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Hubbard Landfill Decision Is Still Up In The Air

By Karen Kosheba

The fight against a construction landfill in Hubbard, Ohio is still waging. At this time, the application to the Trumbull County Health Board has been returned to the landfill company because it was incomplete. The decision was to be made in August as to whether the permit would be issued, but has been tabled pending completion of the application.

Hubbard Environmental and Land Preservation (HELP) has set up a website to assist in getting more information to people who are interested in the status of the landfill fight. If you wish to learn more about HELP, check the site at www.hubbardohio.net/landfill. This site has links to news stories, and other organizations fighting landfills. There is more information on the organization and what you can do to show your support. It also includes future meeting dates and a discussion forum for those who wish to voice their opinion and learn how others view the landfill. If you need further information than can be found at the website, you can also contact HELP through the site.

HELP is an organization of ordinary citizens who are standing up for their rights to live in peace and enjoy their homes. We should all have respect for the work that they have to put into this battle, and help in any way we can. If you hear of a meeting on the landfill, they would appreciate your attendance.

DEP Assesses Penalty For I-80 Spill In Mercer County

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Meadville; Environmental Protection Regional Director Kelly Burch announced on September 3, 2004 that the DEP collected a \$10,568 penalty from Jevic Transportation, Inc. for a March 10, 2004 accident in Shenango Township, Mercer County, where industrial waste was discharged into Hogback Run, killing an estimated 15,000 fish.

“When the Jevic trailer overturned on the Interstate 80 ramp, approximately 1,500 gallons of an industrial cleaning solution spilled out of the truck,” Burch said. “Some of it reached Hogback Run and severely impacted nearly two miles of the stream, which is a tributary to the Shenango River. This was a serious incident and a penalty was warranted.”

A significant amount of soil was contaminated as a result of the accident. Jevic paid cleanup crews to excavate the contaminated soil and remove it to an appropriate disposal facility.

“While the immediate impact of the cleaning solution on aquatic life in the stream was deadly, no lasting effect is anticipated because the chemical components dissipated within a matter of days,” Burch said. “Early in the incident, DEP contacted water supplies downstream from the spill as a precautionary measure. No drinking water supplies were contaminated.”

Jevic Transportation of New Jersey was cited for discharging industrial waste into waters of the Commonwealth without a DEP permit or authorization, a violation of Pennsylvania’s Clean Streams Law. The \$10,568 was deposited into the state’s Clean Water Fund, which helps to finance cleanups and water quality improvements in Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania State Police and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission also investigated the incident

For more info on water quality, visit www.dep.state.pa.us, Keyword: “DEP Water”

Community Harvest Festival Featuring The Shenango River Watcher Baking Committee

Didn't know there was a Baking Committee?

Well, ... unofficially .

Visit the Community Harvest Festival at Munnell Run Farm on September 19th and check out the many talented bakers and cooks that are members of SRW. The booth, that will be set up as one of the annual fundraising events for SRW, will feature homemade chili, cornbread, pies and cookies as well as beverages.

If you would like to donate a pie or some cookies, please contact Becki at the SRW office at 724-342-5453. Volunteers to staff the booth are needed.



Ducks Unlimited Banquet

Please plan to attend the Annual Ducks Unlimited Banquet at the Sharon Country Club on Saturday, October 2, 2004. Cocktails will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. and Dinner is served at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$60.00 per couple and \$30.00 Stag. Come early for ticket specials, plenty of raffles, games, prizes and guns.

Reservations due by September 22, 2004. Please send your name, address, phone, guest names credit card number and expiration date or check to:

Ann Hofius
450 Sunset Blvd., Hermitage, PA 16148
724-981-5942

Paddle, paddle, paddle your canoe gently down the Shenango ...

Which is just what several members of the Shenango River Watchers and the Shenango Conservancy did on a glorious Saturday in June. The annual canoe trip began at the Kidd's Mill Bridge Park in Reynolds with a short informational talk given by Denny Puko of the Shenango Conservancy on the park area and from Jim Mondok on the status of this stretch of the Shenango. We then proceeded to the Big Bend area of the Shenango River. Approximately 18 canoes and two kayaks traversed the nearly 10 mile trip at a leisurely pace and enjoyed the scenery, which included spotting an immature bald eagle along the way. Lunch was spent on the river bank and even featured entertainment by Denny on the ukulele. Those who participated in the annual event can hardly wait for next year's trip.



Water Quality Committee

Shenango River water testers are still testing our streams and the river to keep us informed on any changes in the quality of the water. My analysis of Pine Run for the summer testing was positive, with water quality rating higher than I usually see. This is so exciting for me - seeing good results is what this is all about.

