



# SOUTH SHORE RECYCLING COOPERATIVE NEWS

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Serving the Communities of Abington, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Holbrook, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Plymouth, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth and Whitman

## Down with trash, Up with recycling

We must be doing something right. From **2005 to 2006**, disposed MSW tonnage in our member towns dropped nearly 5%, with all but one town reporting reductions. Overall recycling tonnage jumped 7%! Figures, summarized below, are based on the 2005 and 2006 Municipal Recycling Data Sheets submitted to MassDEP. C&D and yard waste tons were not used in any of these calculations.

Hingham, Scituate and Whitman showed the greatest improvements in their waste management figures, detailed below.

In 2005, the cost of wasted paper to our towns, based on the assumption that 31.5% of our total waste is paper, was estimated at \$2,084,500. I am pleased to report that this year's estimated cost to burn and bury good paper went **down by nearly \$50,000**, to \$2,034,532, even with tip fee increases.

Change from 2005 to 2006	Dis-posed MSW tons **	Dis-posed paper tons*	Disposed paper cost*	Recy paper tons*	Total recy-cled tons **	2005 recycling rate **	2006 recycling rate**
Hingham	-628	-161	-\$10,328	200	753	19.1%	26.1%
Scituate	-8	-12	\$3,348	156	465	38.2%	46.2%
Whitman	-	-284	-\$24,158	-33	65	13.2%	16.1%
<b>Totals</b>	-	-1,734	-\$50,157	398	1,813	19.0%	21.8%
* "Paper" includes cardboard. Disposed paper tons, cost are estimated.							
**Tonnes exclude C&D and Yard Waste.							
				PAYT (3)	35.2%	36.9%	
				non-PAYT	15.2%	16.9%	

## Hanson Joins SSRC

Voters unanimously approved an article to become a member of the SSRC at Hanson's May Town Meeting.

**Kathy Keefe** and **Deborah Brownell**, who are on the Hanson Recycling Committee, began investigating SSRC membership in 2004. Chairman **Merle Brown** and Exec. Dir. Claire Sullivan made a presentation to the Board of Health, and were invited back this past February to explain how membership could benefit the Town. BOH Chairman **Terrence McSweeney**, Co-Chairman **Joseph Pelligra** and Member **Richard Edgehill** determined that using the Cooperative's regional Household Haz Prod Collection contract alone would offset the \$4,000/year cost of member-ship, and give residents the flexibility to attend other SSRC collections. With active participation, that's just the tip of the iceberg of help Hanson will get from the SSRC in reducing its trash.

Hanson's population is about 9,000, and Transfer Station operation is funded through the property tax.

## Join the "Mass. Recycles Paper!" campaign

Posters for Post Offices, a wonderful website, proclamations for local chiefs, and Guides for all participating towns are now being rolled out by the "Mass Recycles Paper!" campaign.

MassDEP estimates that over **1.5 million tons** of recyclable paper are trashed each year in the state, at a combined disposal cost and revenue loss of about **\$200M**. MassRecycle aims to recover a million tons of it each year through the campaign over the next 2-3 years. This effort should greatly reduce our disposed paper tons and costs (see lead article).

The environmental impacts of this waste, including greenhouse gas emissions, are also staggering. The Campaign will focus on both the **economic and environmental benefits** of putting waste paper back in circulation, as well as the **wide range of recyclable papers**. Half of those polled at the WBOS EarthFest and Lowell Folk Festival weren't aware that window envelopes and stapled paper could go in the bin as is!

With a MassDEP grant through the SSRC and help from its Municipal Assistance Coordinators, the campaign combines **press and media messages with local outreach**. The Steering Committee, chaired by SSRC Exec. Director **Claire Sullivan**, consults with PR firm **RDW Group** on crafting our message and planning the Kickoff event, to take place in fall at the Newark group's Recycled Paper Mill in Haverhill. More events around the state will follow.

DEP and MassRecycle **sent all municipal CEOs resolutions** to sign onto the Campaign, with support materials ("Grassroots Guides") to be provided to those who join. Twenty one towns signed the resolutions or are in the process as of August 17.

Support from MassDEP, EPA New England and private sponsors now totals \$88,200. Campaign Manager **Karen Patterson** has been pulling things together since June, and our friends at MassDEP have also spent massive time on supporting materials for towns that join the Campaign ("**Grass Roots Guide to Recycling More Paper**").

