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## **New Jersey Clean Communities Holds 11<sup>th</sup>-Annual Seminar in Lambertville**

*Three-Day Event to Include “Kids-Teen Awards” to Raise Awareness of Statewide Anti-Littering Efforts*

**LAMBERTVILLE, NJ – April 2, 2014** – The New Jersey Clean Communities Council is planning for its 11<sup>th</sup>-annual seminar and awards dinner, attracting hundreds of New Jerseyans over a three-day period, May 21-23.

This year, the event centers in Lambertville. It kicks off May 21 at the Hunterdon County Fairgrounds, at 1207 Route 179 in Lambertville, for the annual Kids-Teens Awards, to honor students who have helped make the state cleaner. The Kids-Teen Awards will help celebrate the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of New Jersey, including a Hall of Fame exhibit.

The Animal Fair will be filled, featuring a miniature Sicilian donkey, alpaca, several woolly sheep, super friendly goats, chickens, bunnies, ducks, and Indian Fantails from The Friendly-Farm Petting Zoo. There will also be duck races.

The Storytelling Festival is a not-to-miss event. Guest artists at the Hunterdon County Fair Grounds include: Tchin, a Native American storyteller and flute player; Middle Earth Studios telling the story of the *Legend of the Unicorn*; and The Junk Jam Band, a group of musicians who deliver messages with recycled instruments.

The event also includes the Clean Communities Carnival, featuring games, crafts, face painting, button and jewelry making, tattooing and clowns. The Grand Falloons, veterans of the Big Apple Circus, will entertain. A special “Slam Dunk the Junk” segment will feature basketball games, milk bottle tosses, and metal can games. Performing will be the Slam Dunk the Junk King, Dave Street.

Also make sure to stop by “Dash the Trash.” In the past two years, NJ Watershed Ambassadors/AmeriCorps volunteers have conducted Dash for Trash cleanups along the Delaware River during AmeriCorps Week. The Dash for Trash competitive events will include relay races, using recyclable products, reminding everyone to keep New Jersey’s rivers, lakes, streams, streets and beaches clean.

Admission, as well as parking and lunch, is free, honoring those who have implemented projects to reduce litter and encourage proper waste handling in their communities. An estimated 2,000 children are expected to attend.

On the following day, there will be a seminar and awards dinner at the Inn at Lambertville Station, 11 Bridge Street, focusing on efforts to keep the Delaware River clean, led by a panel of mayors, including Lambertville Mayor David M. DelVecchio.

The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by a noon lunch. Folksinger Mike Arganoff is scheduled to perform. River and trolley tours will follow at 1:30 p.m. The seminar is co-hosted by the New Jersey State League of Municipalities. The reception and awards dinner that night is expected to attract 250 people.

The conference concludes the next morning with the “Breakfast of Champions,” recognizing those who lead the fight against litter in New Jersey.

“We are thrilled that Lambertville will play host to this year’s seminar,” said Sandy Huber, executive director of the NJ Clean Communities Council. “It is a picturesque setting and one of the most beautiful and litter-free places in New Jersey. The backdrop will serve as an inspiration for all who attend.”

The event is hosted by the New Jersey Clean Communities Council, Inc., the City of Lambertville, Hunterdon County, the Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

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