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www.awmanfs.org

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Message from the Chair

Paul Van Kerkhove

Even though the “official” start of winter is a few weeks off, I think it’s safe to say it has arrived in Buffalo (6 feet of snow will do that). With that, we now are reaching near the mid-point of the 2014-2015 program year for the Niagara Frontier Section of the Air & Waste Management Association (A&WMA-NFS). So far there have been three great dinner meetings already with some great events coming up soon. Up next is our annual Holiday Social at Resurgence Brewery (on December 18th). This event provides a great setting for members to get together in a casual environment and for spouses, significant others, and other family members to be a part of A&WMA-NFS. Then after the holidays, the A&WMA-NFS annual enrichment seminar will be held at Templeton Landing (on January 28th). I strongly encourage all members to attend this seminar. We always get a great turn-out of non-members to this event. So I think it provides a perfect opportunity to network with new business and environmental colleagues, as well as with those familiar faces from the monthly dinner meetings.

One of the promising developments of the last few months has been the resurgence of the UB Student Chapter of A&WMA (no relation to the brewery). Led by the efforts of Tim Bathory (A&WMA-NFS Board Member) and John Atkinson (Assistant Professor in Department of Civil, Structural, and Environmental Engineering), the UB chapter is running strong with recent election of their own officers. I also want to thank Pat Martin, Jim Strickland, Dave Copeland, and Cassidy Edwards for discussing their varied career paths at a meet & greet with UB students that was a great catalyst for the UB chapter.

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Next Meeting

Holiday Social

Beer Tasting /1 hour Open Bar with pizza and wings

Location: Resurgence Brewing Company
1250 Niagara St., Buffalo, NY 14213

Date/Time: December 18, 2014, 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm, Tour @ 6:00 pm

Costs:

**AWMA International Member – \$20, Full Time Student – \$10, Local Membership – \$25,
Non Member of AWMA NFS – \$30, Young Professional AWMA Members – \$20**

Seminar**Patrick Filey****2015**Air & Waste Management Association
Niagara Frontier Section**SEMINAR**

Focus On Sustainability in Western New York

SAVE THE DATE**Wednesday,
January 28**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Mark Poloncarz, Erie County Executive**TIME** 8:00am - 4:30pm**LOCATION** Templeton Landing - 2 Templeton Terrace, Buffalo NY

This full day seminar will feature a series of presentations and discussions with a focus on sustainability trends and how companies, government agencies and others are adapting and incorporating sustainable practices in their businesses and organizations. PDH and CLE credits will be available. All proceeds from the conference go to fund education & environmental scholarships for our future professionals. We thank you for your support and look forward to your attendance. Details will follow in the next few weeks.

Be sure to check our website
www.awmanfs.wildapricot.org



Message from the Chair (continued from page 1)**Paul Van Kerkhove**

Finally, I want to acknowledge the ongoing hard work of Hal Pierce for A&WMA-NFS. As most of you know, Hal wears many hats for the section: financial secretary, Future Cities judge/advocate, and badge coordinator among them. Hal has informed the board that he would like to step away from his position as financial secretary. But in typical fashion for him, he is willing to continue to attend board meetings and train the new person for the position.

On behalf of the A&WMA-NFS board, I wish everyone a joyous holiday season!

Website**Patrick Filey**

WEBSITE Update

Attention Members – Please Read!

Mark Hans has spent a number of hours cleaning up the AWMA Niagara Frontier Section's database stored on the website. The cleanup involved archiving individuals who haven't been involved with AWMA NFS for +3yrs and guests. As well as updating each person's membership status and expiration date of the membership. We owe Mark many thanks for this effort.

For the December social we are trying to help the registration process. What does this mean for each member? You'll need to log onto the website at www.awmanfs.wildapricot.org using your email supplied on the membership application form to update your profile. This should be the same email address that you receive our emails at. In the lower left corner of the website is the log on information. If you've never logged on before, then select "forgot password". Follow the instructions to create a new password. Log onto the website with your email and newly created password.

Select "VIEW PROFILE". Please review the profile is correct. If anything is wrong on the profile, then select edit profile and make the necessary changes. If you believe the membership level or expiration date is incorrect, then please contact Mark Hans @ mjhans9@gmail.com or Patrick J Filey @ pfiley@alphalab.com.

Thank you for your cooperation in updating the database.

