

# FALL 2009 Household Hazardous Waste Days

**Sunday, October 4, 9 am – 1 pm**

**Bayonne**  
Norton Paints  
148 East 5th St.

**North Bergen**  
MUA  
6200 Tonnelle Ave.

**Saturday, October 17, 9 am – 1 pm**

**Jersey City:**  
JCIA  
501 Route 440

**Secaucus:**  
Secaucus High School Parking Lot  
11 Millridge Rd

## What to bring:

**Cleaners**  
**Corrosives**  
**Pool and photographic chemicals**  
**Oil-based chemicals**  
**Oil-based varnishes**  
**Household and car batteries**  
**Propane Tanks (from barbecue grills only)**  
**Solvents**  
**Thinners**  
**Pesticides and Herbicides**  
**Latex paint**  
**Formaldehyde**

**NEW!**

**Used motor oil**  
**Old gasoline**  
**Fire extinguishers**  
**Compact Fluorescent bulbs**  
**Antifreeze**  
**Marine & auto flares**  
**Computers**  
**Printers**  
**Monitors**  
**Consumer Electronics**  
**Cell Phones**

### PAINT ALERT!

*Only oil-based paints are hazardous and will be accepted at HHW Days.*

*All latex paints can be dried out and thrown out with your regular trash.*

**Trade your *MERCURY FEVER THERMOMETER* for a digital one!**

For more information, call our Environmental Hotline: **1-800-540-0987**

*Throwing out electronic equipment like computers, televisions and stereo equipment, is DANGEROUS. Some components might contain hazardous materials, such as lead, mercury, arsenic and cadmium. You CANNOT toss these with your regular garbage.*

*Instead, remember to drop all your electronics off during the HClA's Bi-annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Days.*

*Using long-lasting compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) are a great way to go green. However, they contain mercury, which is an environmental contaminant. Though compact fluorescent light bulbs are extremely safe to use in your home and contain very low levels of mercury, they should always be included with other household hazardous waste for collection on designated HHW Days. For more information on what to do if you break a CFL, please visit the EPA's website: [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov).*

### You'd be amazed at what your old refrigerator can save!

The Refrigerator/Freezer Recycling program is a new initiative from New Jersey's Clean Energy Program. This program promotes responsible recycling of refrigerators and freezers in New Jersey and offers a \$30 cash incentive.

**And! You can save up to \$150 a year on energy costs by recycling your old fridge.**

New Jersey law prohibits dumping your old refrigerators and freezers into landfills since they are not bio-degradable. Arranging a pick-up with a recycling company will cost you money. However, when you enroll in this program, NJ Clean Energy picks up and recycles your old refrigerator or freezer for free. Plus, you will receive a \$30 cash incentive for participating.

Recycling your old refrigerator/freezer is easy, and you can earn money too. It's simple. Interested parties should visit <http://www.njcleanenergy.com/residential/programs/refrigerator-freezer-recycling-program> or call 877-270-3520.

### New Household Battery Regulations

**What types of batteries should be recycled?**

*Alkaline batteries now fall below federal and state hazardous waste standards and can be disposed of in the regular trash.*

**Recycle all Rechargeable Batteries!**

*Rechargeable batteries can be found in cordless power tools, cellular and cordless phones, laptop computers, digital cameras, two-way radios, camcorders, and remote control toys.*

*Rechargeable batteries sometimes look like alkaline batteries. The label on the battery will indicate if it is rechargeable. Most stores that sell rechargeable batteries also take them back for recycling. To find the retail collection site nearest you, please use the collection site locator at [www.rbrc.org](http://www.rbrc.org) or call the consumer helpline, 1-800-8-BATTERY or 1-877-2-RECYCLE.*

**What about button cell batteries?**

*Most button cell batteries still contain mercury, so bring them to one of the HClA's HHW Days.*



# Hudson TMA Bike Rehab Program

*So your old bicycle has finally hit the pavement for the last time. Since you're already doing your part to stay healthy and cut carbon emissions by burning calories rather than gasoline, you don't want to wind up dumping your bicycle in a landfill.*

