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October 2017 Newsletter



Collaboration is the Key

Happy October! We're gearing up for the Annual Awards Luncheon on October 19th here at NRC, and feeling so good about the presenters and the stories they will share. Stories about how partnerships were developed and barriers overcome, stories about perseverance and about innovation, stories about the phenomenal accomplishments of our award winners.



Our keynote speaker, Ellen Martin, will share stories about how Closed Loop Partners has funded recycling infrastructure in small municipalities and large enterprises alike to increase recycling capacity, and how private investment in infrastructure is going to change our world.

In the book, *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, by Garth Stein, the main characters live by the mantra: "That which you manifest is before you." If you haven't had the pleasure of reading this book, narrated by Enzo the dog, you are in for a treat. At the Awards Luncheon and workshops, we're going to celebrate the past, and think about the questions that will manifest the future we want to see. Will you be there? I hope so, because you are invited to have a place at the table. After all, collaboration is the key.

Best regards,
Julie

Learn from Those Leading the Way

The Annual Meeting workshops are a fantastic opportunity to hear from champions in the recycling world and gather resources for your community or business. Attendees have a choice between two concurrent workshops, both featuring panelists that are experts in those areas. You will hear each of them present and have the opportunity to ask questions. Workshops begin at

8:30am.

The workshops are:

Teaming Up to Change Your Community's Solid Waste Management System

How do communities navigate the process of changing their solid waste management plan with a diverse group of stakeholders? Hear from a panel of community leaders who have been through the process. Learn about accomplishments, challenges and lessons learned.



Building Business Partnerships to Maximize Savings in Solid Waste Management and Recycling

Where are the opportunities for businesses to improve recycling outcomes by pooling their resources? A panel of experts will share their experiences from a variety of partnership models, from business to business, recycler to business, government, nonprofits and investors.

To learn more about the workshop panelists, visit our [Annual Meeting information page](#).

"And the award goes to..."

We are excited to present our 2017 award winners at the Annual Meeting and show our gratitude for the excellent work they are doing. Our 2016 award winners have the following to say about their experience:



"Earning the '2016 Green Team of the Year Award' provided state wide recognition of our overall team efforts." - Benjamin Newton, *Environmental Sustainability Director*, Central Community College

"It's been a 23-year road for our Auto Service business, but each little environmental improvement step leads to another. The recognition and award we received at the Annual Meeting meant a lot to us, and we believe our relationship has paid us back many fold. We look forward to a bright future together." - Becky Witt, *Owner*, George Witt Service

"Lincoln Public Schools strives to serve as a leader of sustainability programs in the community, and being named the WasteCap Nebraska Member of the Year was an exciting indication that we are on the right track." - Brittney Albin, *Sustainability Coordinator*, Lincoln Public Schools

The awards to be presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting are: Service Provider of the Year, End Market of the Year, Green Team of the Year, Zero Waste, Waste Diversion Project of the Year, Waste Diversion Product of the Year, and Member of the Year. Won't you join us in October to applaud this year's award winners? [REGISTER](#)

Registration Closes Friday, October 13th



To register:

<http://www.nrcne.org/2017-annual-awards-luncheon-workshops>

Recycling Solutions Visit by Rubbermaid Rescheduled for October 9th

Stop by the Nebraska Recycling Council parking lot between 10 am - noon, on Monday, October 9th and see the Rubbermaid Recycling Solutions Vehicle. Learn about the latest recycling technologies and production solutions, and check out the demos. Enjoy some donuts and beverages as you make plans for the upcoming Lincoln cardboard ban and get ideas for your business, 610 J Street, 12:30-2:30 pm.



In the event of rain the event will be cancelled and not rescheduled until 2018.

Webinars & Events

[Webinar: Attracting Pollinators: Gardens for Bees and Butterflies](#)

Thursday, Oct 5, 2017 | 3:30-4:30pm | Presented by Rachel Anderson
Pollinators are behind one in every three bites of food we eat, and their populations could use a boost. Learn about insect pollinators, how to attract them to your yard and how to sustain them year after year through conscientious gardening practices. [REGISTER](#)



[Nebraska Safety Council Conference and Trade Show](#)

Oct 11-12, 2017 | 8:00am-4:30pm | Lincoln Cornhusker Marriott Hotel
Register today to attend the Conference and Trade Show and start connecting with like-minded safety, environmental, and wellness professionals. See you there!

[Webinar: Best Management Practices for Hospitality, featuring St. Julien Hotel and Spa](#)

Thursday, Oct 26, 2017 | 11:30am-12:30pm

Take a tour of the sustainable practices at [St. Julien Hotel & Spa](#). Learn about their environmental commitment, successes, waste diversion and "green handed" programs. Find out about their zero waste goals and how they are achieving them. [REGISTER](#)

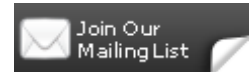
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