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2009—A Year In Review

As we close the books on 2009 let's take a minute to look back on everything that the District did over the past year. The year started off with the announcement of adding an Environmental Crimes Unit to the County's arsenal on litter control (more details on the back page). The sheriffs were quickly brought up to speed on Ohio EPA rules, regulations and guidelines. Spring brought our household hazardous waste collection held at two locations in addition to our annual Pride Day clean up. Last year 3,387 county residents volunteered over 10,000 hours to clean up and beautify the communities they lived in. Among the many accomplishments that day, the volunteers collected over 264,000 pounds of litter and

debris and cleaned 251 acres of public parks/land. This event is a partnership with Keep America Beautiful which donates some of the clean up supplies. We also



Avon Lions Club participating in Pride Day on May 16th

partnered with Goodwill Industries for the first time and were able to donate 1,694 pounds of clothing and household items for reuse. As a result of reduced

funding, The District canceled some collection events to focus its energy on the collection center. A recap of the events are:

Hazardous Household Waste

- 307,366 pounds collected

E-Scrap

- 336,603 pounds collected

Scrap Tire

- 74.1 tons collected

Fluorescent Lamp & Ballast

- 53,588 lamps collected
- 7,374 pounds of ballasts

A special thanks to the residents and volunteers that not only recycle but also reduce litter within our county. Our combined efforts will help keep Lorain County Clean & Green!

County Implementing Collection Center

In 2009 the Lorain County Port Authority acquired a building in Elyria that will be utilized by the District. With the growing popularity in recent years of our household hazardous waste, fluorescent lamp & ballast, and e-scrap collection events the District will use part of this building

as a year-round collection center. This center will be free to residents of Lorain County and offer the flexibility and convenience to properly dispose of these items on a regular basis. While the building is still undergoing renovations to meet the necessary requirements be on the lookout for

local advertisements on the grand opening of this facility. In order to keep informed on our progress you can sign up for our e-mail notification by logging onto our website at www.loraincounty.us/solidwaste. You can sign up under the "Join Our E-mail Notification List"

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Environmental Crimes Unit



Lorain County, illegal dumping in metro park

In the spring of 2009 this unit was implemented to aid the District in educating county residents on litter, illegal garbage and tire dumping and open burning regulations for our area.

Trash and tire piles present not only a health hazard; they can contaminate our groundwater supply. The danger level increases if hazardous materials or tires should catch on fire. Those fumes can cause air pollu-

tion and can cause serious harm to anyone that is exposed to them.

Open dumps typically occur along secondary roads, waterways, abandoned lots, open fields and even near construction sites. Usually the property owner is not aware that the dumping has taken place.

However, the property owner is ultimately responsible for the proper dis-

posal of the items deposited on his/her property and the costs associated with it.

If you would like to report or inquire about litter, dumping or environmental crimes please contact either Deputy Bill Curtis at 440-329-3743 or Deputy Rick Nisenbom at 440-329-3749. You may also contact the Lorain County Sheriff's Department at 440-329-3710.

"It's important to have the cooperation and support of area businesses and industries as we address waste reduction and the role of recycling within Lorain County"
Dan Billman,
 District Director

Business Round Table Group

In October the District held its first Business Round Table meeting. Letters were mailed out to a variety of businesses and industries within Lorain County inviting them to take part in these discussions. The meeting topics vary but focus on issues such as the recycling proc-

esses within the business community, and the role of waste reduction in economic development. The meetings are held bi-monthly and take place at the County Administration Building located in downtown Elyria. Every meetings last one hour and includes a different guest

speaker. We are continuously looking for additional business members to be a part of these discussions. If you are interested in getting more details about this forum please contact Tiffany Barker with the District at 440-328-2368 or via email at tfritsch@loraincounty.us.

School Presentations

Are you a teacher? If so, then this article is for you! Our staff can come to your school and talk to your students about the 3R's (Reduce, Re-use, Recycle).

For the younger students, videos and a short presentation can be scheduled.

The basic presentation introduces kids to waste management, the 3 R's, and includes examples of products made from recycled materials. You can also sign your class up to receive our free "Trash Talk" newsletter.

If you would like to schedule a presentation or if you are interested in receiving the quarterly "Trash Talk" newsletter than contact Sally Pecora with the District at 440-329-5467 or via email at specora@loraincounty.us.