ Job Vacancies in your Organization: Contact [swright@nmwda.org](mailto:swright@nmwda.org) for inclusion in our Chapter newsletter and website.
- ◆ Articles, information, recent/on-going projects of interest, active purchase orders, etc.: Contact [swright@nmwda.org](mailto:swright@nmwda.org) to be placed in our Chapter newsletter.
- ◆ Scholarship Sponsors: Contact Steve Lippy, Mehal Trivedi or Hallie Clemm.
- ◆ Name(s) of Prospective SWANA Members: Contact either our Chapter Membership Chair, Jessica Martin ([jmartin@synteccorp.com](mailto:jmartin@synteccorp.com)) or direct the prospective member to our Chapter website ([www.swana-midatl.org](http://www.swana-midatl.org)) or SWANA's website ([www.swana.org](http://www.swana.org)).
- ◆ Newsletter Ads: These are business card size ads only (2" x 3.5"); \$100 for 4 issues. Send your ad in a JPG file to [swright@nmwda.org](mailto:swright@nmwda.org). Please make check payable to: Mid-Atlantic Chapter of SWANA and mail to Shirl Wright at NMWDA, 100 S. Charles Street, Tower II - Suite 402, Baltimore, MD 21201-2705.
- ◆ American Academy of Environmental Engineers: If you are an environmental engineer, you are eligible to become a member or to be certified in solid waste management by the American Academy of Environmental Engineers. See <http://www.swana-midatl.org> or <http://www.aee.net>.

# Employment Announcements

## Sanitation Supervisor DC Department of Public Works

The District of Columbia Department of Public Works is looking for a SANITATION SUPERVISOR to manage a 12-50 employee Collection program. Work with our vehicle coordinator to keep a 30+ vehicle fleet working; ensure accurate pre and post-trip checks; train subordinates on pre and post-trip checks; establish and maintain a performance reporting system to track vehicle and driver trip checks. Must have CDL. \$27.68-\$37.92/Hour.

Position is open until filled.

Apply for Job ID 16569 at <https://erecruit.dc.gov> or at DC's Job Center, 441 - 4th Street NW, South, Washington, DC 20001. Call HR Answers at (202) 442-9700 with questions.

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## SWANA Guiding Principle:

***"Local government is responsible for municipal solid waste management, but not necessarily the ownership and/or operation of municipal solid waste management systems."***