Regards,

The Webmaster

Future City**Hal Pierce****Future City Program**

The Annual Future City Competition is hosted by the National Engineer Week foundation and reaches over 35,000 students from over 1,000 schools in the U.S.

Middle School Students (Grades 6-8) research technology, and design solutions to 'imagineer' a city of the future addressing the Environment, Energy, Infrastructure, Transportation as well as the well being of their citizens.

This year's theme is "Feeding Future Cities". Students must select one vegetable and one protein and design a way to grow enough of each within their city limits to feed their citizens."

They first create a software simulation of a virtual city using the "SimCity" program and then build and present a physical model (on a 4 X 8 board) using only recycle materials. This model must contain a bridge and have a moving part (battery or air powered).

Each year the Niagara Frontier Section of AWMA is one of the proud sponsors of this project.

In addition to financial support, we also judge the exhibits and present an award for "Best Pollution Prevention".

Volunteers are needed each year to judge the exhibits and AWMA has been assisting in this manner for several years. We are, however, in need of additional judges this year, and so we would appreciate it if some new members would like to help out. Judging use a matrix scoring sheet that is provided.

The Competition is being held on Saturday January 24 at Mount St. Mary Academy, 3756 Delaware Avenue, Kenmore, New York.

If you are interested in helping out or want more information, please contact Hal Pierce at 773-8649 or Email hepierce@islechem.com. Everyone who helps out, finds this an extremely fun and educational day.

Hal Pierce

Scholarships**Eric Warren**

Applications for the NYSDEC Camp, Earth Day Grants, Dave Sauer Scholarship (for High School Seniors), and College Scholarship are available on our website.

<https://awmanfs.wildapricot.org/page-1665028>

The application due dates are as follows:

NYSDEC Camp - January 14, 2015

Earth Day Grants - March 2, 2015

Dave Sauer Scholarship - April 15, 2015

College Scholarship - April 15, 2015

Envirun**Mike Emery/Dharma Iyer****Envirun 5K - April 18, 2015 SAVE THE DATE**

The 25th Annual Envirun 5 kilometer (5K) run will be on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at Whirlpool State Park, which is just north of Niagara Falls, NY along the Niagara River gorge. This is put on by our A&WMA Section to raise funds for local worthwhile environmental causes. To make the event a success we depend on volunteers from the Section and sponsors. If you can volunteer or would like to sponsor the race please contact Dhrama Iyer at 716-662-4157 or Mike Emery at awmanfssecretary@gmail.com.

Registration includes a technical t-shirt and post race party with awards, food and live music. The run will be along the closed portion of the Robert Moses Parkway. When registration is activated there will be three ways to register: on line through our website (<https://awmanfs.wildapricot.org/page-1665549/>), download a paper application from our website, or online through Active.com.



2013 Envirun Pictures



Membership**Timothy Bathory**

Our current membership includes over 100 members, are you one of them? You can check the membership list on the website (<https://awmanfs.wildapricot.org/>) to find out. The list will be updated monthly. There may be some delay between receiving your application and when the list is updated. If you renew online, please send an updated application to me awmanfsmembership@gmail.com. The membership application is available on the website for your use.

About one month before Corporate Sponsorships expire I send out a renewal notification by e-mail and will provide a link to our website to renew. If you receive the notification and have already renewed, or paid for membership already please let me know and I'll follow up with you. Corporate sponsorships help fund Earth Day grants, DEC Camp scholarships, and college scholarships. Sponsors also recognized in the monthly dinner meeting announcements, on our website and at the annual awards banquet.

Local memberships expired on August 31st. As a member you receive discounted pricing for our monthly dinner meetings, the Release Newsletter and other benefits. New members and renewals can pay at our new website - <https://awmanfs.wildapricot.org/>. If you are not ready to pay online you can still print out the membership application from the website and pay at a meeting or use snail mail. Membership categories and dues are:

Local Affiliate Member	\$35
Local Affiliate Member [Full-Time College Student]	\$10
International Member	\$195
International Member [Young Professional - 35 or younger]	\$98
International Member [Full-Time College Student]	\$35
Corporate Sponsor*	\$325
Web Sponsor*	\$500

* Corporate Sponsor includes an International Membership for one person and a local affiliate membership for a second person.

As the Membership Chair, I can be reached at awmanfsmembership@gmail.com or 432-6532.

