



Chrin Community Update

HMA UPDATE

- Despite the slumping economy – reportedly now in the early stages of recovery – Williams Township is seeing the financial rewards from the new Host Municipal Agreement (HMA). The township treasury was enhanced by a lump-sum payment of \$200,000 after the agreement became final. Preliminary revenue results for the third quarter show the township receiving nearly \$120,000 in host fees, a significant increase from the prior quarter.
- Speaking of finances, you may have recently read the story about township legal fees of \$265,000 as a result of fighting lawsuits over various municipal matters – including the HMA – brought by a small group of citizens. Chrin agreed, as part of the HMA negotiations, to pay upwards of \$75,000 toward the township's defense costs. For the full story, visit http://www.mcall.com/news/all-a6_3williams.7041328oct09,0,2445433.story

New Revenue, New Open Space and Playing Fields Highlight New Landfill Host Agreement

Williams Township now has one of the most progressive landfill host agreements in Pennsylvania. While the entire contract between the Township and Chrin Sanitary Landfill is online, here are some of the highlights of the agreement that was the product of considerable give and take over the past two years.

- About 90 acres of Chrin-owned land, previously eligible for development, is to be preserved as either open space, agricultural or recreational. This is over and above the entire existing landfill tract, which eventually will also become open space following planned and government-approved closure. Some 40 acres consists of the Waltman Tract and the rest is the Wottrings Mill parcel (of which about 10 acres will be developed into much-needed regulation baseball and soccer fields).
- The Township is now receiving a \$3.00 per ton host fee, and based on disposed waste, this means the Township can expect roughly \$800,000 per year under the new arrangement.
- Those fees, upon the approval of the planned 22-acre expansion, would increase to about \$1 million, which represents almost one-third of the Township's current operating budget.
- While many voices have been heard through various public meetings, the agreement calls for formation of a standing landfill Joint Advisory Committee. The group's main focus will be landfill-related issues, but it will be able to explore a wide range of other environmental and conservation initiatives that benefit the township. Residents of Williams Township interested in participating should contact the Township.

Also included in the agreement is a new landscaping plan for Industrial Drive, in recognition of its gateway role in the township. Many new white pines have already been planted and additional planting continues.

Building the Morgan Hill Road Berm

The view along Morgan Hill Road looking toward the landfill is changing with the addition of nearly 200 new trees and bushes. Construction of the two-story berm includes planting multiple rows of tall white pines on the top and west side of the berm. A second phase includes the planting of additional trees and bushes – including hemlocks, holly, and viburnum – behind the horseshoe curve guardrail. The entire project will soon be completed.



The Morgan Hill Berm taking shape, from elevated mound to newly-planted white pine rows.

Former Landfill Stars on World Golf Stage

Tiger Woods and the other greats in the world of professional golf recently spent a week at a New Jersey landfill – sort of.

Tiger and other top pros teed it up at Liberty National in Jersey City, the amazing layout along the Hudson – across from the Statue of Liberty – that served as host to the Barclays Tournament, part of the FedEx Cup series. While many marvel at the incredible views, let alone membership fees of a cool half-million dollars, the course serves as a prime example of an extraordinary landfill reclamation project.

For more on Liberty National visit www.libertynationalgc.com



FEEDBACK & TOURS

We have been actively engaged in the community for more than one-half century, supporting a variety of educational, conservation, and civic activities.

Your comments and newsletter story suggestions are encouraged, and you are welcome to take a personal tour of the landfill, or bring your school or community group. Just call Brian Leverington at 610-258-8737 to schedule a visit.

For 24/7 access, including odor-related concerns, call 610-972-9510.



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CLEAN AND GREEN

A GUIDE TO HOUSEHOLD-FRIENDLY PRODUCTS

While you may not enjoy cleaning your house, you can at least feel better – and breathe easier – about the experience knowing that there have never been so many effective, environmentally-friendly household products available to consumers.

Of course, along with this new generation of “green” cleaners comes a dizzying array of advertisements boasting best-in-class ingredients and planet-saving attributes.

Here are some things to consider before purchasing so-called green cleaners:

- Avoid products that contain petroleum-based ingredients and other non-renewable resources
- Avoid products that contain toxins or other potential harmful compounds
- Study labels for words like “poison”, “danger” and “warning” and for proper disposal instructions
- Select products packaged in biodegradable containers
- Carefully read the package disposal instructions
- Consider using home-brew natural cleaners, including vinegar and baking soda diluted in warm water, for many household clean ups

Removing toxins from your home has countless environmental and health benefits. A clean, green house is less likely to contribute to asthma and other health-related conditions.

Going green around the house doesn’t stop at solvents. More and more vacuum cleaner manufacturers are offering models that are significantly more energy efficient and effective against a wide variety of allergens.

For more information on how to recycle unused solvents, visit these helpful links:

<http://www.depweb.state.pa.us> • <http://www.northamptoncounty.org>



SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL FIRE COMPANY

We are honored to report that we just made another donation to the Williams Township volunteer fire company, completing our \$40,000 gift toward the purchase and maintenance of its new engine. We could not think of a better way to help the volunteers celebrate their 60th anniversary in Williams Township.

We are reminded of the important public service performed by these brave volunteers and encourage others to support this great cause.



EPA Reports “Continued Success” at Closed Superfund Site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is reporting “continued success” in the cleanup of the Industrial Lane Superfund cleanup site in Williams Township. In a township-wide mailing, EPA’s *Community Update* advises that the treatment process that began ten years has “continued to be fully protective of public health and the environment.”

Diagrams included in the EPA information pamphlet contrast the area of contamination concern from ten years ago to the present and, according to the EPA, that clearly shows that the pump-and-treat system has “dramatically reduced the size of the original plume.”

In EPA’s most frequent Five-Year Plan Review it reported that there was no groundwater use on the site. The Industrial Lane site was closed in 1988 after having been operated as a landfill and before that an iron quarry. Based on progress to date, delisting as a superfund site is expected to occur in the near future. For more information, visit www.epa.gov

Landfill Gas-To-Electricity Project A State Grant Winner

Plans for a new Green Energy Park, powered by electricity generated by converted methane gas from the Chrin Brothers Sanitary Landfill, is one major step closer to reality with the announcement by Governor Rendell that the project is receiving significant financial support from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

While the bulk of the support is coming from the private sector, led by PP&L and Chrin, all are very pleased that the state is contributing \$1 million in stimulus funds to help with a critical stage of the project that is estimated to generate 3.2 MW or a lifetime total of 500,000,000 kWh of electricity.

“This is an example of what can happen when a community – including our many elected and appointed public officials – supports a project with unlimited upside,” says Greg Chrin. “It is an example of stimulus funds jump starting a short-term project with long-term economic,

employment and environmental benefits for our entire region.”

A major employment initiative, the park is expected to generate 160 jobs. The project is in the engineering and design phase with the start of power generation anticipated by the end of 2010. The state grant is funded through the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority (PEDA)

Another feature of the project is that it will ultimately contribute additional revenue to the Wilson Area School District through new school taxes.

For the Governor’s Office News Release:
www.depweb.state.pa.us/news/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q



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