

# Recycling success may come back to the user

By Holly Edwards  
County Editor

For everyone who's ever asked "Why should I take part in recycling?", county recycling coordinator Mary McCarley has two answers: The county landfill is getting full, and our natural resources are running out.

McCarley is kicking off a campaign to inspire more people in the county to recycle and, more importantly, reduce the amount of trash they generate.

"We're really trying to push source reduction," McCarley said. "If you don't create waste to begin with, you don't have to do anything with it."

Some ways people can scale down the amount of garbage they produce include buying reusable items and avoiding disposables, purchasing items in bulk to save on packaging, buying only what they need, and consuming less.

The state is offering its own incentives for county residents to recycle more and consume less: A state-mandated goal requires all counties to reduce their waste stream by 25 percent by July, 1993. Some people



Brunswick County recycling coordinator Mary McCarley recently erected 64 "Recycling Center" signs throughout the county to remind everyone to help preserve our natural resources and conserve valuable space in the county landfill. Also, a state-mandated goal requires all counties to recover 25 percent of their waste stream through recycling by next July, McCarley said, and Brunswick County currently recovers only about one percent.

may also be inspired to try backyard composting for the first time after a statewide ban on yard waste in land-

fills takes effect January 1.

Currently, Brunswick County recovers about one percent of its

waste stream through recycling, said county engineer Robert Tucker. If everyone got involved in recycling, Tucker estimated the county could recover over half of the trash it generates each year.

While McCarley admitted the county is not likely to reach the state goal by July, she added that 25-percent recovery is a goal, not a requirement.

"It's going to take a lot of effort on everyone's part to achieve this," she said. "The important thing is to show a good-faith attempt to achieve the goal. But it is only a goal."

McCarley has erected 64 signs throughout the county indicating the direction to county recycling centers. As more and more people notice the signs, she said she hopes more and more people will begin to use the recycling centers.

"If I can get even one more person into recycling, it will all be worth it," she said.

As an extra incentive, McCarley has organized a program in which non-profit organizations -- such as the Girl Scouts or the N. C. Fourth of July Festival Committee -- can borrow the county recycling trailer to use for special events. All of the

recyclable drink cans collected could then be turned over by the organization for money.

Some private organizations are already involved in the drive to recycle. Ocean Trail Convalescent Center in Southport is accepting used panty hose to recycle. All of the proceeds will help purchase crafts and personal products for the center's elderly residents.

Packaging Center Plus on Beach Road is accepting styrofoam packaging peanuts to be recycled or reused, and the Long Beach Recreation Center is looking for as many aluminum can tabs as it can get. All of the proceeds from the tabs will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House, a program that cares for dis-

abled children.

County recycling centers are located at the Southport, Leland and Ocean Isle Beach transfer stations, Oxpen and N. C. 904 convenience sites, and Waccamaw Northwest and Town Creek district parks.

Municipal recycling centers are set up in Long Beach, Caswell Beach, Holden Beach, Boiling Spring Lakes and Calabash.

Newsprint, aluminum and three colors of glass are accepted at all of the sites. Plastics 1 and 2, such as soda bottles, milk jugs and laundry detergent containers, are accepted at Long Beach, Caswell Beach and Holden Beach, and all types of plastics are accepted at Boiling Spring Lakes and Calabash.

## South seniors ask for own ceremony

By Marybeth Bianchi  
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South Brunswick seniors want to see graduation ceremonies continue at their school, the Brunswick County Board of Education learned Monday night.

Presenting the case to the board for his fellow seniors, Dexter Tilton said the students, who take great pride in their school, feel it's "totally unfair" to have graduation off campus and that they should have the right to graduate on school grounds. He said approximately 75 percent of the student body and the principal support holding the graduation ceremony at South Brunswick.

When the board approved the 1992-93 school calendar they arranged for all three high school graduations to take place on the same day in Brunswick Community College's new auditorium.

"I don't think our intention was ever to take away your graduation,"

said board member Polly Russ, who served on the calendar committee. She said the board thought it would be nice to have all graduation ceremonies take place on one day in a location where the possibility of rain would not be a concern.

Yvonne Bright said the board wanted seniors to have a "first-class graduation and have it indoors," at staggered times to accommodate all three high schools.

Chairman Donna Baxter said she plans to meet with principals and have a recommendation for the board at an upcoming meeting.

In other business:

•In the first reading of a policy change, board members agreed to switch their meetings to the second Monday of each month so they and others could attend county commissioners' meetings which are held the first Monday of each month.

The change would take effect in February. The next meeting is

scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 13, at West Brunswick High School.

•Assistant superintendent Bill Turner reported on a number of problems including a cracked boiler at Union Primary School and a blown-out breaker at Waccamaw Elementary School. The maintenance crew worked to remedy both situations by Tuesday.

TIMS, the Transportation Information Management System, is 80 percent completed, Turner said, and he hopes to have it in operation by the first of the year.

He also noted that underground tanks at the bus garage will be removed and placed above ground because it's cheaper than having wells dug for monthly monitoring of possible contamination.

Bids for the replacement of the Union Primary School roof and high school gym floors have been delayed. "I think we need to hold and get some other things straight with the finances," Turner told the board.

•South Brunswick Middle School assistant principal Tom Simmons invited parents and board members to a regional seminar entitled "New Solutions for Tomorrow's Skills", scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to noon January 15 at the Wilmington Hilton.

•The board named Polly Russ, Bill Fairley and Yvonne Adams to one-year terms on the grievance committee. Yvonne Bright, Thurman Gause and Ronnie Benton will serve as alternates.

•The board set Saturday, January 16, as the date for a retreat.

## Personnel changes are made by schools

Several personnel changes were approved by the Brunswick County Board of Education Monday night.

Leaves of absence were granted to three Supply Elementary employees: Nancy Vereen of Bolivia, Lisa Brown of Wilmington and Annie B. Hewett of Supply.

Karen Cayot of Shallotte was hired as an interim special education teacher at Supply Elementary, and Dawn Hicks of Southport as a math teacher at West Brunswick High. Carol Williams of Leland, special

education teacher at North Brunswick High, will be splitting her time between the high school and Lincoln Primary.

New part-time remedial teachers include Jill Wanchock of Wilmington, at North Brunswick High, and Kimberly George of Castle Hayne and Kellie Suggs of Wilmington, both at Bolivia Elementary.

The board accepted the resignation of Ann McManus of Southport, a teacher at Supply Elementary, and transferred Elouise Jacobs of Leland from clerical assistant to Choices teacher assistant at Leland Middle.

Virginia Hines of Leland was hired as a JTPA job specialist at North Brunswick and South Brunswick high schools, and Carrie Smith of Bolivia was hired as a part-time custodian at South Brunswick High.

The following were approved as substitute teachers: Sonia Johnson of Shallotte, Julia Harris of Ocean Isle Beach, Paige Hargrove of Wilmington, Sheila Alston and Cheryl Shew of Southport, Lisa Locklear of Leland and Veronica Benitez of Seaside.

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