**Make sure your town's Selectmen or Mayor sign on!** Go to [www.MassRecyclesPaper.org](http://www.MassRecyclesPaper.org) for more information.



**Look what we can save**

## Sen. Creedon SSRC's 6<sup>th</sup> Environmental Hero

The SSRC packed the room at its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Breakfast in May. **Senator Robert Creedon** (D-Brockton) was awarded the SSRC's **Environmental Hero** award. He, **Senator Robert Hedlund** (R-Weymouth), and Monica Mullin from **Senate President Murray's** office met with over 30 municipal officials and volunteers.

**Senator Hedlund**, our **2006 Environmental Hero**, related his enlightenment about how much trash he can recycle in Weymouth, lamenting how much valuable material is thrown away in his neighborhood. "I can see how **Pay as you Throw** is a fair way to reduce waste." Senator Hedlund's **Updated Bottle Bill**, S1935, addresses beverage container litter, and is supported by the SSRC.

Exec. Dir. **Claire Sullivan** unveiled the logo for the statewide "**Mass Recycles Paper!**" campaign, which started as an SSRC pilot last year (see p. 1 article). "We're throwing our money away!" she exclaimed. Noting the importance of DEP grants, she outlined the SSRC's legislative priorities, including **increases in the state recycling budget, updating the Bottle Bill and end of life producer responsibility for electronics**. She thanked Senators Creedon and Hedlund for **filing amendments to the Ways and Means budget** the day before to increase funding for recycling.

**Sen. Creedon** was presented the SSRC's sixth "Environmental Hero" award for his consistent support of state funding for waste reduction efforts. In addition to sponsoring a budget amendment the previous day, Sen. Creedon filed legislation to **reinstate the Clean Environment Fund** (S1923), to pay for recycling and environmental programs from unclaimed bottle deposits. He also earned the distinction of being named to the **Mass. League of Environmental Voters' Honor Roll** in 2006, as did Sen. Hedlund. Sen. Creedon serves on the Environment Committee.

In his acceptance speech, he recalled how as a youth in Brockton, he returned "tonic" bottles for the deposit, the milkman took back the empty containers, and the "rag man" picked up waste items for reuse. He even held the glamorous job of collecting kitchen scraps for the local piggery.

"We need to invest in educating our neighbors about how and why we should waste less," said Creedon, "and in making it easy to recycle."

## SEMASS back on line

A powerful late night explosion of unknown cause resulted in extensive damage to the Covanta at SEMASS waste to energy facility on March 31. SEMASS' **Dan Peters** and **Patty O'Hara** told us about it at our April meeting.

Emergency vehicles from 35 towns assisted the plant's own Emergency Response Team. No major injuries resulted, and operations were suspended for less than two weeks while interim repairs to the tip floors, conveyors, shredders, air ducts, control room, the computer and phone system and several offices were completed.

SEMASS efficiently diverted 3-4,000 tons per day of MSW in a massive coordination effort with several other disposal facilities. The first boiler was back online on April 13<sup>th</sup> and all three boilers of the plant were **back in full operation on May 9<sup>th</sup>**, far earlier than initial estimates of two to six months. Permanent repairs are underway.



## Compost site advice

**Michael Bleakie** of **Lion's Head Organics** spoke to the Board about optimizing municipal compost site operations at our March meeting. He recommended segregating brush from yard waste to maximize yield during screening, and of keeping material **free of unacceptable debris** (a chant I hear from all organics processors). Adding food waste requires immediate mixing and covering with 10-15 parts yard waste. Facilities accepting >35 TPD require special permits.

Lion's Head anticipates opening a commercial food waste site on the South Shore sometime this year.

The Town of Needham is applying for a DEP permit to expand its municipal compost operation to accept commercial food waste. DPW Director **Richard Merson** anticipates accepting 3500 TPY at \$20/ton from **Agresource**, which collects from Boston area businesses.

**Chip Laffey**, the Supt. of SW and Recycling, reports that, contrary to Bleakie's practice, he grinds brush with the leaves and grass, which enhances the compost's water retention property. After screening, he reintroduces the tailings into unfinished compost to be reground.

## Disaster planning

An ounce of preparation can prevent a pound of problems. MassDEP's **Julia Wolfe** gave a primer on addressing **debris management** in towns' emergency plans at our March meeting.

