

Grand Central Landfill's Oct. 8 Chili Cookoff

Will Offer Free Costumes to First 40 Children, Family Fun, Food and Site Tours

By Michael Ortoski

PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP – The season for warmer clothes and food that warms the soul has arrived. Grand Central Landfill's annual chili cookoff will feature several Slate Belt non-profits competing for votes to win the grand prize donation by WM. Site tours guided by the engineers and operators of Grand Central Landfill will be among the highlights of business's 5th annual Chili Cookoff planned for Oct. 8.

WM Senior Community Relations Specialist Adrienne Fors said event guests will have the opportunity to sample and judge the chili recipes of seven non-profit community organizations. Proceeds from the \$5 admission and cash awards for the best chili will be donated to the organizations.

The cookoff will be conducted from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the landfill, 910 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Pen Argyl, and will include a touch-a-truck and heavy equipment display, children's games, raffles, music, an ice cream truck and WM truck costumes to the first 40 children. The event will be held rain or shine.

The participants vying for votes to win the top prize of \$1,000 and bragging rights include: Families First of Pen Argyl, Wind Gap Volunteer Fire Department, Lookout Volunteer Fire Department, Slate Belt Rising, Hopesprings Church, Recovery Revolution, and Pen Argyl Lodge No 594 F&AM.

"We invite our visitors to climb on one of our tour buses and see the tremendous amount of technology and care for the environment that goes into operating our landfill," Adrienne said. "Tour guests also will learn about our wildlife habitat work and how the landfill is used to generate renewable electricity and funds for local economic development and scholarships." Adrienne said tours will start at 11 a.m. and held on the hour until the event is finished.

Tours will start at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m.

Guests are invited to bring a canned good and participate in the "Stuff the Toter" food drive. The items will be donated to Families First of Pen Argyl to jumpstart their annual "Stuff the Bus" food drive beginning Nov. 1.

More information about Grand Central Landfill and its upcoming Chili Cookoff can be found at the site's Website at <http://grandcentrallandfill.com/> and Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Grandcentrallandfillandhauling/>.



2021 Chili Cook Off first place winners for Friends of Minsi Lake, Michele Hanna and Mike Ortoski

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By NCC

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