

Press Release

WANTAGE TOWNSHIP 'BRAGS' ABOUT RECYCLING

Township of Wantage, April 26, 2012: The Mayor and Committee of the Township of Wantage is so proud of the Wantage Business Community for their support of the Township's Recycling Program, they are going to "BRAG" about it.

At the April 26, 2012 meeting of the Wantage governing body, Mayor William Gaechter will present several Wantage Businesses with a "Business Recycling Appreciation Grant" ("BRAG").

"The business sector recycling rate increased noticeably from last year" explains Mayor Gaechter. "While we are proud of all our residents and businesses for their recycling compliance, there are certain businesses that go above and beyond in their recycling efforts on behalf of our community. This is our way of saying 'Thanks!'"

The businesses slated to receive Grants are:

Beemerville Auto Wrecking: \$350 - for recycling Auto Scrap. This tonnage provides a large contribution to the Township's recycling tonnage figures. Even with a downturned economy negatively affecting his business, Mr. Gordon Jennings continues to be the largest single business contributor to the recycling program in Wantage.

Sussex Meat Packing, Friendly's, A&P: \$350 each, - for Food Waste recycling. Food Waste is not a mandatory recyclable material in Sussex County or in Wantage. These businesses recycle their food waste on a voluntary basis rather than because the law requires it, which contributes to the recycling totals of Wantage Township.

Sussex Queen Diner and Bella Vita Ristorante: \$150 each, for food waste (cooking oil, grease, waste water). By entering into contracts for the removal of cooking oil and grease, these businesses make a voluntary contribution to the recycling tonnage efforts above and beyond what the law requires, and contributes to a healthier environment.

Tire King - \$150 - for recycling tires. As the company marketing used tires each year from Wantage Tire Turn In Day, this business helps increase the Wantage recycling tonnage figures and helps improve the Wantage landscape by reducing abandoned, illegally-dumped tires.

Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative: \$150 - Dry Cell Battery Recycling. In addition to maintaining the required business recycling program for cardboard, office paper, and glass/aluminum/plastic, SREC also voluntarily began a recycling program to accept recyclable batteries (not car batteries) from their employees and the general public.

Lakeland Bank - Office Paper Recycling - Lakeland Bank efforts at office paper recycling contribute to the over all tonnage figures of the Wantage recycling program.

These BRAG awards are paid from the Wantage Township Recycling Tonnage Grant, received from the State of New Jersey for its recycling efforts. "We received this money from the State thanks to the efforts of our businesses. It only makes sense to thank those businesses by allowing them to share in the reward for their efforts" says Gaechter.

Sussex County Recycling Coordinator Reenee Cassapulla hopes to attend the award ceremony to acknowledge the Wantage Township recycling program. "I think this is a great local concept to recognize businesses for their recycling reporting efforts! It is one of the reasons that Wantage has increased their tonnage grant funding on a regular basis, and an effective use of State Grant funds. I am sure the local businesses will appreciate the recognition from their town."

"We thank our businesses for their support of the Wantage community, and we want this to be the beginning of an even greater recycling effort" says Mayor Gaechter. "We encourage all Wantage businesses to contact Recycling Coordinator Jim Doherty, and see how they, too, can increase and improve their recycling programs and join in next year's award ceremony".

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Recycling Tonnage Report for Wantage Township

<u>MATERIAL</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>+/-</u>
Concrete / Asphalt / Brick / Block	926.75	1,170.81	244.06
Automobile Scrap	616.91	321.24	(295.67)
Cardboard and Paper	385.88	1,171.04	785.16
Vegetative Waste	142.43	166.84	24.41
Traditional Recyclables: glass, alum, plastic,	110.08	505.34	395.26
Metals: Iron; Non-Ferrous; Alum Scrap;	138.01	50.05	(87.96)
Tires	28.59	334.91	306.32
Food Waste	14.81	95.57	80.76
Textiles	58.25	28.29	(29.96)
Anti-freeze; Used Motor Oil	14.62	28.66	14.04
Batteries (Automobile)	3.86	17.70	13.84
Consumer Electronics; Dry Cell Batteries;	26.12	11.01	(15.11)
Wood Scraps	11.81	45.44	33.63
Household hazardous Waste	3.74	-	(3.74)
	2,481.86	3,946.90	1,465.04