We still need more current testers to submit their results. We are also always looking for more people who would like to give this a try. It is not difficult, it only has to be done 4 times per year, and you can get up close and personal with a waterway of your choice. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact the Shenango River Watchers office or Karen Kosheba at 724-342-2646.

~Karen Kosheba, Chair

Best Wishes ...

... to former Shenango River Watcher Board Member, Amy Boyer. Amy recently graduated from Slippery Rock University with a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Studies. She has moved to North Carolina to start her new job and we wish Amy the best!

Recycling Success

Thanks to everyone who donates their aluminum cans to SRW. We are doing well this year so keep up the good work!

To recycle other materials in the area, please use the blue bins provided by the Mercer County Solid Waste Authority through a grant. Check out their website at countyrecycling.com.

The blue bins can be found at the following locations:

369 McClelland Rd.
Mercer, PA 16137

3086 Sandy Lake-Grove City Rd.
(Rt. 173)
Sandy Lake, PA 16145

45 Williamson Rd.
(off Rt. 358)
Greenville, PA 16125

Parking Lot of Shen. Valley Mall
(Facing Rt. 62)
Hermitage, PA 16148

1566 W. Main St., Ext.
(Rt. 58)
Grove City, PA 16127

End of North St.
(west of Rt. 18)
West Middlesex, PA 16159

Washington & Water St.
Jamestown, PA 16134

35 Auction Rd.
New Wilmington, PA 16142

Committee Reports

Watershed Research Committee

The Education Committee has been discontinued and a new Watershed Research Committee has been established. It was felt that because the responsibility for educating the public about Shenango River Watchers and about river conservation issues was already being borne by all members of the Board, a separate committee was not necessary. However, a major goal of SRW is to monitor the health of the river. Consequently, the Watershed Research Committee has been established that will include the Macroinvertebrate Testing Committee but will also be involved in assessing other aspects of watershed health. The Watershed Research Committee will provide information to the Mapping Committee for inclusion in the SRW database.

~Joyce Cuff, Chair

Clean-Up Committee

The canoe clean-up that was scheduled for August 14th will NOT be rescheduled due to the heavy rains from the remnants of Hurricane Frances and the possibility of more rain from Hurricane Ivan. Hopefully, 2005 will be less soggy and we will once again be able to enjoy a canoe clean-up. SRW will be hosting a tire recycling day on October 23rd in Greenville. Look in *The Record Argus* and *The Herald* for more specifics as the date gets closer.

~Rick Barborak, Chair

Development Committee

On August 7th, Jen & Rick Barborak, Ann & Mike Kotyk, Del Williams, Joel Ristvey, Gwen Maxfield, Carol Budanka, and others sold funnel cakes, homemade baked goods, coffee and the new SRW t-shirts at the Second Annual Sharon Car Cruise In.

That was just the warm-up for the Buhl Day Funnel Cake booth. While the final numbers are not in yet, Buhl Day was a HUGE success!!!! Jen's mixer and six fryers went continuously all day and we just could not keep up with the demand (average wait was 20-25 minutes) for our "FAMOUS FUNNEL CAKES" All who helped with the booth were sporting the new aprons superbly embroidered by Lenbil's of Sharon.

Next on our fundraising schedule is the Community Harvest Festival on September 19th at Munnell Run Farm (see further details on page 2).

As talented as this committee is, we need help. Please give some thought to being involved in this fundraising and PR effort. Call me if you'd like to join us in any of these upcoming events.

~Babs Quincy, Chair
724-346-1123

Mapping Committee

The Mapping Committee is currently without a chairperson due to the relocation of Amy Boyer to North Carolina. If you or someone you know would be interested in this committee, please call the office at 724-342-5453. In the interim, Michael Kotyk has agreed to act as our Mapping Specialist. Thanks Michael!