As first responders, local governments play a key role in managing the debris. Cleanup is more efficient and far less costly with a plan in place that includes:

1. **Who is responsible for what** (muni staff, contractors)
2. At least **two contractors** in place to assist with debris management .
3. **Accessible staging sites** for each class of debris in a major disaster event
4. **Strategies to maximize diversion** from disposal at the point of collection
5. **Sortation at point of clearance** as follows (criteria for MEMA, FEMA reimbursement):
  - **suspected asbestos-contaminated debris**
  - avian flu carcasses
  - other hazardous materials
  - vegetative waste
  - white goods and vehicles.
6. Materials for **communicating debris mgmt requirements to residents** following a disaster.

MassDEP and MEMA expect to provide guidance for local officials soon via their web sites. They will also assist interested municipalities in **developing local plans** as models for other communities. For more information, contact [julia.wolfe@state.ma.us](mailto:julia.wolfe@state.ma.us).

Local gov'ts with a FEMA-approved debris plan and two pre-approved contractors can **qualify for an increased federal share of disaster debris management costs**. For more information, go to [www.fema.gov/government/pol/icy/papilot.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/government/pol/icy/papilot.shtm)



## Look @ '09 contracts now

Towns whose collection or disposal contracts will expire next June should consider their options now for renegotiating or going out to bid. Either way, it is advisable to **review the contract terms** and consult with the SSRC on what **improvements can be made**, such as awarding **trash and recycling collection separately**. Towns can also request technical assistance from Municipal Assistance Coordinator **Janine Delaney** through MassDEP Sustainability Grants, due Sept. 13.

Curbside communities can also **team up with other towns** to bid together. This requires alignment of program parameters (i.e. frequency of recycling collection, yard waste management, etc.), but can result in more advantageous contract terms for all, as it did for Weymouth and Quincy a few years ago.

## Clean Harbors teaches Paint 101

**Norwell and Duxbury** sent 25 recycling staffers to 2 on-site paint trainings set up by the SSRC. As a service of Clean Harbors, **Seth Dawber** instructed them on how to sort and manage the different types of paints and related materials residents drop off at their paint sheds, which are open once a month,



Dawber also met with the SSRC Board at its June meeting to answer HHP and paint related questions. Our HHP collections generally run well from both client and contractor perspectives.

Exec. Director Sullivan met with Dawber and **Bob Smith** to discuss terms of a possible extension to our collection contract, which ends in June 2008. Clean Harbors will provide a proposal before our September meeting.

## Stopping hot trash at its source

Radioactivity is detected over 70 times a year in loads of municipal trash rejected by SEMASS, some of it from fourteen SSRC towns. The usual culprits are **kitty litter, diapers, tissues** and other absorbents that have come in contact with patients or pets undergoing nuclear medicine treatment.

Hot loads and their drivers are detained until they get a waiver from DPH to transport it back to its point of origin. A consultant must comb through the 20+ tons of trash to locate the radiation source. If found, it is quarantined for up to 3 months, until it "cools down". If the source is not identified, the whole load is reloaded, and the container must sit until the consultant deems it fit to pass SEMASS' detectors. This process is costly and inconvenient for haulers and our towns.

The Exec. Dir. drafted a letter enlisting help from physicians, veterinarians and caregivers in communicating to nuclear medicine patients the importance of proper disposal of "hot" waste materials. She also created a handout for the patients explaining the proper procedures for disposal, and the consequences if they don't. The handout can be uploaded at [ssrc.info/Oddball](http://ssrc.info/Oddball) waste. She is now developing a mailing list.

According to Mass. DPH, which supports our effort, **biodegradable, sewer-safe items should be flushed down the toilet. Bulky or inorganic items must be segregated for 90 days before disposal in the trash.**

## Hi-tech trash management at Bourne

Bourne ISWMF General Manager **Brent Goins** reports that the Facility is about to take a "giant step forward". The ISWMF and the Town are planning the development of some new technologies to increase capacity and get more out of the trash that goes in.

They have already completed one of two pilot tests of a new methods to **break down hydrogen sulfide**, the culprit in the odor produced when gypsum sheetrock is landfilled. Goins may seek a patent for at least one of the processes.

Also on the table is a pilot of an advanced **landfill bioreactor**, which creates an environment in which the waste decomposes, freeing up more airspace. Methane is captured from this process to produce electricity.