New Mailing Address**Dominic Buccilli****NOTICE**

The Air & Waste Management Association—Niagara Frontier Section's Post Office Box has changed.

The new mailing address is now as follows:

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P.O. Box 357
Amherst, NY 14226

Thank you.

e-waste Recycling**James Strickland****E-Waste Recycling, Guidance for Consumers of Covered Electronic Equipment**

The [NYS Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act](http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials_minerals_pdf/ewastelaw2.pdf) (www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials_minerals_pdf/ewastelaw2.pdf), requires manufacturers to provide free and convenient recycling of electronic waste to most consumers in the state. It was signed into law by the Governor on May 28, 2010.

Easily Recycle Your Electronic Waste Using a Manufacturer's Takeback Program:

Go to DEC's [list of electronic equipment manufacturers registered in NYS](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/82084.html) (www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/82084.html), to find manufacturers, their brands of [covered electronic equipment](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/66872.html?showprintstyles#Covered) (www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/66872.html?showprintstyles#Covered), websites and toll-free telephone numbers.

- 1. Find the manufacturer's brand of equipment you wish to recycle**, and go to that manufacturer's public education website link or call its listed toll-free telephone number. Not only are manufacturers required to accept for recycling or reuse equipment for which they are the manufacturer, but they are also required to accept one piece of electronic waste of any manufacturer's brand if offered by a consumer with the purchase of covered electronic equipment of the same type by a consumer -- meaning, you may be able to use your new product's manufacturer's recycling program for your old equipment as well, regardless of your old equipment's brand.
- 2. Follow the specific instructions listed on the manufacturer's website or provided over the telephone.** The manufacturer will provide information on how to recycle your equipment, free of charge.

Electronic Waste Collection Site Drop-Off

Electronic waste collection site locations might represent an opportunity for consumers to recycle/reuse their e-waste. A list of [NYS Electronic Waste Collection Sites](http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials_minerals_pdf/ewcolsites.pdf) (www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials_minerals_pdf/ewcolsites.pdf) registered under the Act is available to consumers. Inclusion in this list does not constitute an endorsement by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

Please note: An electronic waste collection site listed might not represent a drop-off acceptance location for your particular type of equipment, so please call ahead. If you are looking for a convenient method of acceptance for your equipment, please first follow the [Manufacturer Takeback Program](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/66872.html?showprintstyles#list_of_electronic_equipment_manufacturers_registered_in_NYS) (www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/66872.html?showprintstyles#list_of_electronic_equipment_manufacturers_registered_in_NYS) steps above. There you will find where you may recycle or reuse your equipment, free of charge, through a specific manufacturer's electronic waste acceptance program.

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e-waste Recycling (continued from page 7)**James Strickland**

Why Recycle?

Industry experts estimate that U.S. consumers throw away 400 million units of electronic equipment per year. Recycling electronic waste protects human health and the environment by:

- diverting thousands of pounds of waste from landfills and incinerators;
- keeping toxins such as lead, mercury and cadmium from contaminating the air, water and soil; and conserving natural resources by allowing valuable materials to be reclaimed and reused, rather than using virgin materials.

Disposal Ban:

All consumers (consumers includes individuals) will be prohibited from disposing covered electronic equipment in landfills or waste-to-energy facilities beginning **January 1, 2015**.

Electronic Equipment Covered by the Law*:

- **Computers** (including laptops, desktops, tablets and e-readers)
- **Televisions**
- **Cathode ray tubes**
- **Small scale servers**
- **Computer peripherals** (*including any cable, cord, or wiring permanently affixed to or incorporated into the computer peripheral.*)
 - Monitors
 - Electronic keyboards
 - Electronic mice or similar pointing devices
 - Facsimile machines, document scanners, and printers (*only those intended for use with a computer and weighing less than 100 lbs.*)
- **Small electronic equipment** (*including any cable, cord, or wiring permanently affixed to or incorporated into the small electronic equipment.*)
 - VCRs
 - Digital video recorders
 - Portable digital music players
 - DVD players (including projectors with DVD player capabilities intended for home-use)
 - Digital converter boxes
 - Cable or satellite receivers (including digital media receivers)

Electronic or video game consoles (including both handheld devices and those intended for use with a video display device)

* Some electronic equipment not listed above may be covered. If you are unsure, please contact the NYSDEC.

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