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Heading Full Force into Summer

I write this letter on May 31st on Give to Lincoln Day and the day of our “new” office Open House. Thank you to all who contributed on this day to take advantage of the cash match! Here are some other goings-on of interest.

Gene Hanlon, NRC board member and long-time recycling coordinator for the City of Lincoln is retiring *today too!* We wish him a very active and satisfying retirement, and we’re happy that he plans to spend some of his time volunteering for NRC!



June 4th is the last day to apply for a scholarship to attend the Resource Recycling Conference in St. Louis in October. These scholarships are for recycling professionals from local, state, national or collegiate programs to learn and share program best practices, tips and research to improve recycling programs, and how to deliver more and better recycling to all citizens. The grant includes conference registration, two-night host hotel stay, and a travel reimbursement of up to \$500. Apply [HERE](#). Ask anyone who has attended previously, and they will tell you it’s worth the effort.

Sadoff Iron and Metal was awarded a grant in May from the Consumer Technology Association to defray some of the cost of becoming R2 Certified for electronics recycling. Once certified, Sadoff, an NRC member, will be the second recycler in Omaha to be certified to the R2 Standard, and only the third in Nebraska.

A day-long **Panhandle Regional Recycling Forum**, organized by NRC and Keep Alliance Beautiful, was held in Alliance last week on May 22nd. The purpose of the meeting was to bring recycling stakeholders together to share their challenges and successes, to deliberate on how more cooperation could improve recycling programs for everyone and what action steps could be taken. Twenty-four attendees came from Ogallala, Scottsbluff, Gering, Kimball, Gordon, Chadron, Lincoln, Omaha, Valentine, and Bristow, representing NRDs, RC&Ds, Nebraska Extension, Keep Nebraska Beautiful affiliates, a large MRF, city officials, economic development districts, municipal solid waste managers, NDEQ and the Nebraska Environmental Trust. Afterwards, I visited some of the recycling operations in the area. Check out a few photos from the trip.

Enjoy summer!
Julie

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Calling All NRC Members!

One of the most exciting things we do at NRC is recognize the achievements of our members at the Annual Awards Luncheon. Now is the time to be thinking about your company or community achievements



and how they might fit into one or more of our award categories. It's best to get an early start on the award application to make sure you aren't scrambling to gather information at the last minute. The deadline for applications is July 31st.

The writable application can be found at this link: [NRC Award Application](#) and on our web site under the Annual Meeting tab. Best of luck to this year's applicants!

Hub & Spoke Recycling: Maximizing Regional and Rural Programs with Sarah Pierpont

The hub and spoke model for recycling was developed to provide the most efficient means of gathering and processing recyclables from both a capital and operational perspective. It's been used most successfully in rural and less densely populated areas to increase access to recycling, overcome transportation challenges and inefficiencies, and to consolidate marketable volumes of material.

Presentations will be held June 20th-21st in Norfolk and Lincoln, and will highlight local program models, delve into the future of recycling and market challenges, and provide insight on maximizing efficiencies through collaboration and regional recycling systems. Presenter Sarah Pierpont is recognized nationally as an expert in the implementation of regional recycling systems using a hub and spoke model.



Join us **Wednesday, June 20th** from 2-4pm for the Northeast Regional Meeting "Hub & Spoke Recycling: Maximizing Regional and Rural Programs" at the [City Council Chambers](#) in Norfolk. [RSVP](#)

Join us **Thursday, June 21st** from 2:30-3:30pm for the Municipal Accounting and Finance Conference "The Future of Recycling for Regional & Rural Programs" at [The Graduate](#) in Lincoln. [REGISTER](#)

Webinars & Events



[Exploring TreadWright and Tire Sustainability](#)
Tuesday, June 12 | 12-1:30pm

[Social Science of Organics Recycling: Designing Programs That Change Behavior](#)
Thursday, June 14 | 12-1:15pm

[2018 Midwest Compost School](#)
July 10-12 | University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Articles of Interest



[Time is Running Out: The U.S. Landfill Capacity Crisis](#)
Landfill capacity in the US dropping at crisis levels.

[New forklift in service, other grants pending](#)
The City of Lyons has put their new forklift into service, paid for in part by grants from Nebraska Recycling Council and the DEQ.

[Fast Facts About Plastic Pollution](#)
Here are eight essential facts to keep in mind.

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