



Montgomery County, Maryland Recycling Volunteer Program



Winter 2015

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Program Update

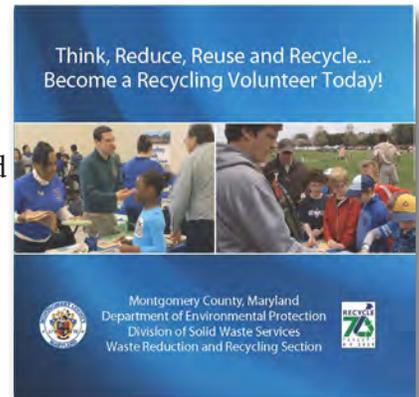
2015 was a spectacular year for the Recycling Volunteer program! During the year, 135 recycling volunteers (some volunteering at multiple events) joined staff to provide waste reduction and recycling outreach and education to an estimated 23,984 people throughout Montgomery County. Great job recycling volunteers! Also this year, we welcomed 55 new volunteers to the recycling volunteer program making our team bigger and better as each volunteer brings their talents to the program. To further increase our efforts to recruit new volunteers we took things up a notch this year. DSWS produced a recycling volunteer recruiting video. The new DVD called "Think, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle... Become a Recycling Volunteer Today!" will be used to help expand our efforts to recruit additional recycling volunteers of all ages and abilities. The video provides



information about the volunteer program, its mission, and the many different volunteer opportunities available. The production crew

filmed several of our very own volunteers in action as they interacted with residents at various events.

The video will be posted online and you can contact me to get a copy to share with friends and family to encourage them to join our great volunteer program. If you know someone who would like to volunteer, the next volunteer training session is scheduled for January 23, 2016.



Thank you to the following volunteers featured in the volunteer recruiting video:

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| Jeannie Chi |  | Kenneth Lavish |
| Joe Connor | | Paolo Nardone |
| Katrina Cristwell | | Barbara Newland |
| Janice Devine | | Philip Palmer |
| Alice Harrington | | Tao Peng |
| Carwithian Hemsley | | Scott Reilly  |
| Alec Jung | | |

There is plenty to look forward to in 2016 as we are already busy filling calendars with new events! Stay tuned for details.

Happy holiday wishes to you and your family!



Waste Reduction and Recycling Specialist

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Thank You for a Spectacular Year!

As we get ready to join family and friends for holiday festivities, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your generous service and commitment to our volunteer program. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank the parents of our younger volunteers who run back and forth to drop their children off at the various events they had signed up for. We may not see you all the time, but we know you support your children's participation as they join all of us to help protect the environment.

Once again thank you and I wish you all the best of holidays and safe travels!

Listed below are the names of volunteers who provided direct service during 2015.

Paul Armstrong	Suhyun Goh	Victoria Martin	Xavier Simms
Carol Armstrong-Moore	Elizabeth Golder	Brianna McAdam	Alaiyah Singleton
Bennett Beach	Alexander Guzman	Daequan McAdam	Jeffrey Shur
Diego Bigelow-Gonzalo	Beakal Habtesellassie	Chase McGraw	Connor Thomas
Lloyd Boakye-Ababio	Bezawit Habtesellassie	Debbie Moore	Terry Thomas
Brandy Carullo	Tiesha Hackley	Paolo Nardone	Jay Turner
Abigail Castillo	Lincoln Hallen	Eudel Ndong	Cynthia Veliz
Aileen Castillo	Pershawn Hamidi	Barbara Newland	Katherine Veliz
Amy Chen-Huang	Ravi Harapanhalli	Mbianda Ngometcheu	Melanie Veliz
Alexander Chi	Rohit Harapanhalli	Lesley O'Malley	Darby White
Jeannie Chi	Alice Harrington	Anne Ostrenga	David White
Katelyn Chi	Carwithian Hemsley	Philip Palmer	Rebecca Winer
Serena Clark	Wendee Hill	Farah Patmah	Brandon Witherspoon
Joe Connor	Donovan Irwin	Peng Tao	John Wu
Katrina Cristwell	Carolyn Jackson	Andrea Pfeffer	Angela Yu
Ana Cubillo	Robert Jackson	Benjamin Pham	Justin Zhang
Rohan Daftary	Avery Jackson-O'Neal	Chau Pham	
Tanya DeKona	Patrick Jenkins	Scott Reilly	
Michael DeVillo	Heidi Johnson	Taye Robinson	
Janice Devine	Alec Jung	Lina Maria Rojas	
Michelle Fang	Mark Jung	Maya Saidel	
Sophia Florestal	Colette Ketchonglie	Crystal Sanchez	
Esther Foxe	Kenneth Lavish	Saskia Sanchez	
Morton Foxe	Freeman Lee	Cole Schamber	
Emma Frank	Dylan Lowe	Edee Schwartz	
Ryan Frank	Perin Lowe	Alina Sarma	
Scott Giese	Brandon Lyne	Angelah Sibanda	
David Godoy	Kai Maclang	Nabhoneel Sil	
Seungwon Goh	Nisha Malhotra	Upadhyay	
	Riya Malhotra	Sanjukta Sil Upadhyay	
	Aral Market	Demari Simms	

