

LANDFILL LINK

WELCOME TO LINK

“What’s new at The landfill?”

Hardly a day goes by without somebody asking the question.

Often they want to know, especially given the slow-to-recover economy, if we’re still busy; and how our business is affecting the revenue we create for Williams Township; about the new and exciting green energy project under development; the progress of the new Host Municipal Agreement; the development of the new Sports Complex; the landscaping along Morgan Hill Road; the new Township citizens advisory group; or the latest on odor management.

We may be one of the smallest landfills in Pennsylvania – and we’re certainly among the last of the independent, family-owned ones – but we recognize that we have a big impact locally, and not just on the bottom line of the Township. We also have a big responsibility to the community, and part of that involves continuously communicating our story, answering your questions, and continuing to work together for the benefit of Williams Township and the greater Lehigh Valley.

LINK is the latest landfill-to-household communication we have developed to keep you informed about numerous operations at the landfill. Unlike COMMUNITY UPDATE – which we publish four times a year – LINK will be more frequent and focus almost exclusively on operational activities, including all of those addressed in the questions raised above – and answered in this first issue. If there’s a question or an issue you’d like us to include, please let us know by calling Brian Leverington at 610-258-8737 or dropping us an email at info@chrin.org.

Thank You.

Greg Chrin

Chrin Brothers Sanitary Landfill

ANYTHING BUT BORING – TURNING LANDFILL GAS INTO ELECTRICITY

It takes time, but all good things do in the modern world of renewable, sustainable “green” energy.

Such is the case with the Green Energy Park project that is taking shape across I-78 in Glendon; a joint venture between Chrin and PPL’s green-energy group. Eventually, methane gas that is naturally produced at the landfill will be piped under the interstate and converted into electricity with the help of a couple of U.S.-made CAT generators that will be housed on site in Glendon. As with any similar project, every key phase – including the precision boring through rock well below the roadway – is subject to regulatory agency approval. When completed, clean, green power will be produced saving over 42,000 barrels of oil annually. Another benefit will be the creation of new jobs by the manufacturing tenants of the Green Energy Park. New jobs. New tax-generating businesses. That’s what we call a win-win for all involved.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE UNDERWAY

The new host agreement between the landfill and the township created the first standing landfill-citizen advisory committee in the Township. Patterned after similar groups in communities around the country, the idea is to have this group meet regularly in open session to discuss a wide range of topics regarding the landfill. Chaired by resident Susan Reed, and co-chaired by the Township’s Rich Adams, the Landfill Advisory Committee is getting organized – developing an agenda, examining other similar community-based groups, and lining up speakers (including state environmental officials). Besides Reed, the other citizen appointees are Tom Schuyler and Dana Kaas. Both Tom and Dana have professional experience in environmental matters. Rounding out the group is George Washburn, Greg Chrin and Brian Leverington. Meeting notices are posted to www.williamstwp.org

FEEDBACK AND 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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TIPS FOR A CLEANER, GREENER CURBING DISPOSAL PROBLEMS COMMUNITY:

- Do not place plastic trash bags at curbside; place bags inside trash container
- Always secure a lid to your trash container before placing curbside
- Spray or rinse the container frequently using a disinfectant

like, but often, working together, we can distinguish between a landfill-related odor and those resulting from everything from diesel trucks to sewage treatment operations. One of the best ways to deal with any odor is prevention at the source. We're constantly letting haulers know they've got to sanitize their vehicles and the containers they bring for disposal. Off site, you too can help by reporting any activity – such as open burning – that fouls the air. Meanwhile, we've increased the number of employees in our gas management unit; we're stepping up our gas management network – tying it in to the Green Energy Park development – capping and closing acre after acre of sections that are filled to capacity – and with each closed section, that's one more plot that's turned from waste to fertile hillside.

In fact, as you've probably heard us say more than once, odor management is among our highest priorities. We encourage anyone who suspects a landfill-related odor (even though methane gas as it naturally occurs is odorless) to call us immediately. Our hotline phone is a 24/7 number and somebody will quickly respond and get on the trail. Many people would rather first call the State/DEF and that's their option. Unfortunately, minutes count in odor investigations so the sooner we can begin our investigation the better. All of our tracking is reported to the DEF and the township. No two noses are

The landfill spends a considerable amount of time and money fighting odor, including preventing odors from wafting outside the working areas during working hours.

COMMON SCENTS

Well, that might be a bit over the top. The Chrin-Williams Township Sports Complex being developed as a result of the host agreement is moving along without a hitch. Thanks go out to many in the community for your input and support of the dual playing fields project off Wottrings Mill, including the Township Recreation Committee. It takes time to build it right but it will be worth it when local youth soccer and baseball players take to the fields. We'll keep you posted in this space.

CAN THE WORLD CUP BE FAR OFF FOR WILLIAMS TWP

JUST THE FACTS

- Not everybody has a chance to attend Supervisor's meetings. So there is a chance that you may miss the monthly report of Landfill-received solid waste and what that translates to for the township in terms of revenue under the Host Agreement.
- In every issue of the Link, we'll update the numbers and put them into context. For example:
- May 2010 : Average daily volume was 646.5 tons; producing \$50,258.31 to the township in disposal fees
- This year to date – from January through May, the landfill has generated \$232,405.03 in township revenue
- For this five-month period last year (2009), the revenue was \$142,638.90
- Notable is that the per-ton fee increased under the host agreement, but also that the economy was still in after-shock mode. When the economy slows, so does the solid waste stream. And the less waste, the less disposal revenue.

Deposits and Returns