



BCSWA School Newsletter

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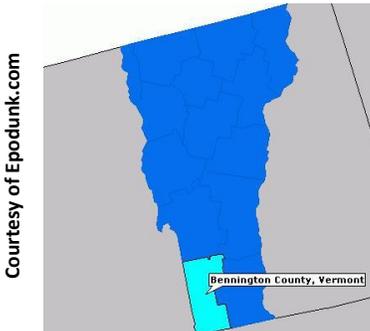
HAPPY NEW YEAR

and welcome to the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance School Newsletter! Our goal is to highlight what is happening with our schools and celebrate their recycling events and activities. If your school is planning (or has held) a recycling event, please contact TheClub@nrra.net so your story and pictures can be included in the next edition!

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School Outreach



Courtesy of Epodunk.com

UPDATE: NRRA Outreach workshops were presented at **Pownal Elementary** on November 9 & 10. **Mt. Anthony Union Middle School** is scheduled for January and **Mettawee Community School** is pending.

The Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance serves the communities of: Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland and Woodford, VT.

BCSWA contracted NRRA and the School CLUB to provide outreach and training to schools and businesses in the Alliance area regarding Vermont's Universal Recycling Act 148.

The Alliance website is up and running and full of useful links. Here is the link to the [Alliance Webpage](#). They also have their own [School Newsletter](#)!

Scheduling Now

Free Workshops Available for Alliance Schools

Outreach to the Alliance schools continues in 2017. BCSWA schools interested in receiving FREE programming for the next school year should contact: TheCLUB@nrra.net to get on the calendar.



clipartpanda.com

Winter Events

Dorset Farmers' Market

Open Year Round Every Sunday 10am - 2pm

Sun, Oct. 16th, We are back at J.K. Adams! (1430 VT Rt. 30, Dorset)
(Summer Season Location: Outdoors at the H.N. Williams Store, 2732 VT Rt. 30, Dorset)



We are a producer-only market. Our consumers have direct communication and the opportunity for education through those creating the products we enjoy every day. From our 50 area producers, you will find freshly picked vegetables and fruits, home baked breads and pastries, artisan cheeses and wines, grass-fed meat and poultry, free-range eggs, canned condiments and pickled produce, specialty goods, hot prepared foods, functional Vermont crafts, and live, local music. Rain or Shine.

For more information, go to: <http://www.dorsetfarmersmarket.com/>

Bennington Farmers' Market

Bennington, Vermont, Year-round Farmers' Market



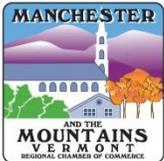
Winter and holiday markets started in November! Join us inside at the First Baptist Church, 600 Main St. on the dates below.

Regular markets are open 10 AM – 1 PM.

Holiday markets, which run until 2 PM, are in bold.

For more information, go to: <http://www.benningtonfarmersmarket.org/>

Other Events



Your local Chamber of Commerce may know of more events. For more information, go to: www.visitmanchestervt.com and www.bennington.com.

You can also try: <http://www.betterbennington.com/>



Recycling in the News

From our Friends at the EPA

Lanikai School video, National FRC Award winner

This is a GREAT video about the composting done at Lanikai School, a national FRC awards winner in the data driven category and also a regional awardee. Check it out:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/5ymnjivrc2b7vam/ZeroWaste_FINAL3_3.mp4?dl=0



Also From our Friends at the EPA-Region 1

6 futuristic design concepts that could create a 'wasteless' society, 11/21/16 WasteDive



Aequorea off cost of Ipanema Beach in Rio de Janeiro
Credit: [Vincent Callebaut Architectures](#)

For the full story and some great designs, go to:

<http://www.wastedive.com/news/6-futuristic-design-concepts-that-could-create-a-wasteless-society/430806/>

From our friends at EPA

E-Cycle Your Old Electronics This School Year

Electronic products are made from valuable resources and materials, including metals, plastics, and glass, all of which require energy to mine and manufacture. **Donating or recycling your used electronics conserves our natural resources and avoids air and water pollution**, as well as greenhouse gas emissions that are caused by manufacturing virgin materials.

