Welcome to GRC's monthly Green Sheet Electronic Update! We hope you find the information helpful.

Please send us releases, captioned photos and other great news that you want to share with the membership; email us at garecycles@mindspring.com

**Spirit of Green Awards Opens Nominations**

**Recognizing Excellence in Recycling & Waste Reduction in Georgia**

Nomination Deadline: August 1, 2018

**Award Categories**

- Volunteer of the Year •
- New Member of the Year •
- Outstanding Institutional Program •
- Outstanding Government/Community Program •
- Outstanding Corporate Leader •
- Innovation Award •
- Environmental Stewardship •

**Application Available**

**CONNIE BURNS SCHOLARSHIP - 2018**

*College & University Scholarship-Deadline to Submit is June 30, 2018*

Connie Burns, of Effingham County, GA was an active Georgia Recycling Coalition (GRC) member for several years and was renowned for her spirit, love of life and adventure, and her true understanding of and dedication to effective waste reduction and recycling practices. The solid waste and recycling community lost Connie to an unexpected death in August of 2012. As a way to remember and honor her life and work, GRC in partnership with SWANA Georgia Chapter, established the **Connie Burns Scholarship Program** dedicated to assisting and mentoring Georgia college and university students interested in a career path in recycling, composting, environmental practices, and sustainability.

GRC is proud to offer this scholarship for the 7th year. Scholarship(s) are awarded annually to one or more students, not to exceed $1,000 per individual. Registration and lodging are provided to the recipient(s) to attend the 2018 annual conference.

We need your assistance in promoting this opportunity to potential applicants at your schools; also, please forward to other contacts you may have at Georgia colleges and universities.....thanks!

During the first week of May GRC’s Membership Management System automatically sent renewal notices to all members to renew for the GRC July 2018-June 2019 Member Year. It includes an invoice for your convenience.

You will need to log in to pay your membership renewal using your email address (this allows a credit card payment option); if you forgot your password or if this is your first time logging in, just click "forgot password" and it will send you a link to change it. You can also print out the invoice and US mail with a check-whichever works for your accounting system. If you are an Associate Level member**, the entity member with which you are associated will need to renew as well to make your membership valid.

*Associate Memberships ($50)* also available: for additional staff of any membership above individual, with same member benefits.

The deadline for renewal is June 30, 2018; as always we understand that some of you may have to wait until after July 1 for new budget cycles to begin, so we will have a grace period to a month later.

If you joined during at varied times during the member year, you will see a pro-rated amount for renewal giving you credit for the months of that membership year (July-June) prior to joining; If you
Our success is your success... a coalition by definition is an alliance for combined action. We are allies, partners and colleagues working together to keep recycling strong and working in Georgia. The success of our organization in fulfilling its mission is reliant upon people who commit time, energy and resources to its support. Thank you for your contribution to our collective success and let us hear from you with comments, suggestions, etc. about how we may add value to your membership in GRC.

Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, Keep America Beautiful Award Recycling Bins

The Dr. Pepper Snapple Group/Keep America Beautiful Park Recycling Bin Grant Program will benefit public space recycling efforts in dozens of communities across the U.S. this spring. In 2018, the grant program is funding 34 grants with a total distribution of 936 new recycling bins in public parks across the country, making recycling more accessible to people enjoying the outdoors.

Now in its sixth year, the recycling program from Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, Plano, Texas, and Keep America Beautiful, Stamford, Connecticut, has provided more than 5,200 recycling bins to local governments and community organizations across 44 states. "In our effort to transform public spaces into beautiful places, it's important to continue making it easier and more convenient for visitors of public parks to recycle on the go, keeping our parks pristine and beautiful," said Helen Lowman, president and CEO, Keep America Beautiful

Congrats to Georgia winner: Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation in Lawrenceville, GA

US Plastic Resin Producers set Circular Economy Goals
The **American Chemistry Council's (ACC) Plastics Division** announced three ambitious goals that crystalize U.S. plastics resin producers' commitment to recycle or recover all plastic packaging used in the United States by 2040 and to further enhance plastic pellet stewardship by 2022.

Specifically, members of ACC's Plastics Division have set the following goals for capturing, recycling, and recovering plastics:

- 100% of plastics packaging is re-used, recycled or recovered by 2040.
- 100% of plastics packaging is recyclable or recoverable by 2030.
- 100% of the U.S. manufacturing sites operated by ACC's Plastics Division members will participate in **Operation Clean Sweep-Blue** (pellet, flake & powder loss) by 2020, with all of their manufacturing sites across North America involved by 2022.

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**The Recycling Partnership Announces Third Annual Steve Thompson Memorial Grants**

**Applications Due Monday, June 4**

The Recycling Partnership, in association with Resource Recycling, Inc., is pleased to announce the third annual Steve Thompson Memorial Grant, giving free travel, accommodations and registration for the 2018 Resource Recycling Conference to the chosen winners.

The 2018 Resource Recycling Conference will be held in St. Louis, MO from October 22-24. The grant includes conference registration, a two-night hotel stay, and travel reimbursement up to $500. APPLY NOW to bring your recycling program to the next level while building the national network of recycling professionals. "The Steve Thompson Memorial Grants allow us to build community, learn from one another, and continually improve the state
of recycling in the U.S," said Keefe Harrison, CEO of The Recycling Partnership.

Application:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RRCgrant2018

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thank you for your continued support of our great state recycling organization!

Sincerely,

Gloria Hardegree
Georgia Recycling Coalition