Another promising technology, optimized by a Canadian company, is **MSW / sludge co-composting**. While construction of such a facility would be a few years out, Goins is confident that they can overcome odor and product distribution issues that have plagued other co-compost projects like the one in Marlborough.

Bourne also explored four other new technologies, but determined that those would not be feasible. **Single stream recycling**, however, has not been ruled out.

Introducing advanced solid waste management technology and making some traffic flow adjustments could enable Bourne to provide a competitive option for regional MSW, C&D and recycling.

## CFLs have mercury too

A new state law will make it illegal for anyone to dispose of mercury-bearing products in the trash beginning next May. As more residents convert their energy sucking incandescent bulbs to compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs), which use about 1/4 the energy for the same light, the questions often arise:

**"Do CFLs contain mercury?"** A: Yes, a little.

**"Does the mercury in them make them as bad as old fashioned bulbs?"** A: No! There is far less mercury in a CF bulb than in the emissions our coal burning power plants would produce to light an equivalent incandescent bulb,

**"What should I do with my burned out CFLs?"** A: Recycle them with the fluorescent tubes. Towns that collect those should also **label a few 5 gallon buckets for CFLs**, and send them for reclamation with the tubes.

Most of our towns that contract with SEMASS are taking advantage of the reimbursement for mercury recycling costs. SEMASS sends out reimbursement request forms in January and July.

**Ace Hardware** stores also collect CFLs, and MassDEP is negotiating with WalMart and a few other chains to do the same.

## LOCAL

### PAYT debuts in Marshfield

With runaway trash costs threatening to rise from \$365 to over \$400/year, Marshfield residents opted for a variable rate fee structure ("Pay as you Throw") to pay for their trash. In three public hearings, **John Kelso**, the Chairman of the **Solid Waste Advisory Committee**, had explained three choices that would be presented at the April Town Meeting.

Voters chose the option that included one 36 gallon/50 lb. barrel of trash/week for \$275/year, and required the purchase of bags at \$2 each for additional trash, making Marshfield the fourth SSRC town to establish a trash fee structure that provides an incentive to minimize disposal. **Cohasset, Scituate and Holbrook** have seen dramatic reductions in their trash volume, and more recycling since implementing a rate structure that charges per bag for all trash. Marshfield also qualified for a MassDEP PAYT grant of up to \$38,000 for reimbursement of implementation costs.

The new program began on July 9. Recycling Coordinator **Debbie Sullivan** had gone to great lengths to prepare residents for the new system. She received about 50 calls a day in the weeks around implementation with questions and requests for recycling containers, and reported >95% compliance in the first week! Despite a few disgruntled residents, the system is off to a great start. **In July, curbside trash was 25% (227 tons) less than in the previous July, and recycling increased 52%.**

"The key to our success is Debbie's effort. Her preceding the trucks on daily routes and flagging improper setouts so residents learned what they needed to do was a major part of the program's lack of problems," reports SWAC Chair Kelso. "Cooperation with the police has led to enforcement on two instances of illegal dumping. ... We have a non-judicial \$300 fine on the books and that makes enforcement simpler." Good advice.

### Duxbury looks at funding options

DPW Director **Tom Daley** succeeded in bringing C&D costs under control by charging market rate. Now he's been asked to go after residential trash by exploring a volume-based fee system (PAYT) to cover hauling and disposal costs to SEMASS. DEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator **Janine Delaney** has been crunching numbers to figure out an appropriate flat fee to cover fixed costs, and a per-bag fee to cover disposal costs that are volume-dependent.

Duxbury residents currently pay \$118/year for a transfer station sticker, and fees for certain items. The fees don't cover all the costs though, and the town is looking at getting the transfer station operation cost out of the General Fund and into a self-sustaining enterprise fund. PAYT has proven to be effective at minimizing trash tons and costs.

### Weymouth continues campaign

The School Phone Book contest last winter was just the beginning of Weymouth's campaign to get recyclable materials out of the trash. Weymouth's "recycling working group", working with hauler **Waste Management**, provided extra containers for the end of school "locker cleanout", and has some big plans for FY08 to encourage residents to recycle more paper.

On the table are **shredding events** the Saturdays following the HHP collections, a school paper recycling contest for the middle schools 1 October, and **extra curbside pickups after the holidays** for unflattened boxes and excess paper. The extra collections by WM will be advertised beginning around Thanksgiving. Perhaps we'll start our own "Boxing Day" tradition.