*The Hudson County Transportation Management Association (TMA) regularly works to promote biking as a smart travel alternative, but now through the HCIA's Household Hazardous Waste Program, they are taking it to the next level. The Hudson TMA Bike Rehab Program is now accepting old bikes at all HHW Collection Days (Oct. 4th and 17th).*

*Just drop off your used bicycle at any of our convenient locations and your bike will be rehabbed for distribution to disadvantaged families. The rehabilitated*

*bikes will be given to adults who can use them as a mode of transportation to work and/or to families with children who do not have bicycles.*

*This is your opportunity to not only rid your garage of an unused or outgrown bicycle, but to give your bike a second life, helping others in our Hudson County Community.*

**For more information on the Hudson TMA Bike Rehab Program please call 201-792-2825.**

## Welcome Commissioner Peneda!

*John Peneda has over twenty years of professional experience; as a business owner/general manager he leveraged his knowledge to deliver successful returns, and as a consultant he's taught best business practices and management training through NJIT sanctioned seminars. Serving as a Coordinator for Kearny's Enterprise Zone Development Corporation, John has helped to manage development projects and seek out qualified developers for the towns commercial areas. His experience working with Fortune 500 companies, international businesses, and serving as vice-president of the Ironbound Business Improvement district, provides Mr. Peneda a unique perspective. He is a graduate of Northeastern University and is fluent in English, Spanish and Portuguese.*

**Slam Dunk the Junk** is a statewide public education campaign, sponsored by the New Jersey Clean Communities Council that is aimed at reminding all New Jerseyans to put trash in trashcans and recyclables in recycling bins.



*Tips on how you can Slam Dunk the Junk in your community*

- Volunteer for a litter cleanup in your town
- Adopt a parcel of public property or roadway
- Create art from found objects
- Remind people not to litter
- Remember to reuse and recycle

**Join our online team of people who have committed to "Slam Dunk the Junk," and sign the "Slam Dunk the Junk" support petition at**

**<http://www.njclean.org/>**



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# Hudson County Improvement Authority

## Capital Improvements Making a Difference for Hudson County

The Hudson County Improvement Authority (HCIA) works to provide Hudson County municipalities with more than just programs and initiatives that foster a safe and healthy environment; we also strive to provide communities with the financial resources necessary to realize capital projects that afford a better quality of life.

The HCIA partners with Hudson's municipalities by providing the financial assistance needed for capital improvement projects that assist with redevelopment, enhance services, improve safety and upgrade facilities throughout the county.

## One of the Largest Urban Redevelopment Projects in Hudson County's History

Hudson County officials and members of the media were out in full force this summer for an Official Review Ceremony outlining the dramatic redevelopment of the historic Harrison Waterfront. The event was held on site at the new 1,400 space parking deck being erected adjacent to the Harrison PATH Station.

The HCIA, the Harrison Redevelopment Agency and the Port Authority of NY & NJ provided for the land acquisition and construction of the new parking deck that will provide PATH commuters with safer and more convenient parking options.

As of December 1st, 2009, the HCIA will begin ownership of the facility, which will be run day-to-day by a parking management company.

One of the most notable projects that the HCIA has recently helped finance is the land acquisition and its remediation for the new 20,000 seat stadium and entertainment complex that will serve as the home of Major League Soccer's Red Bulls, as well as hosting concerts and other major events.

The HCIA also issued bonding under the State Environmental Infrastructure Trust for water,

sewer and site improvements for the Advance Harrison, LLC Project, including utility connection for the new Red Bull Stadium. Approximately \$15 million was made available under this loan program.

County Executive Tom DeGise sees this as another highly effective way the HCIA is helping towns in Hudson County achieve new development and ratables. "The HCIA coordinated with the Harrison Redevelopment Agency and the Town of Harrison in the endeavor. Making favorable financing available to municipalities helps keep taxes stable and directly impacts residents' lives."



