



Your Environment

A collaborative information resource for the Muskegon County Community

Spring 2011

The guest speaker at the Spring 2011 MCECC meeting on March 8th was Leslee Rohs, Sustainability Coordinator for Muskegon County. Leslee has a strong environmental background, as well as research and legislative experience. She has hit the ground running in her new position, and we are all happy to welcome her! We were provided with updates regarding some of the many action items she is working on, which include:

- Restructured the Recycle Guide and brought it up-to-date and current. The Guide will be included on the new Sustainability website of Muskegon County.
- The Resources Guide will also be updated and included on the website.
- There is a county-wide effort to offer opportunities for electronic vehicle recharging at charging stations. An Alternative Energy Transportation grant initiative is underway, and supported by the members of the MCECC.
- Objectives include working within waste management and solid waste planning to organize the areas that are disconnected and inconsistent. Multi-regional community planning and municipal coordination is underway.
- Energy optimization within buildings is among the goals.
- Implement a sharps program for household medical waste, such as needles.
- Business opportunity in the Event Recycling Initiative, which increases recycling efforts at events and festivals, in cooperation with the Muskegon Conservation District. Sponsor a recycling bin by purchasing a bin (or a car full of bins!) and have your message and logo printed on the container for thousands to see!
- Print educational flyers for municipal transfer stations, local government units, and the community to provide comprehensive information regarding the safe disposal of household hazardous waste.
- **Coordinated Community events are planned!**

Mark your calendars and spread the word... Community Collection Events for Household Hazardous Waste are scheduled for April 30 and October 15. Both events are to be held from 9am to 1pm in the parking lot across from the Hall of Justice building on Pine Street.

Also, a Community Collection Event for un-used medication disposal:

- April 30 at the Muskegon Fire Central Station
- June 18 at the Dalton Twp Fire Station
- October 8 at the Norton Shores Fire Station

Good Websites Good Information

EPA CARE Program
www.epa.gov/care

EPA Lead Safety
www.epa.gov/lead

E-Waste Recycling
www.reconnectpartnership.com

County-wide Health Concerns
www.muskegonhealth.net

Link from National Wildlife Federation
GARDENER'S GUIDE TO GLOBAL WARMING Challenges and Solutions:
www.nwf.org/gardenersguide/Gardeners_Guide.pdf