### Roberts nabs hauler

Abington Health Agent **Michelle Roberts** caught a sanitation worker



red handed last week doing what many residents had complained about. The Town has **mandatory recycling**, which requires its hauler to leave trash at the curb if it's not accompanied by recycling in a separate bin, and to report it to the BOH. Last month Roberts witnessed a **Waste Solutions** worker, the town's contracted trash and recycling hauler, **dumping the contents of residents' recycling bins into the trash truck.** After confronting the worker, she reported the violation in person to the owner. Damages of \$25/occurrence will be sought in any subsequent incidents. Materials disposed as trash costs the town \$78/ton, recycling costs are zero.

Since she reported this incident, many residents have been flagged for not having recycling setouts, which WS had not enforced or reported for some time.

The Board of Health will be going out to bid this year for collection, and may consider separating trash from recycling collection. In the meantime, Roberts plans to spend some time following trash trucks. Abington will likely apply for the MassDEP **Enforcement Officer** grant. Other curbside towns are well advised to do the same.

### Norwell Recycles Calendar

The Norwell Recycling Committee will publish a school calendar featuring the art work of second through fourth graders for the third time this school year. The creations in the past two calendars illustrated the children's understanding of recycling themes. The calendars were mailed to all of the families with school-age children, and included information on all youth related activities in town.

In sponsoring this project the past two years, Recycling Committee members were amazed at the enthusiastic response of the students. This past year, ninety drawings were submitted for the contest, of which sixteen were selected for the calendar. Costs were underwritten by several local businesses.

## Hingham seeks site for yard waste

Hingham has to move its yard waste operation off-site to finish capping its landfill sometime in the next couple of years. SSRC is investigating alternate locations and processors for their large volume of material. There may be potential for a multi-town bid, as I know other munis have site issues too. If your town is interested in hosting or joining a public-private partnership exploration, please contact Claire if she hasn't called you yet.

## New DPW chiefs in Marshfield, Plymouth

After two rounds of interviews, Plymouth hired **Roger Hammond** as its new DPW Director. Hammond worked with other towns to renegotiate the Wheelabrator contract as Grafton's PWD Director, starting the process 3 years ahead of the contract's end. He is concerned that the \$110 Transfer Station sticker fees aren't covering costs, and would like to see the disposal service be self-supporting with an enterprise fund. On his "to do" list is a Solid Waste Master Plan for Plymouth.

The Town of Marshfield appointed Engineer **David Carriere** as Acting DPW Supt. upon the retirement of Jeb DeLoache last spring. Carriere oversaw the implementation of the new PAYT system. A search committee has just been formed.

## AROUND THE STATE

### Against odds, DEP offers grants

Despite further budget cuts and the loss of four staff members, MassDEP is again offering Municipal Sustainability Grants for FY08 (formerly called Waste Reduction Grants). If you missed the six information sessions they held around the state, Here are the highlights:

- submission deadline is **Thurs., Sept. 13** at 5 pm for hard copies (no faxes), midnight if you file using eDEP
- the **eDEP** downloadable application is at [edep.mass.gov/DEPHome.aspx](http://edep.mass.gov/DEPHome.aspx)
- the paper application can be downloaded at [www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/recawgr.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/recawgr.htm), or call 617-566-1021 to receive it by mail.
- One application/municipality, please coordinate
- All SSRC towns meet the Buy Recycled Policy requirement, and submitted their CY06 data sheets

What's changed:

- **Enforcement Officer** grant (curbside, pop > 25K)
- **Diesel retrofits** for off road construction vehicles
- **School assistance** / equipment only available through [www.thegreenteam.org](http://www.thegreenteam.org) 617-202-5834
- **Kitchen scrap buckets** now with compost bins
- **Wheeled carts** with Tech Assistance (TA) grants only, for new MFD or business recycling efforts
- **TA application streamlined**, separate form, at [mass.gov/dep/recycle/recawgr.htm](http://mass.gov/dep/recycle/recawgr.htm)

What's the same:

- 4 types **public space containers** (high traffic, events)
- **Consumer Education** (limited quantity)
- **Waste Reduction Toolkit**
- Standardized **brochures**
- **PAYT** Tech asst, start up funds
- Home Compost bins
- **School chemical management/cleanouts**
- **Idling Reduction** Campaign Toolkit
- **Rain Barrels, water conservation kits**

MAC **Janine Delaney** can help, 781-794-8040.