HCIA Chairman John Shinnick, Harrison Mayor Raymond McDonough, HCIA Executive Director Norman Guerra, HCIA General Counsel William Netchert, Esq., Hudson County Clerk Barbara Netchert and Hudson County Executive Thomas A. DeGise, were on hand to review aspects of this 275-acre brown-fields redevelopment project. (Present but not pictured: Port Authority Deputy Executive Director Susan Bass Levin, Assemblyman Vincent Prieto and Bayonne Mayor Mark Smith.)

**HHW Days are Here!**  
Look Inside for More Information  
on How You Can Safely Dispose  
of Hazardous Materials You Have  
in Your Home!



## Improving Every Day



*The HCIA touches the lives of Hudson County residents every day through the financing it provides to all our municipalities. Whether it is new fire trucks in Jersey City or wind power in Kearny, the*

*HCIA has secured funds for various projects throughout the county that have resulted in improved services and facilities for Hudson's diverse communities. From managing recycling, solid waste and environmental issues, to securing funding for economic development, the HCIA is at the forefront, providing vital services for all residents.*

**Thomas A. DeGise**  
County Executive

## Being Green Makes Good Cents



*We are all looking for ways to save money in this economy. That is why our theme for this year's 2009/2010 Earth Day Poster Contest presented us with such an excellent opportunity to share a valuable*

*lesson with our students. This unique and creative contest gave kids a chance to express themselves, while reinforcing our core mission of energy conservation. On behalf of myself and my fellow commissioners, I would like to thank all the students who entered our contest – and all the educators who work closely with us year after year by incorporating the HCIA's environmental message into their curriculum.*

**John L. Shinnick**  
HCIA Chairman

## HHW Updates



*Our bi-annual Household Hazardous Waste Days take place this October in four convenient locations. Look inside this issue of Seasons for new changes to what we will accept at our HHW collection*

*sites. Household alkaline batteries and latex paint no longer need to be recycled; however fluorescent bulbs always need to be wrapped safely before drop-off. This year, you can even recycle your bicycle and give a child or resident the chance to own a rehabilitated bike!*

**Norman M. Guerra**  
Executive Director

# Environmental Education... Not Just For Students!

The HCIA continually reaches out to residents, community groups, seniors, non-profits, multi-family dwellings, citizen groups, representatives of local government, businesses, block associations and faith-based groups – to name a few – in an effort to educate Hudson County residents about proper environmental practices. From supplying workplace recycling posters and desktop reminders, to lending environmental books and videos to schools and community groups, to hosting events in our various municipalities, the HCIA provides environmental outreach to all segments of our population.

This year, the HCIA has updated several of its popular environmental education presentations: 'Environmental Shopping' and 'Where Does Your Garbage Go?' and has added new programs including one on Recycling E-Waste. These presentations are offered at no charge to senior and/or community groups as well as schools.

To learn more about our environmental programs or schedule an environmental outreach or recycling presentation for your organization or group please call 1-800-540-0987 or e-mail your request to [recycle@hcia.org](mailto:recycle@hcia.org).

# Getting Their Attention

This past spring, the Hudson County Improvement Authority's Division of Enforcement took unprecedented steps in collecting outstanding balances from companies cited under the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) transporter regulations. HCIA Enforcement, working in conjunction with the Hudson Regional Health Commission, placed holds on any A-901 Transporter license renewals issued by the state to all companies and/or individuals that owed the County money from unpaid penalties and defaulted judgments.

Notices were provided by the State to all companies and/or individuals during the renewal period, advising offenders that outstanding debts must be paid before their license would be renewed. Michael A. Holloway, HCIA Director of Solid Waste Enforcement was pleased with the results. "Being able to expedite the license placement hold, with the assistance of both the State and the County Health Departments, in such a short period of time has proven to be an excellent deterrent to those who do not take compliance seriously."