Shenango River Watchers Financial Statement 1/1/04 - 8/31/04

Account Description	2004 Budget	Y-T-D % of Budget	2004 Y-T-D Amount
Total Income Receipts			
Growing Greener Grant	\$6,248	22.5%	\$1,403.74
Solid Waste Grant	2,700	51.9%	1,400.00
Other Grants	800	187.5%	1,500.00
Fundraising Income	6,500	84.8%	5,512.71
Donation	2,500	49.7%	1,242.45
Membership Receipts	1,500	87.0%	1,305.00
Merchandise Sales	100	-24.0%	(24.00)
Recycling Receipts	400	68.1%	272.25
50/50 Raffle	0		500.00
Interest Income	0		9.23
	<u><u>\$20,748</u></u>	63.2%	<u><u>\$13,121.38</u></u>
Total SRW Expenses			
Advertising/Promotional	\$500	115.0%	\$575.00
Salaries (Grant Funded)	4,940	65.6%	3,239.50
Clean-up Day Expense	1,500	12.3%	183.95
Canoe launch (Grant Funded)	600	0.0%	0.00
Tire Recycling	2,700	48.8%	1,317.30
Insurance	1,200	86.1%	1,033.00
Legal/Professional Services	400	0.0%	0.00
Newsletter Expense	800	86.3%	690.20
Education/Brochures	1,000	0.0%	0.00
Office Supplies	700	62.6%	438.07
Office Equipment	400	110.0%	439.99
Office Furniture	100	0.0%	0.00
Fund Raising Expense	3,000	134.4%	4,031.70
Postage	1,300	97.9%	1,272.61
Test Kits	100	521.8%	521.83
Food Expense	300	40.0%	119.89
Administration: Phone/Internet	700	57.2%	400.50
Miscellaneous Expenses	508	36.2%	184.1
Total Expenses:	<u><u>\$20,748</u></u>	69.6%	<u><u>\$14,447.64</u></u>
Overall Total:			<u><u>(\$1,326.26)</u></u>