*Thank you for
your service and
commitment to the
Recycling
Volunteer Program!*



An ECO Friendly Holiday Season

While the holidays are a great time to share and celebrate with family and friends, we sometimes lose sight of how much waste is generated. According the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), an extra 25% (that's about 1 million extra tons) of waste is added to the waste stream between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. Keep the holidays green this season by following a few helpful tips.

RECYCLE - Lead by example and encourage your friends and families to reduce!

- ✳ Start the festivities off by making creative centerpieces and decorations out of things around the house or yard, such as pinecones, sprigs, leaves, branches, etc.
- ✳ Avoid using disposable utensils, dinnerware and glassware.
- ✳ Give gifts that require little or no packaging.
- ✳ Use reusable bags when shopping.



REUSE - Add a personal touch to gift giving this year!

- ✳ Make handmade gifts using items you may already have at home.
- ✳ Wrap gifts by reusing brown paper bags which can be decorated and personalized with old buttons, yarn, and items found outside such as sprigs and pinecones as well as other craft making materials.
- ✳ Give a gift that keeps on giving by wrapping it in a reusable bag.



RECYCLE - Christmas Trees

Christmas Tree Recycling Collection Tips:

- ✳ Residents of single-family homes can place Christmas trees at the curb on their regular recycling collection day.
- ✳ Remove the stand all decoration such as lights, ornaments, tinsel and garland.
- ✳ Do not place the tree in a plastic bag.
- ✳ Business and residents of apartments and condominiums should check with their property/business manager for specific Christmas tree recycling instructions.



RECYCLE - Holiday Lights

If those holiday lights are burned out, consider recycling them by taking them to the following location:



Holiday Light Recycling Drop-Off Location: MOM's Organic Market

- 5566 Randolph Rd., Rockville, MD 20852
Drop-off is available through January 31, 2016

2015 Silver Spring Thanksgiving Parade

The 2015 Montgomery County Thanksgiving Parade was held on Saturday, November 21st in downtown Silver Spring. Thirteen recycling volunteers helped DSWS staff prepare for the parade which included over 100 parade units. Enthusiastic volunteers arrived bright and early to help decorate the recycling float with garland made of recyclable items to encourage viewers to recycle more. Parade goers cheered our volunteers – Jay Turner as Rocco the Recycling Retriever, Katrina Cristwell, David Godoy, Tiesha Hackley, Carwithian Hemsley, Paolo Nardone, Benjamin Pham, Saskia Sanchez, Sanjukta Sil Upadhyay, Katherine Veliz, Melanie Veliz, Brandon Witherspoon and Justin Zhang as they walked with recycling signs and handed out pencils made of recycled paper to children and adults. Thank you to all volunteers who helped during the parade and a special thank you to Sanjukta Sil Upadhyay who offered her artistic skills to help design and prepare the recycling signs used during the parade.



January 2016

Door Hanger Distribution Event
Jan 9th 8:30-11:30am, Silver Spring

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service
Jan 18th 1-3pm, North Bethesda

Volunteer Orientation /Refresher Training
Jan 23rd 9-11am, Rockville

For more information about these events, please contact the Recycling Volunteer Program at (240) 777-6484 or e-mail us at michelle.devillo@montgomerycountymd.gov.

All of our activities are approved Student Service Learning experiences.



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