



# SORRT

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## CALENDAR

### **Webinars: Ban on Expanded Polystyrene Food Service Ware and Loose Fill Packaging**

The Montgomery County, Maryland Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Solid Waste Services is hosting a series of webinars to inform the public, including food service establishments and retailers about Montgomery County's ban on the use and sale of expanded polystyrene food service ware and loose fill packaging (peanuts).

Wednesday, November 4, 2015  
11:00am to 12:00noon EST

Thursday, November 12, 2015  
11:00am to 12:00noon EST

Wednesday, November 18, 2015  
11:00am to 12:00noon EST

Monday, November 23, 2015  
1:00 to 2:00pm EST



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## Celebrating Recycling Excellence!



The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS) celebrated Montgomery County Recycling Awareness Week from May 18 through May 22, 2015. During Recycling Awareness Week, DSWS recognized fifty businesses for their outstanding recycling and waste reduction efforts in a special recognition ceremony held at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. Special guests included County Executive Isiah Leggett, County Council Vice President Nancy Floreen, Council Member Roger Berliner, Director of the Department of Environmental Protection Lisa Feldt, and Loo Katz, host of the Morning Show with Chilli Amar on 97.1 WASH-FM.

In addition to recognizing the county's star recyclers, DSWS conducted events to raise awareness of recycling at twelve schools by bringing them an educational program called "The Magic of Recycling". During this interactive presentation, students learned about the importance of recycling and waste reduction with the help of both student volunteers as well as DSWS' recycling mascot, Rocco the Recycling Retriever. Students left the show knowing which materials can be recycled, how trash and recyclable materials are processed, as well as how recycling is something they can all do to personally help the environment. With this information, students were ready to be part of the effort to achieve Montgomery County's goal to reduce waste and recycle 70% by 2020.



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# Montgomery County Recycling Awareness Week 2015



Students take roles in a play during The Magic of Recycling show.

The Magic of Recycling show visited these schools during Recycling Awareness Week 2015:

- Concord Hill School
- Grace Episcopal School
- Ivymount School
- John Nevins Andrew School
- Lone Oak Montessori School
- The Maddux School
- Seneca Academy
- St. Andrew Apostle School
- St. Jane de Chantal School
- St. John the Baptist School
- St. Mary's School
- Village Montessori School, Inc.

## Do you want your business to be recognized for its recycling efforts?

If your business was not recognized in 2015, why not meet with a SORRT staff member and discuss ways to set up a recycling program or enhance your current initiatives and possibly be recognized in 2016? Call 3-1-1 (out-of-County: 240-777-0311) today. We are ready to help make your business' recycling program a success!

## Recycling Poster Contest

The environment was the inspiration for many of the County's young artists who submitted entries to DSWS' Recycling Poster Contest. Their works expressed stewardship of the environment, and highlighted the County's goal of recycling 70% of the waste stream by the year 2020. The images depicted Earth-wide hugs, talking recycling bins, sayings of timeless wisdom and folks keeping the environment clean. The artists were honored at a recognition ceremony on Thursday, May 21, 2015 and the posters were on display for everyone to see.



An artist looks at her poster (top). Copies of the winning entries were transformed into placemats and taken home at the end of the evening (bottom).

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## *Recycling. Keep it Going! Recycle More Now!*

On May 20, 2015, the Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services recognized fifty businesses and individuals for their outstanding recycling and waste reduction efforts. Presenting the awards and pictured with the award recipients are, from left to right: Eileen Kao, Chief, Waste Reduction and Recycling Section, DSWS; Loo Katz, host of the Morning Show with Chilli Amar on 97.1 WASH-FM; County Council Vice President Nancy Floreen; County Executive Isiah Leggett; Lisa Feldt, Director, Department of Environmental Protection; and Alan Pultyniewicz, Recycling Coordinator, DSWS.

2015 AWARD WINNERS

### *Excellence in Recycling*

Awarded to businesses and organizations that during the last five years have reached or surpassed the County's 70 percent recycling goal.

- The Bartley Corporation
- Daly Computers, Inc.
- Fitzgerald Auto Malls
- IBM Gaithersburg
- Landon School Corporation

### *Outstanding Achievement in Recycling (Business)*

Businesses that set up stellar recycling, buying recycled, and/or waste reduction programs during 2014.

- 6905 Rockledge Drive
- 9200, 9211, 9221 Corporate Boulevard
- 20250, 20251, 20201, 20300 Century Boulevard
- Banneker Ventures, LLC
- Bretton Woods Golf Course
- Briggs Chaney Walk-In Clinic, LLC
- Chapala Restaurant
- Chevy Chase Metro Building
- Clifford, Debelius, Boynton & Hyatt CHTD.
- DePerini Metal Fabricators
- Five Below
- Ivymount School
- The Manor Montessori School
- Matchbox

### *Outstanding Achievement in Recycling (Business)*

(Continued)

- McLean School of Maryland
- Merry Maids
- NCR Corporation
- The Primary Day School
- Raw Ink Studio
- RCT Endodontics
- Rockville Swin Fitness Center
- Takoma Park Co-op
- Unique Thrift Store
- United States Department of Energy



Eleanor Hough (center) receives the Individual Outstanding Achievement in Recycling Award for her outstanding efforts in recycling.

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## 2015 AWARD WINNERS

### *Outstanding Achievement in Recycling (Individual)*

Individuals that helped their businesses and organizations set up stellar recycling, buying recycled, and/or waste reduction programs during 2014.

- Luis Alvarado - The Peterson Companies
- Deine Avila - Red Coats, Inc.
- Valle Bonhag - Carl M. Freeman Companies
- Catherine Costopoulos - REIT Management & Research, LLC
- Tony Durso - NCR Corporation
- Joe Fitzgibbon - Red Coats, Inc.
- Joel Flores - Aramark
- Brittany Frankel - The Peterson Companies
- Tiesha Hackley - Brookfield Office Properties
- Brittany Hilliker - Brookfield Office Properties
- Eleanor Hough - Willco
- Ariell Lawrence - National Institutes of Health
- Stacey Longenecker - Piedmont Office Realty Trust
- Bob Mallasch - Bob's Bikes
- Jeanne A. Nabavi - Geico
- Kathy Oates - Site Realty Group
- William Ortega-Ortiz - Naval Support Activity Bethesda
- Josue Ortiz Maltez - ABM
- Mary Riegert - Finmarc Management, Inc.
- Digna Sorto - ABM
- Chris Yorro - Jones Lang LaSalle



Andrew Bartley (center) receives the Excellence in Recycling Award on behalf of the Bartley Corporation. The Bartley Corporation was recognized for recycling 73% of their waste in 2014.



Bob Weschler (center) receives the Business Outstanding Achievement in Recycling Award on behalf of Raw Ink Studios.



Deine Avila (center) receives the Individual Outstanding in Achievement Award for her participation in DSWs' Commercial Janitorial/Maintenance Service Training and Certification Program.

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# Montgomery County's Ban on Expanded Polystyrene Food Service Ware and Loose Fill Packaging



**Effective January 1, 2016:** The use and sale of expanded polystyrene food service products (foam food packaging) and polystyrene loose fill packaging (packing peanuts) **is prohibited.**



## Contact Information

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