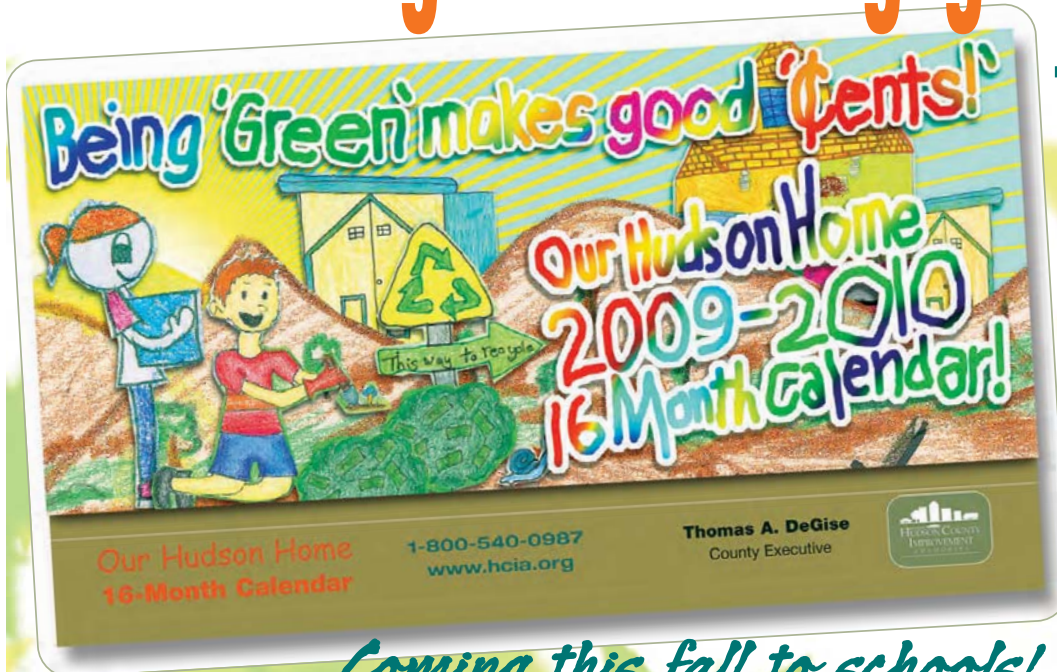
**The HCIA Division of Enforcement continues to be the lead County Enforcement Agency in the State of New Jersey.**

**You can help by reporting any suspicious or illegal dumping to Michael A. Holloway, Director of Solid Waste Enforcement at 201-795-4555 x 211.**





# School Programs that Engage Students



**T**his year's Annual Earth Day Poster Contest theme was "Being Green Makes Good Cents" and Hudson County's kids were truly inspired. Combining the lessons of environmental stewardship and energy/cost savings, children got the chance to show off their artistic flare. Hundreds of students participated and the winning posters are displayed throughout the HCIA's colorful calendar.

*Coming this fall to schools!  
The new 2009-2010 HCIA 16-Month Calendar!*

## Our Kids Can Be Champs Again!



**The Hudson County Improvement Authority's 8th Annual Crayon Recycling Contest kicks off on November 16, in celebration of America Recycles Day. Hudson County students have been crowned nationwide champions – by donating more crayons than any other county in the country for 4 years running!**

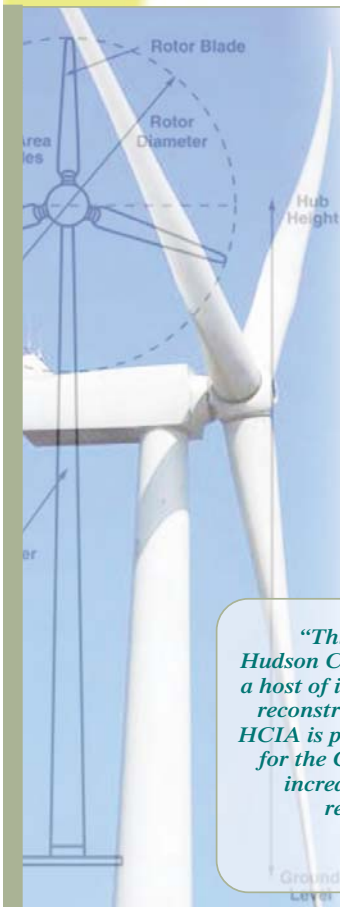
*The well-received contest mixes learning with fun to teach students about recycling and conservation. Students get the opportunity to learn about the importance of recycling, and they can also look forward to seeing the fruits of their efforts as well. The old crayons are recycled into brand new multi-colored "crazy" crayons and distributed back to all participating schools.*

