

PLASTICS AND PIZZA NIGHT

Good to see so many of you at our September Master Recycler meeting. Agri-Plas' Allen Jongsma was two minutes into his presentation when he was asked a question. From then on the questions didn't stop for another ninety minutes and Allen answered everything we asked about plastics and their recyclability. Many thanks to Allen for sharing his time and knowledge.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PLASTIC FLOWER POT COLLECTION DAY

Master Recyclers will be holding a plastic flower pot and nursery tray collection on Saturday, October 23 at four farmers' markets. Agri-Plas will pick up the pots and trays and grind them up so they will have a chance at another life. Here's the markets where we'll be:

Portland-1800 SW Broadway at Montgomery; 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Beaverton-Hall Blvd., between 3rd and 5th Streets; 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Hollywood-NE Hancock between 44th & 45th; 8 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Gresham-Miller Street between 2nd & 3rd; 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

There's three ways Master Recyclers can get involved in this event:

* Help at any of the markets by greeting the public and putting the collected plastic in bags. Volunteer for as many hours as you can at any of the locations.

* If you have a pickup or other vehicle, help transport the plastic from Portland and Gresham to Beaverton.

* Post flyers at local nurseries, stores and other places to let people know about the event. There is a flyer in pdf form at

www.masterrecycler.org. If you can't print it at home, but would like to distribute them, let me know and I'll get some to you.

We've been publicizing the event at the markets and in the papers and have received enthusiastic response. Since we don't know how many plastic pots and trays are going to be coming our way, it would be great to have as much help as possible on October 23. I hope you can volunteer for what promises to be a great event. Send an email to masterrecycler@ci.portland.or.us or call me at 503.823.7530. Look forward to hearing from you.

Steve

"BUY RECYCLED" HOLIDAY FAIR

Metro's sixth annual "Buy Recycled" Holiday Fair will be held on Friday, December 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Metro on 600 NE Grand. It's always a great event with wonderful craftspeople and this year Master Recyclers are needed to staff a new reuse activity.

Recovered items such as rugs, toys, toasters, etc. from Metro South Transfer Station will be on exhibit at the fair and attendees who have a card stamped by all the exhibitors can tag a recovered item to take home at no charge. Master Recyclers are needed to:

* Check the cards

* Talk about the value of reuse and recycling (Metro waste reduction brochures will be available)

* Tag attendee's name to the item they choose

* Match each attendee to the tagged item at pick up time

* Offer holiday wrap for reuse (Metro maps, etc.) and direct people to examples of displayed holiday gifts with reused wrapping paper. Organizers requested four volunteers who can stay for the entire six hour event or six volunteers for three, two-hour shifts.

Contact Metro's Genya Arnold at (503) 797-1676 or arnoldg@metro.dst.or.us by November 1, 2004.

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Bridging the gap between awareness and action by motivating people to reduce waste in their homes and workplaces.



HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE ROUNDUPS

After this weekend there's only five more Metro HHW Roundups in Forest Grove, Beaverton, Troutdale, and Portland. Your last chance in 2004 to learn about hazardous waste and assist at a fun event. For dates and places, check out <http://www.metro-region.org/article.cfm?articleid=760#schedule>. Contact Lisa Heigh at heighl@metro.dst.or.us or 503.797.1611 to volunteer.

LET'S TALK TRASH

Metro has launched a process called "Let's Talk Trash." They are seeking citizen input on planning efforts for garbage and recycling in the Portland region and recently held three public meetings. If you didn't get a chance to go, it's not too late to express your opinion on an online questionnaire. It will support the update of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.

The update will reflect input from citizens, business and industry, local government partners, environmental and other special-interest groups, Metro Council and staff. By participating in these discussions or commenting online, you can help shape the region's solid waste system in the future, and direct how the system can meet residents' needs for services while fulfilling our commitment to environmental protection.

Go to <http://www.metro-region.org/article.cfm?articleid=11043> and click on the link in the left hand column: "Get involved in Let's Talk Trash: meetings, discussion guide and questionnaire." Then you can click on the "complete the questionnaire online" link. Deadline is October 31.

JOB OPENINGS

SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER

National Environmental and Building Services Consulting firm ATC Associates currently has a

position open for an experienced leader in the Portland office.

The successful candidate will have developed a network of contacts and clients in one or more environmental, geotechnical, or building services fields, and will be responsible for staff mentoring, revenue generation, and participation in the office leadership team. General experience level for this position is 10-15 years, but consideration will be given for exceptional cases.

ATC Associates offers a very competitive salary/benefits package, and the opportunity to grow in a flexible, team-oriented environment.

Please contact the Branch Manager Mark Kemner with a letter of interest and resume at mark.kemner@atcassociates.com.

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TONERinx IS A GREAT BUSINESS

Matt and Tracey Maher (MR Class 26) are the owners of TONERinx, a recycling company located in Troutdale, Oregon that has served the Portland Metro and Southwest Washington areas since 1999. Specializing in recycling empty inkjet, laser, fax and copy cartridges as well as cellular telephones, they work with businesses, schools, universities and non-profit organizations. TONERinx purchases used ink cartridges and phones to be professionally refurbished or rebuilt. Last year they helped divert over 42 tons of materials that may have ended up in local landfills.

TONERinx provides all the materials needed for the program such as collection tubs, posters, and promotional flyers. Their drivers make scheduled route collections at customers' location (they just invested in a new bio-diesel delivery van) and there is little the customer needs to do. TONERinx records the items collected, gives a report to the customer, and writes them a check for the value of the recyclables.

TONERinx encourages businesses to share their profits with schools and non-profit organizations and they have generated tens of thousands of

dollars for Oregon and Washington schools. They also train their employees in proper office recycling procedures and have invested in PGE's renewable energy options.

The City of Gresham recently recertified TONERinx as a GREAT Business. The GREAT program requires businesses to meet specific criteria in the areas of recycling, buying recycled, energy and water conservation, as well as stewardship of the waste water and storm water systems on their property. Gresham recognized TONERinx by saying "Not only do they operate a unique recycling business, but they have incorporated additional resource conservation measures which distinguish their company from many others as environmentally friendly."

For additional information visit their website at www.tonerinx.com or contact their office at 503-669-3439.

If any of you have an eco business, send an email to masterrecycler.ci.portland.or.us for inclusion in future newsletters.