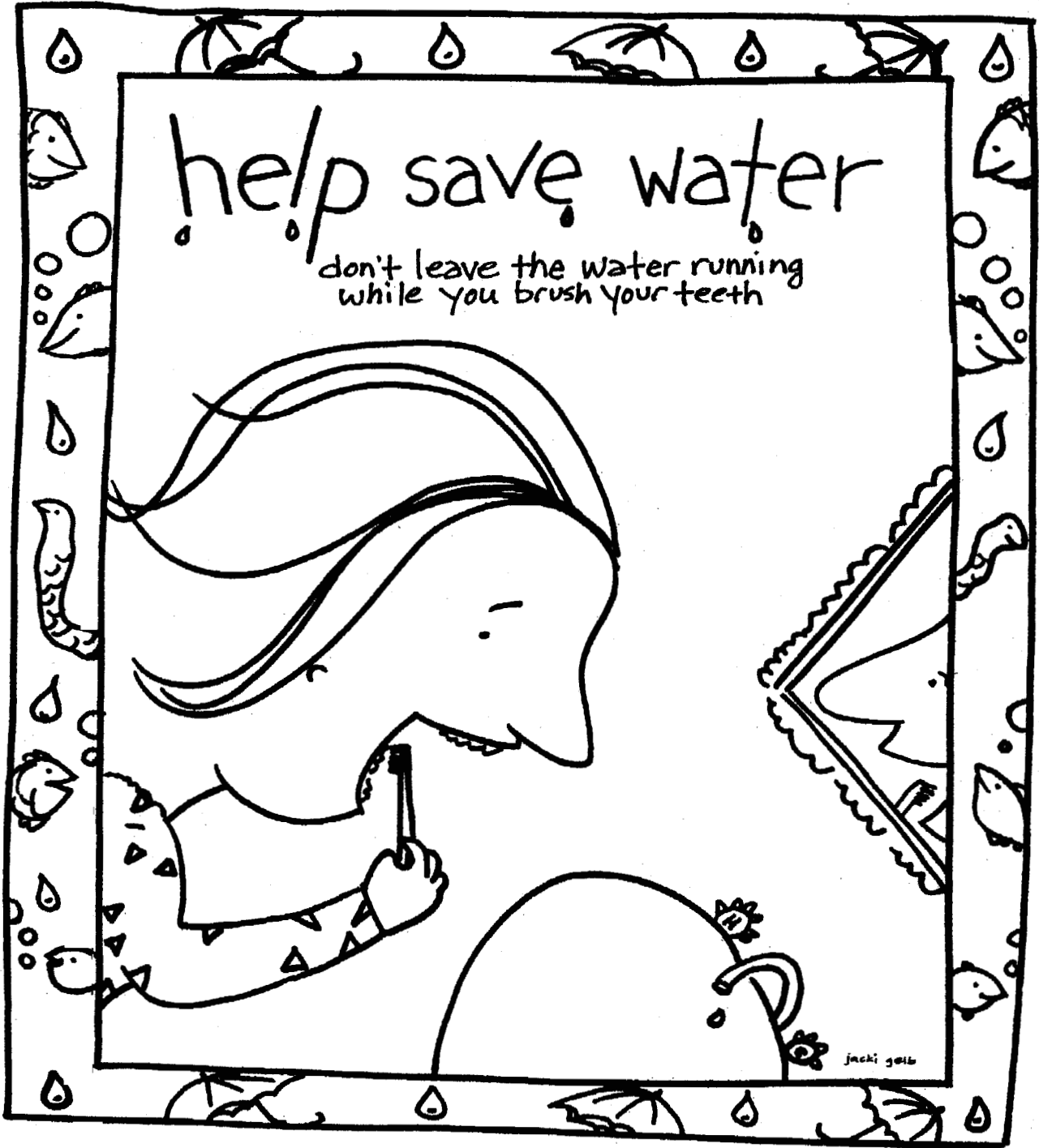
Newsletter Committee

The Newsletter Committee is currently compiling a few basic ideas to be approved by the Board. After , we are hoping to gather those persons interested in assisting with the newsletter and hopefully assign different areas to each.

~Gwen Maxfield, Chair

The Duckling Doodlers Page

Color the picture. When you are done, send this page back to us and we'll mail you a surprise!
Don't forget to write your name and address. Parents: Please return submissions to
Shenango River Watchers, P.O. Box 986, Sharon, PA 16146.



Name: _____

Address _____

Age: _____

Upcoming Events

September 19th: Booth at Harvest Festival - See article on pg. 2

October 9th: Adopt A Highway Clean Up Day

October 23rd: Tire Recycling Day - Greenville
Time and place to be announced

April 23, 2005: The 3rd Annual SRW Banquet

Details will follow for meeting locations and times for the events listed. You may also contact the Shenango River Watchers office at 724-342-5453 for further information or to sign up.

Our website: shenangoriverwatchers.org also has updated event information. Check it out!



Tire Recycling in Downtown Sharon, July 10, 2004

NEW T-SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE!!!!!!

The newly designed t-shirts are now available in sizes Small, Medium, Large, Extra-Large, and Extra-Extra Large. Imprinted on the back is the new design selected by the Board from entries in the t-shirt design contest (shown above).

Place your order using the form below. Each t-shirt is \$10 and will be shipped to you as soon as possible.

Qty.	Size	x \$10 each =

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____
 Make checks payable to Shenango River Watchers Inc.
 and send to P.O. Box 986, Sharon, PA 16146

Name _____
 Address _____

 Phone _____
 Email _____

Membership Form

Yes, I would like to support Shenango River Watchers!

I have enclosed my donation of:

- _____ \$10 Individual Membership
- _____ \$25 Individual Membership (T-shirt and membership)
- _____ \$25.00 Business Membership
- _____ Other

 Name

 Address

 Phone

 Email

I want to help with:

- Clean Up Days
- Watershed Research Committee
- Financial Planning
- Fundraising
- Newsletter
- Mapping
- Water Testing
- Food Preparation for Clean Up Days

_____ Yes, send me a t-shirt. I've enclosed a \$25.00 donation and have picked my size below!

Size selection:
 ___ Medium ___ Large ___ Extra Large

Memberships

New Members

Marilyn & Jessica
Kosloski
Christine Mondok
Dale Rogers
Mike Wininsky
Dorothy Bieber
Howard J. Nagle, Jr.
Maria Forte
Christopher White
Kim Pifer
Katherine David
Doc & Kathleen Bready
Trip McBride
Bill Bell
Dan Ristvey
James Christman
Gerald Hwayt

Patrecka Adams
Dr. Abigail Amissah-Arthur
Angela Baldwin
Tameeka Gilchrist
James Hampton
Linda Enterline
Janet Verone
Frank V. Jovenall, Sr.
Stella Lazor

Richard Burns
Renee Gerasimek
Nancy Bires
Donna Oliver
Karen Frazier
Donna Winner

Membership Renewals

William Welsh
Carl Moses

Caroline Krochka
Joan & Emerson Heald
Lori Zikovich
Bob Antal
Ed McCullough
Christy Nickerson
Jim Winner
Ray & Arleen Bianco
John & Laura Janosko
Dennis & Anna Mary
Hoovler
Joey Cantrell
Lee Etta Proudfoot
Matthew Stefanak
Ruth E. Booth

New Business

Rental Service Licensee, Inc.

Business Membership Renewals

Lewis & Ristvey,
Attorneys at Law
Ralph C. Mehler Agency, Inc.
Trout Unlimited,
Neshannock Chapter
Bob's Auto Repair

Continuous Supporters

Ann & Mike Kotyk
MK Landscaping Supply
Surf724
City of Sharon
Copyland
Duferco-Farrell Corp.

PLEASE NOTE: The date of your membership expiration is now listed on the mailing label. Please continue to support Shenango River Watchers - your contribution and interest are greatly appreciated.



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