*The HCIA rewards student participation with earth-friendly presentations at their schools. Winning schools will also be awarded for their accomplishment and all students will be recognized for their recycling efforts.*

*Students get the chance to see all of the winning schools in the Spring issue of Seasons for Kids (a publication of the HCIA) and they are also honored on the HCIA's website [www.hcia.org](http://www.hcia.org).*

*These unique contests are some of the ways that the HCIA has been able to strengthen our partnerships with educators. To get your school involved in the Annual Earth Day Poster Contest or the Crayon Recycling Contest please call 1-800-540-0987 or visit [www.hcia.org](http://www.hcia.org).*

# “Green” Power in Kearny



Hudson's recently created County Office of Strategic Planning and Project Planning and Development is already making a difference for residents. The Office, located within the HCIA, was created to assist in county development and redevelopment projects, and exploring “Green” initiatives and other environmentally-friendly opportunities available, among many others things.

On behalf of the County of Hudson, the HCIA has applied for a \$500,000 US Environmental Protection Agency Demonstration Grant to incorporate wind turbines on the county property known as Building 77 in Kearny. The 75,000 sq. ft. structure is scheduled for a complete transformation from a former industrial hulk into a modern Silver LEED certified, energy efficient facility to be used by the Office of Emergency Management as a Command Center, as well as a support facility for the adjacent Hudson County Correctional Center.

*“This grant can assist in fulfilling Hudson County’s commitment to incorporate a host of innovative green technologies in the reconstruction of the old Building 77. The HCIA is pleased to provide continued support for the County’s ongoing effort to achieve increased energy self-sufficiency and reduce its carbon footprint.”*

— **Norman Guerra**  
HCIA Executive Director

## Hudson “Cleans Up” at the 6th Annual NJ Clean Communities Award Banquet

### Winners:

Urban Clean Up Teams - Bayonne, Jersey City and Union City  
Clean Up Award - Union City

Volunteer Award - Carol Jean Doyle (Kearny) & Fernanda Lois (Kearny)  
County Coordinator Award - Mary-Ellen Gilpin (HCIA)



## IMPORTANT DATES

### October 2009

#### HHW Day

Sunday, October 4, 9 am – 1 pm  
Bayonne: Norton Paints, 148 East 5th Street  
Secaucus: Secaucus High School, 11 Millridge Rd

#### HHW Day

Saturday, October 17, 9 am – 1 pm  
Jersey City: JCIA, 501 Route 440  
Kearny: DPW, 357 Bergen Avenue

#### Hudson TMA

#### Walk-to-School Month Begins

### November 2009

#### Crayon Recycling Contest Begins

Monday, November 16

### December 2009

#### Crayon Recycling Contest Ends

Wednesday, December 23

### March 2010

#### Crayon Contest Award Ceremony

Tuesday, March 9

#### Calendar Poster Contest Entries Due

Friday, March 19

#### Environmental Fair at Lincoln H.S

Saturday, March 20

### April 2010

#### HCIA Earth Day Fair & 5K Run

Saturday, April 24  
40th Anniversary of Earth Day  
One Billion Acts of Green

### May 2010

#### HHW Day

Saturday, May 8, 9 am – 1 pm  
Jersey City: JCIA, 501 Route 440  
Kearny: DPW, 357 Bergen Avenue

#### HHW Day

Sunday, May 16, 9 am – 1 pm  
Bayonne: Norton Paints, 148 East 5th Street  
North Bergen: DPW Garage, 6200 Tonnelle Ave.

### June 2010

#### Hudson TMA's Stride & Ride

Saturday, June 5