### CEF, UBB hearings

Hearings on four SSRC-supported bills are scheduled:

- **Update the Bottle Bill** - S1935, Hedlund; H3356, Petersen - ~~Tues., Sept. 18 at 10:30~~, (to be rescheduled), the Energy Committee.

- **Reinstate the Clean Environment Fund** - H792 Koczera and S1923, Creedon - Monday, Oct. 22 at 1pm, the Environment Committee. The Exec. Dir will testify.

### The Budget Blues

Governor Patrick signed the FY2008 budget in July, which included lower funding for recycling than the \$2.525M he had proposed in his first budget. The House and Senate had recommended different funding levels for recycling. The Conference Committee rejected the House's recommendation of \$2,045,456 for Recycling Coordination, in favor of the Senate's recommended level of **\$2,145,456**. This is about \$200K lower than this year's level. The Exec. Dir. thanked **Rep. DeMacedo**, who was on the Conference Committee, for choosing the higher funding level. **Senators Hedlund and Creedon** had both proposed amendments that would have funded the item at current or higher levels than this year.

This funding cut, coupled with vacant positions at MassDEP that they can't fill, means another year of struggle, creativity and teamwork to keep waste reduction programs alive in Massachusetts.

### Sullivan steps down as MR president



It was an exhilarating experience to lead MassRecycle for 2 years, and now it's a great relief to hand over the reins to **Angie Sottile**, Framingham's energetic Recycling Coordinator.

MassRecycle has rebounded over the last few years. Nearly bankrupt when I joined the Board in 2001, President **Jan Ameen** led it back to solvency. With a dedicated Executive Committee and growing Board, the past 2 years have seen tremendous growth in membership, activity and influence, with now full time Executive Director, **Jess Wozniak**, Legislative Analyst **Becky Saggese**, and the **Mass Recycles Paper!** Campaign, about to debut statewide.

This could not have happened without the **support of the SSRC Board**, which trusted that the benefits of a strong Statewide recycling coalition would have positive impacts on the South Shore as well.

I will remain on the Executive Committee as past president, and continue to serve as Chairman of the Paper Campaign, but will have more time now to focus on my work with the South Shore communities I serve. You can learn more at [www.massrecycle.org](http://www.massrecycle.org).

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## EBoard re-elected

The Executive Board was re-elected again at the SSRC's June meeting. **Chairman Merle Brown, Vice Chairman Steve Herrmann, Treasurer Joanne Dirk**, and **Secretary Bob Griffin** will all stay on for another term.

Our executives have served the SSRC for anywhere from two to several years. Mrs. Dirk has worked hard as treasurer since the SSRC's inception in 1998, as well as for its predecessor organization.

If you see them, give them a hug. They deserve it!

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## Bay State Textile to host SSRC meeting

Meet us for breakfast at the Radisson in Rockland on Sept. 20, courtesy of Bay State Textile. BST buys used clothing, shoes and stuffed animals from five of our towns, providing containers and transportation. The host town shares the \$50/ton with a local youth program. GotBooks and Abitibi Paper will also be invited to that Board meeting.

## EVENTS

- **SSRC MSW Manager's Meeting**, Thursday, August 23, 9 am, Abington Town Hall
- **Marshfield Fair Volunteer Recycling setup**, Thursday, August 16, 3-5 pm, under the grandstand at the Fairgrounds; Ann McGovern, 617-292-5834
- **Marshfield Fair**, Rt. 3A, August 17-August 26
- **SSRC MSW Manager's Meeting**, Thurs., Sept. 20, 9 am, Radisson Rockland; Sponsored by Bay State Textile
- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual **SWANA Mass. Chapter SW & Recycling Conference**, Tues., Sept. 25, 8-4:30, Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, Marlboro  
[swanastore.stores.yahoo.net/5thansowarec.html](http://swanastore.stores.yahoo.net/5thansowarec.html)
- Mass. OSD's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual **EPP Vendor Fair and Conference**, Tues., Oct. 30, 8 am-4 pm, DCU Center, Worcester  
[www.mass.gov/eppfair](http://www.mass.gov/eppfair); Marcia Deegler, 617-720-3356

"I decided to donate my allowance to MassRecycle... People can make a difference in their every day lives by recycling."  
-Justin Fitzpatrick, 14, Framingham

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