

# Grand Central News

A monthly look at waste and how we can all make a difference.

By Adrienne Fors

PLAINFIELD TWSP- June has arrived and that means Summer is here! It is also the month that we celebrate our waste experts (aka Waste Engineers, Recycling Heroes and Green Team Members)! National Garbagemen/women day is June 17.

We honor the hard work and dedication of our employees everyday but this month is extra special to us. Our men and women provide an essential service which includes long hours in all types of weather.

The Grand Central team (both landfill and hauling) includes 170 employees - mostly from the Slate Belt and Lehigh Valley. At the landfill, our equipment operators Cliff Smith and Domenic DeFranco have a combined career at Grand Central of nearly 40 years. The duo is part of a legacy team that has earned numerous accolades.

This month, we raise our hard hats to the members of our team keeping the community clean and our environment safe!



## Meet Our Intern at Waste Management

Haley Everly has joined us from Elon University this summer! Haley, a Junior studying Environmental and Ecological Science, will partner with our Grand Central team until August. She is looking to gain more knowledge about environmental practices that protect the environment.

Haley will join our habitat team to monitor birdboxes and assist in environmental education programming.

If you see Haley with the crew this summer, be sure to say hello!

## Safety Is The Top Priority At WM

Safety is the top priority at WM and recently, the Grand Central team presented checks to Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Department, Wind Gap Volunteer Fire Department and Lookout Fire Company to support the safety needs of our emergency responders. Each department was given \$20,000.

## Recycling 101:

Girl Scouts from Troops 8341 and 8061 joined Landfill Manager Joe Statile and Community Relations Specialist Adrienne Fors this month to learn the do's and don'ts of recycling right.

"Never put plastic bags in the recycling bin," stated Ms. Fors. "These items are considered tangles and jam up our sorting system."

Mr. Statile added that landfills are an important part of the equation as facilities like Grand Central provide a disposal solution for the items that can't be recycled.

Mr. Statile added, "We invest millions into our landfill facilities. Landfills are highly engineered facilities with multiple layers of protection that isolates wastes from the environment. They no longer resemble the garbage dumps of previous generations; and at WM we are creating green solutions for ordinary waste."

Troop members discussed items that they keep out of their recycle bins and helped the Wind Gap Fire Company prepare for day two of the firemans carnival.

Did you know that the U.S. EPA estimates that textile waste occupies nearly 5% of all landfill space? (we know.. mind blown!) So what can you do to help keep textiles out of landfills? For starters, buy only what you need and repurpose or recycle the clothing when possible.



To benefit Girl Scout Troop 857 (Slatebelt Service Unit)

June 1st- July 15 Thank you for your support!

Help our organization raise funds by cleaning out your closets, attics, garages, and basements.

Please place your gently used/unwanted items in tightly tied bags. Every bag counts. Give your items a second chance to be worn/used again. The more our collection weighs the more we raise.

What We Accept:

Adult & Children Clothing, Shoes, Apparel, Handbags, Purses, Wallets, Sandals, Sneakers, Boots, Jackets, Coats, Rain Gear, Leathers, Belts, Ties, Pants, Shirts, Sweaters, Vests, Blouses, Dresses, Skirts, Robes, Undergarments, Sheets, Towels, Linens, Tablecloths, Hats, Scarfs, Gloves, Wallets, Jewelry, Watches, Uniforms, Jerseys.

Clothing Drive

Is your donation ready?

Contact:



What's in your closet?

BLUE FLAME EVENTS &  
SLATE BELT RISING  
PRESENTS

## 2ND ANNUAL SHOP-N-STROLL W/ YOUR PUP AT WIND GAP PARK

Join us for a day in the park with  
(or without) your pups!

We will have:

~Shopping with dozens of vendors & crafters  
(pet and non-pet related)

~Dogs ~ Food ~ Music ~ and MORE...

June 25, 2022

10AM to 3PM

Wind Gap Park

Located at Corner of  
S. Lehigh Ave. & E. 3rd St.  
Wind Gap, PA



## GRAND CENTRAL LANDFILL a Good Neighbor in Plainfield Township

Do you know?

Grand Central Landfill, through both its operation and host community agreement with Plainfield Twp., each year creates significant positive economic activity in the community.

This economic impact in 2019 includes almost \$2 million\* in tonnage-based host fees and business privilege tax payments.

These payments help make living in Plainfield Twp. more affordable for its residents. Grand Central also provides support to many of the non-profit groups, community events and causes that make the Slate Belt a great place to live.

If you have questions about our business, please call us at 1-888-373-2917.

\*Based on estimated waste volumes through December 31, 2019.



You can also donate to charities and causes that give life to the old clothing.

The Slate Belt Girl Scout Troop 857 is going to do just that to help fundraise for their big trip in October!

Will you join us in supporting their sustainable-thinking fundraiser? Parkhill Realty, Inc will be a collection drop-off (1033 Blue Valley Drive, Pen Argyl PA) Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.