



**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION/LEADERSHIP
WITHIN
THE BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE
An Annual Presentation to
The Hawthorne Environmental Commission
Monday, June 10, 2019
7:30 P.M.**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Pat MacDonnell, Mike Mariani, Liana Romano, Mary Mahon,

Guests: Lisa DeVos, Holly Cowen, Charles Stebbins, Maureen Cook, Craig Cayetano, Charles Stebbins, and Alex Vetlox

I. Welcome – Ms. Rayna Laiosa– Chairperson of the Environmental Commission

II. Introduction to 27th Annual Cel-Earth-Bration – PowerPoint
Presentation by Hawthorne Environmental Commission

III. Special Recognition Award Presentations – Ms. Laiosa

A. Citizens have demonstrated their environmental leadership and commitment by protecting and preserving our community. The following individuals are being recognized for their contributions to the achievements of the Hawthorne Environmental Commission and the Hawthorne Green Team:

- **Robin Garmise**, Holistic Nutrition for Life
- **Stephanie Tonnesen Hornback**, Reimagined Designs
- **Holly Cowen**, Hawthorne Green Team member
- **Lisa DeVos**, Hawthorne Green Team member
- **Liana Romano**, Hawthorne Environmental Commissioner

B. Local Businesses – “Great Strides in Going Green” - The 2019 Green Businesses of Hawthorne are presented to:

- **MVS USA** owned by Deborah Deffaa
- **1086-1096 Goffle LLC** owned by Deborah Deffaa.

IV. Hawthorne High School

Mrs. Pasquale, Lead Mathematics Teacher, Presentation of STEM Tank PowerPoint:

HHS students won a STEM Tank Competition sponsored by the Diversity Alliance for Science. Their invention was the ecoCarton--the easily recyclable, quickly decomposable, and upcycleable way to package juice products.

- **Student STEM Tank Team:**

Sarah Kozrosh, Jacquelyn Hampson, Michael Rica, Patti Jacobsen, Alex Nadirashvili, Josh Kobuskie, Dan Sweetman, Patrick Olah, and Marlana Alvino

- **Team Coaches:**
Cheryl Pasquale, Michele Phibbs, and Theresa DiGeronimo

Mrs. DiGeronimo, Library Media Specialist

At the urging of the Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission, these students prepared art works to display on Arbor Day in the HHS Library Media Center,” **The Function, Utility and Beauty of Trees”:**

- Rana Guney, Laith Matari, Aly Christie, Danielle Fiorilla, Daniella Bonafede, Angely Estrada Garcia, Sarah Wisniewski, and Jacquelyn Hampson

V. Lincoln Middle School

Grade 7: Mrs. Chominsky and Mr. Ten Kate:

Cel-Earth-Bratton and Science Club: Gabriela Tineo, Ashley Smith and Victoria Colella

VI. Washington School

Grade 3: Mrs. Bajrami: Cel-Earth-Bratton Project:

Zoey Feehan

VII. Jefferson Elementary School:

VIII. Roosevelt Elementary School

Grade 3: Mrs. Mearon: Endangered Species and Animal Adoption:

Garrett Szarka, Maggie Walsh, Schuyler Reed, Emma Goff, Ella O'Hara, Ashley Pena, Lania Shatra, Yasmeen Tahabsam, Natasha Fortenbury, Sandra Wietecha, Gianna Gomez, Arber Shkempi, Ben Gomez, Tianna Fleming, Eliza Xhakli-Sulejmani, Ashton Lawrence and Charlie Conroy

Grade 3: Mrs. Vertucci: Field Trip to Environmental Center:

Quinn Villariel, Sebastian Gonzalez, Kaitlyn Riggio, and Reilly Korn

Grade 4: Mrs. Daniel and Mr. Weisz

In Class Field Trip: Dancin' with the Honeybees: Jackson Ziegelhofer and Owen Mallory

Cel-Earth-Bratton Projects/Favorite Science Activities: Marissa Cintron, Ella Sweetman, and Gabriella Buttacavoli

Grade 4: Mr. Vallerini: Cel-Earth-Bratton

Giada Ziegelhofer

Grade 5: Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. DiRoma

Ema Bengu, Andrew Hendra, Emma Dalyai, Edina Reilly, Nicole Guerrero, and Madeline Murphy

IX. Closing Remarks

2019 Hawthorne Green Business Recognition Awards

MVS USA

and

**1086-1096 Goffle LLC.
Owner, Deborah Deffaa**



MVS USA is a global mobile satellite services business focused on expansion of communications around the world. Deborah has reduced their carbon footprint by requiring all their clients to adhere to electronic billing, eliminated paper billing, offer company recycling programs, installed bamboo flooring and LED lighting.

Deborah had a bigger vision and wanted her headquarters in town to not only benefit MVS but also tenants and employees. She had secured a second mortgage after buying both buildings, 1086 and 1086-1096 Goffle Road, to install solar on their roofs. The tenants Pantheon Kitchen & Bath, Pantheon Construction, John P. Fischer Tile, and Cirino Landscaping. Deborah offered the first year all these tenants with free electricity. Now they, tenants, benefit from a 20% reduction then what they would be paying if using fossil fuel derived energy. Utilizing solar not only for MVS but all her tenants ensures they are happier and will make the property an even more appealing for others to follow.

“We applaud our customers who are using portable solar panels in increasing numbers. As a believer in corporate responsibility, we must lead by example, and I am proud to say that MVS has put words into action and gone completely SOLAR. We weathered sub-freezing temperatures on the coldest day of the year in NA and our New Jersey HQ remains warm and working sustained exclusively by our SOLAR energy system!” said Deborah Deffaa.

In 2017, Deborah installed four dual port Chargepoint charging stations. They can allow up to eight vehicles to charge simultaneously. She provides a free half hour for any vehicle visiting and feels the chargers would draw in more clientele and repeat business for her tenants. They act as their own destination and have been well received by her tenants, employees and a variety of people with electric vehicles. Deborah is always looking for more ways to reduce her businesses carbon footprint. She is exploring adding in bike racks and look at LEED Certification as well.

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