

# PI Events

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## Person County Recycling Center Operating at Maximum Capacity

Everyone loves Christmas. It's just the after Christmas cleanup that leaves them grimacing. The mountain of recyclables left at the Person County Recycling



**Recycling has come full circle at PCRC.**

**Recyclable materials enclosed by bunker walls made of ... you guessed it—recyclable materials**

Center (PCRC) right after Christmas has certainly left employees at the facility grimacing. The stream of customers at the center steadily increased as people prepared for Christmas, wrapped and unwrapped their gifts and cleaned

up afterwards. Now employees are trying to catch up with the enormous amount of materials our recyclers have brought to the facility.

To catch up with what is considered "peak period" in the recycling business, PI staff are working mandatory overtime at the center every Saturday in February. The overtime should not have to continue beyond February if the backlog of work is completed. However, staff are cautioned to be on standby for overtime in March if circumstances do not improve.

News of the overtime came on the tails of the PCRC Mid Year Report. PI Direc-

tor Wanda Rogers released the report in time for the January 19th Commissioner's Meeting. The report, covering a period of July through December, shows a steady increase in the average amount of vehicles coming through the center. The amount of materials processed at the center is growing as well but is not perfectly reflected in the report. A note to the report does show that materials sold for December were low due to the need to keep baled materials on hand to build bunker walls.

Despite the overflow and the overtime, PI is pleased with the growth at the recycling center.

### Special points of interest:

- The PI Quarterly Safety Address will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at all locations—PI Main, PCRC and Eaton (PI Work Group). The time of the address will vary according to production demands.
- PI was pleased to see that others have taken notice of the opening of the Person County Recycling Center. North Carolina Senator Ellie Kinnaird mentioned the opening in her December 22nd newsletter. She described it as a "state of the art facility that will provide jobs for its clients and a great service to Person County". As usual, Senator Kinnaird has her "thumb on the pulse" of her constituency.

## PI Thanks Training Day Presenters

On January 15, 2010, PI closed to program participants to participate in a day of mandated trainings. The first training was presented by Becky Clayton, PI Program Manager. Becky gave staff their yearly refresher on Confidentiality and HIPAA. The remainder of the training day belonged to health and safety. PI enlisted the help of county professionals to assist in various areas. Johnny Gentry, Person County Fire Marshall, provided fire suppression training. Rebecca Mor-

row, Safety Officer for Person County Public Works, trained staff on Lock Out Tag Out Procedures, Personal Protective Equipment, Hearing Conservation and Star Certification.

Tonya Ham, Physical Therapist for Home Health and Hospice, trained staff on how to lift safely and preserve ones back. Matt Thompson traveled from Raleigh to share valuable information on Defensive Driving. Matt works with the NC Safety

Council. Lisa Jeffreys, PI SE Coordinator and Safety Committee Member, finished the day by highlighting the general do's and don'ts of safety.

To show that they were attentive to this excellent information and to meet accreditation standards, staff were tested on health and safety material covered.

PI thanks all the presenters who did such an outstanding job of keeping PI aware and focused.

**Special Olympics** will sponsor an Art Contest for the month of February. The project will be to create a t-shirt silk screen bearing the theme of the Special Olympics for Person County. The winning design will be placed on the local games t-shirts and distributed to all participating athletes for 2010.

The completed art is to be delivered to Kay Rudd at the Person County Recreation, Arts, and Parks Department by Friday, March 5, 2010.



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**PI Employees  
Participate in Special  
Olympics Basketball  
Series**

The Person County Recreation, Arts, and Parks Department announced the results of the Basketball Series held in Chapel Hill on Saturday, January 9, 2010.

Special Olympics Person County had four teams entered in 5-on-5 and 3-on-3 competitions. The Person Stars , a 5-on-5 team was made up of three PI participants—Sean Allen, Patrick Connelly and Jermaine Long. Austin and Tony Wade joined to help defeat the Wake Wildcats by a score of 40 to 36 and the High Point Jay-hawks by a score of 61 to 35.

Other PI participants on winning teams was Bobby Winstead, John Reese, Crenessa Black, Edward Davis and McArthur Edwards.

Congratulations to all the winners!

**February 2010**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 GKN Quarterly Meeting GKN Facility 7:00 pm	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 President's Day	16 Medication Administration Training PI Conference Room 1:00-3:00	17	18 Quarterly Safety Address PI Production Floor-3:15 pm	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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**PI Safety Program Has Disappointing Year**

2009 turned out to be a disappointing year for the PI Health and Safety Program. The goal of PI is always to have 0 accidents in each of our avenues of service. The 2009 year concluded with more total accidents than the previous two years combined.

PI was pleased to see 0 accidents at the Person County Recycling Center. Although the facility was open to the public for only half of the year, it did involve entirely new operations and equipment. "To

make it through without any accidents was a real plus" said Veronica Wilkerson, acting Health and Safety Coordinator.

PI Main suffered one recordable accident in the 2009 year. Although minor, the accident was counted as recordable because it resulted in attention from a medical health provider. The majority of the accidents occurred in community employment with a total of four being counted for the year. The community

encompasses all of our work sites like Eaton, GKN, house-keeping and shredding contracts.

The increase in accidents in the community has made PI pay more than the usual attention to safety. The Safety Program has put additional measures in place to have a more safe 2010. If you have suggestions for our Safety Program, please contact Veronica Wilkerson at vwilkerson@personcounty.net or 336-599-7571 ext. 12.