It is important to make sure you are donating and/or recycling electronics safely and correctly. Manufacturers and retailers offer several options to donate or recycle electronics. If you're replacing your laptop, tablet, or other electronics this school year, make sure to responsibly recycle or donate your old equipment. [Find out where to donate](#) or recycle your used electronics.



Recycling one million laptops saves the energy equivalent to the electricity used by more than 3,500 U.S. homes in a year.

For Bennington, VT specific information, check out the Alliance website at:

<http://www.bcswavt.org/programs-and-projects/electronic-waste/>

For all of Vermont, go to: <http://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/product-stewardship/electronics>

School Guide to Hazardous Materials Management



Want to clean up hazardous materials in your school and promote green cleaning? We found this link through an email from our friends at Vermont's Department of Environmental Conservation:

Good Afternoon All,

Please see this link <http://cswd.net/wp-content/uploads/CSWD-schools-hazardous-materials-management-201604.pdf> to a guide for schools on managing their hazardous materials that Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) authored and is graciously sharing with all.

CSWD has said that districts, alliances and towns should feel free to alter it to fit their region.

Contests, Scholarships & Fundraisers

Green Up Day Contests

Green Up's mission is to promote the stewardship of our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising public awareness about the benefits of a litter-free environment.

Green Up Day is the first Saturday in May – May 6, 2017.

All students in grades K-12 are invited to participate in Green Up Vermont's annual **Poster Design and Writing Contests**. The winner of each contest will receive \$250! Visit our [Poster and Writing Contests page](#) for more information.



You can access the rules here: <http://www.greenupvermont.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Click-Here-to-Download-the-Poster-and-Writing-Contest-Guidelines.pdf>

Enter by January 31, 2017 (last working day in January)

For more on Green Up Day, visit their Face Book page: <https://www.facebook.com/GreenUpVermont/>

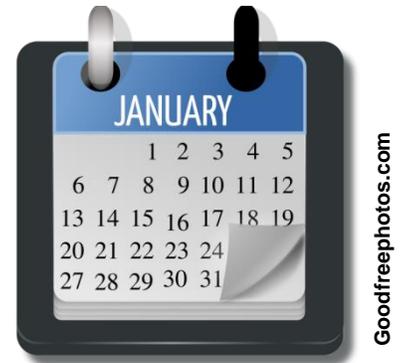
Activity

Reusing Old Calendars

From our Friends at [Real Simple](#):

They offer seven ways to repurpose old calendars as:

- Decorative Boxes
- Coasters
- Candle Holders
- Notebook Covers
- Gift Tags
- Gallery Wall
- Envelopes



For all the instructions, click [HERE](#) or enter: <http://www.realsimple.com/home-organizing/home-organizing-new-uses-for-old-things/what-to-do-with-old-calendars>

They have some great ideas for reusing old things at: <http://www.realsimple.com/home-organizing/new-uses-old-things>

This image courtesy of crazylittleprojects.com



From our Friends at AllFreePaperCrafts.com

Snowman Printable Bingo Cards

By: Amber from crazylittleprojects.com
Updated October 20, 2016

Instead of going out in the cold, stay in and play a game with these Snowman Printable Bingo Cards. You may be able to build a snowman by getting a bingo. Some of the bingo space images including a branch arm, carrot nose, scarf, and top hat. There are

also other winter themes, such as snowflakes and Santa's beard.

This printable bingo game is an [awesome winter activity for kids](#) and adults alike. After you've made these printable bingo cards, you can laminate them so that you can reuse them whenever it's too chilly outside.

[Click here for the free paper project](#)

Estimated Cost: Under \$10

Time to Complete: Under an hour

Primary Technique: Paper Crafts

Project or Page Size: 8.5 inches x 11 inches

Type of Paper Used: Cardstock



If your school is doing something newsworthy, we'd love to put you in the next Alliance quarterly newsletter. Contact us at TheClub@nrra.net!





Alliance Webpage: <http://www.bcswagt.org/>

NRRA Outreach Page: <http://www.bcswagt.org/programs-and-projects/nrra-outreach-program/>

