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June 2015 Newsletter



Glass Recycling for Communities Webinar with Michelle Goth of Ripple Glass

Join us Thursday, June 25 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. for a webinar to learn about glass recycling for communities. This production is the fourth in the "Building Better Communities" webinar series, sponsored by Lindsay Corporation and partially funded by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and a Public Information and Education Mini-Grant from the Nebraska Academy of Science/Nebraska Environmental Trust.



Glass is a difficult commodity to manage in community recycling programs for a variety of reasons. Learn more about Ripple Glass, a glass recycler based out of Kansas City, and what they are doing to help communities and businesses recycle glass throughout the Midwest.

Michelle Goth is the Regional Business Manager for Ripple Glass. She primarily focuses on helping communities outside of Kansas City recycle glass. She also manages Ripple's social media accounts and enjoys connecting with recyclers. Michelle holds a Bachelor's in Finance from Truman State University in Kirksville, MO, and a M.B.A. from University of Missouri-Kansas City. She serves on the Missouri Recycling Association board, and was recently elected Treasurer.

To register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4626744197438991874>

Nebraska Recycling Study to be Reviewed at July Meeting in Omaha

On Thursday, July 23, 2015 WasteCap Nebraska will host a meeting at the Papio Missouri River NRD to discuss the recently released Nebraska Recycling Study conducted by the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center, Joslyn Institute for Sustainable Communities and the UNL Bureau of Sociological Research. WasteCap Nebraska, a member of the Study Committee, will present an overview of the findings and recommendations that will be of particular interest to solid waste service providers, policy makers and citizens.

Following the presentation, a facilitated discussion will focus on Omaha's system for managing waste, recycling and organics, landfill and recycling tipping fees, composting operations and garbage hauling industry changes. The meeting will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Papio-Missouri River NRD headquarters, 8901 S. 154th Street.

Online registration is required: <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eb3zs5mpc0420699&oseq=&c=&ch=>

The meeting is free and open to the public.

Results from the 2015 Annual Survey

WasteCap Nebraska conducted an annual survey with 8 questions and received 190 responses from both members and non-members.

When members were asked what the most valuable aspect of their WasteCap membership was, the top five responses were Education and Programs, Networking Opportunities, WasteCap's E-Newsletter, Community Involvement and Opportunity to belong to a business-based environmental organization.



The two top-rated WasteCap educational programs and tools were the E-newsletter and the website, according to the survey results. The Nebraska Recycling Guide, E-Newsletter, Community Zero Waste Planning, Sustainable Business Awards, Waste Assessments/On-Site Reviews/Zero Waste were ranked as the top five technical assistance, training and community programs. The two top-rated WasteCap educational programs and tools were the e-newsletter and website according to the survey results. The Nebraska Recycling Guide, E-Newsletter, Community Zero Waste Planning, Sustainable Business Awards, Waste Assessments/On-Site Reviews/Zero Waste were ranked as the top five "technical assistance, training and community programs" provided by WasteCap.

Survey respondents indicated that Waste Reduction Goals and Policies, Managing Organic Materials (compost) and Recycling/Compost Market Development were the areas in which they were needing assistance. 84% said that WasteCap Nebraska should be more active in policy advocacy for state and local issues related to landfills, recycling, composting, product stewardship and related issues.

Thank you to all who participated in the survey and to Nebraska Brewing Company and Ploughshare Brewing Company for donating gift certificates. The prize winners were: Robert Pierce, Willa Tharnish, Marilyn Tabor, Joy Marshall and Kay Stevens. WasteCap staff would enjoy sharing your winnings... ;-)

Upcoming Events

July Webinar: Climate Change in Nebraska and the Midwest

Thursday, July 30, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Learn about the impacts of climate change in Nebraska and the Midwest, and how it is already impacting people and places around the world. We will highlight solutions that are already working by starting the shift from a dirty fossil fuel economy to a clean, sustainable and renewable economy.

To register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1983435780674886146>

2015 Sustainable Business Award Applications Due August 10

WasteCap Nebraska will recognize the social and environmental achievements of member organizations at the Annual Awards Luncheon on October 6, 2015. Have questions about your eligibility or for which award to apply? Call us at 402-436-2384.

Applications and award information available at: <http://www.wastecapne.org/annual-meeting/>



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