



Bucks County Association of Township Officials

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Veterans Park, Plumstaed Township

BCATO Broadcast November 2023



BCATO Visits the Waste Management Fairless Landfill

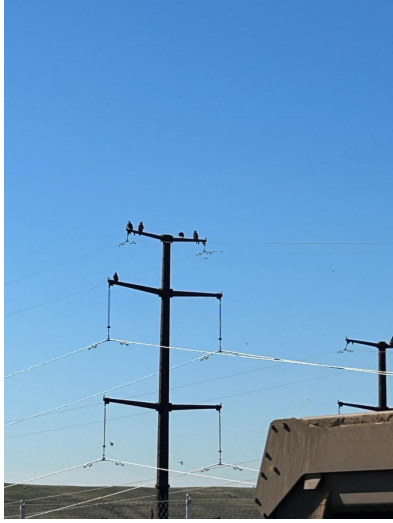
BCATO members had the opportunity to tour the Waste Management Fairless Hills Landfill. The Fairless Complex is comprised of 3 separate landfills. The tour included a bird's eye view of the landfill, the site for the anticipated Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) facility, and the Intergenerational Pollinator Partnership Project pollinator-friendly gardens.



The RNG facility is expected to recover and distribute roughly 3 million MMBtu's per year of renewable natural gas. The recovered gas would serve the equivalent of 65,000 households.

WM shared that more and more discarded textiles are ending up in landfills. A further look into this revealed that, according to the EPA, 13 million tons of clothing and footwear ended up in landfills in 2018, accounting for 4.4 percent of total Municipal Solid Waste.

BCATO was pleasantly surprised at the



biodiversity at the site, which included a large eagle population.

Stay tuned for more "field trip" opportunities in the future.

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A big shout out to our Taste at the Tileworks event sponsors CKS Engineering, Pennoni Associates, Knight Engineering Inc., Keystone Collections Group, and Van Cleef Engineering Associates, LLC. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Legislative Update

Update: Amending the Burial Grounds Act

You may be aware that BCATO has worked with the PA Local Government Commission, a bipartisan, bicameral legislative agency of the PA Legislature, to address this long-standing issue Plumstead Township has brought forth by a [resolution](#) that has routinely been supported at the BCATO Annual Convention and by PSATS. The intent of the legislation is to repeal a portion of the Burial Grounds Act [9 Pa.C.S.A. §301] that excluded municipalities from some of the financial exceptions benefiting religious institutions. [SB 887](#), co-sponsored by PA Sen. Steve Santarsiero, has moved along; it has been voted out of the Senate Local Government Committee and is currently in the Senate Appropriations Committee. On the house side, the companion bill, [HB 1641](#), co-sponsored by PA Reps, Kristin Marcell and Tim Brennan, is currently in the Local Government Committee.

Bucks County Update

Commissioners Approve Real Estate Tax Break for Fire and EMS Volunteers

[Under the County's newly established Active Volunteer Service Tax Rebate Program](#), volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel can see up to \$1,000 in county real estate tax savings each year. Volunteers may begin applying in

2025 for rebates on qualifying real estate taxes paid in 2024.

Hoarding Disorder Training

Hoarding Disorder Training December 1, 2023

10 AM - 2 PM

Bucks County Intermediate Unit

Join the PA Link and Bucks County Hoarding Task Force for a comprehensive 3-hour training, led by Certified Professional Organizer and Hoarders TV Show personality, Annie Amoon Richard. Training will be followed by a question-and-answer panel including Annie Amoon Richard, **Mathew Takita, Township Manager, Zoning Administrator, & Director of Code Enforcement**, and Courtney Owen, Director of Individual & Family Services at JFCS. Learn more [here](#).

**Please Contact Keeley Rosenthal kwrosenthal@buckscounty.org with any questions *CEU's have been applied for and are pending approval*

Save the Date BCATO Annual Convention

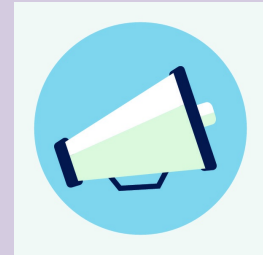
Join us for the BCATO Annual Convention, on **Saturday, February 24, 2024**, at the Northampton Valley Country Club, Richboro. Stay tuned for details.

Resolutions

January 7, 2024, is the deadline for member townships to submit resolutions to the Resolutions Committee for the 2023 Annual Convention. Per the BCATO Bylaws and Constitution, the membership must be presented with the proposed resolutions no less than four weeks prior to the Annual Convention. Member townships may forward resolutions to the [Executive Director](#). Upon receipt, the Executive Director will present the resolutions to the Resolutions Committee members for review. The Resolutions Committee will create a report for the

Calling All Volunteers

The BCATO Executive Board approved the roster of ad-hoc committees which include the addition of several



new committees: Bylaws Committee, the Emergency Services Committee, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Committee, and the Strategic Plan Committee. For a complete list of committees and volunteer opportunities visit [the BCATO website](#). If you are interested in joining a committee please email our [Executive Director](#).

Executive Committee and membership to review in accordance with the bylaws."



Our 2023 Executive Board Officers

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