

# Environmental Advisory Committee

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The **Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee** proudly announces the winners of the **17<sup>th</sup>** annual **Poster** Environmental Contest, the **13<sup>th</sup>** annual **Essay** Environmental Contest, and the **10<sup>th</sup>** annual **Poetry** Environmental Contest.

The WTEAC issued \$50 bonds to all thirteen first place winners. All first, second, third, and honorable mention winners received certificates and ribbons. It is the goal of the Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee to encourage students at an early age to increase their environmental awareness through education from grades 1 through 12 partnering with the Wall Township School District.

The **17<sup>th</sup> Poster Awards Ceremony** was held at the Wall Township Municipal Complex.



Left: Bob Dillon, teacher; WTEAC Loren Diedichsen; WTEAC Leo Wagner; Committeeman Bob Peters; WTEAC Chairwoman Wilma Morrissey; Former Mayor John Tobia; Committeewoman Mary Burne; and honored poster winners.

### 1st Grade

Rank	School
1st	Old Mill
2nd	Central
3rd	Central
HM	Central
HM	Central

### 2nd Grade

Rank	School
1st	West Belmar
2nd	Central
3rd	Central
HM	Old Mill
HM	Central

### 3rd Grade

Rank	School
1st	Allenwood
2nd	Central
3rd	West Belmar
HM	West Belmar
HM	West Belmar

**4th Grade**

Christian Carlson	1st	Old Mill
Christie Cancro	2nd	Allenwood
Tiffany Baumann	3rd	Allenwood
James Tyler Corbin	HM	Old Mill
Ellie Moonan	HM	Allenwood

**5th Grade**

Kaitlyn Decker	1st	Central
Georgie Grieb	2nd	Central
Kymmee Brower	3rd	Old Mill
Jillian Donahue	HM	Central
Arianna Johnson	HM	Central

Tara Frederick "Best in Show" Old Mill

The **10<sup>th</sup> Poetry Awards Ceremony** was held at the Wall Intermediate School.



Left: Wilma Morrissey, WTEAC Chairwoman, Mary Lee Clancy, Teacher,  
Right: Rosaleen Sirchio, Principal, Committeewoman Mary Burne and honored poetry winners.

**6th Grade**

Emma Korolik	<b>1</b>	I Look Around
Alexis Scurek	<b>2</b>	Mighty Stand Tall
Bridget Marie Jones	<b>3</b>	Caring for the Planet
Carey Bina	<b>HM</b>	Environmental Embrace

**7th Grade**

Katie Wilhelm	<b>1</b>	Have You Ever?
Melissa Edgar	<b>2</b>	Untitled
Jillian Petillo	<b>3</b>	Defend the Earth
Amanda Lutick	<b>HM</b>	Season for Choices

**8th Grade**

Stephanie Avon	<b>1</b>	A Future Conversation
Zach Zoller	<b>2</b>	Heat the Problem to Beat
Lindsay Balsamo	<b>3</b>	Global Warming
Brian Ayers	<b>HM</b>	Global Warming

The **13<sup>th</sup> Essay Awards Ceremony** was held at Wall High School.



Left: Ron Prino, Supervisor; Joe Mairo, Teacher; Wilma Morrissey, WTEAC Chairwoman; Committeewoman Mary Burne; and honored essay winners.

**9th Grade**

Owen Cobb	The Answer is Blowin' in the Wind	<b>1</b>
Mary Fenton	Effects of Global Warming	<b>2</b>
Rachel Clayton	Overpopulation	<b>3</b>

**10th Grade**

Lauren Balsamo	Open Space	<b>1</b>
Bianca Basilone	Managing the Shark River Watershed	<b>2</b>
Madelynn Maurer	Air Pollution	<b>3</b>
Frank Stagliano	Cars	<b>HM</b>
Patricia Del Pazzo	The Vanishing of Marine Life	<b>HM</b>

**11th Grade**

Kristin Diefenbacher	Ocean Dumping	<b>1</b>
Erin Twyman	Air Pollution	<b>2</b>
Patrick Underhill	Endangered Species	<b>3</b>
J.J. Egan	Marine Environmental Problems Caused by Human Actions	<b>HM</b>

**12th Grade**

Jessica Krug	Water: Two Oxygen Molecules, a Hydrogen Molecule, and a Whole Lot More	<b>1</b>
Zak Zimbile	Overpopulation: 6,443,999,500 . . . and Counting	<b>2</b>
Lisa Barrier	The Importance and Conservation of Coral Reefs	<b>3</b>
Kim Bartok	Essence of Air	<b>HM</b>

The WTEAC also awarded certificates of appreciation to to the following teachers -- Bob Dillon, Poster Contest; Mary Lee Clancy, Poetry Contest; and Joe Mairo, Essay Contest. They coordinated the contests on behalf of the Wall Township School District and effectively partnered relations with the WTEAC.

The WTEAC extends their heartfelt thanks to all of the teachers and students who participated in the environmental poster, essay, and poetry contests.

**Arbor Day Project** – The first Arbor Day took place on April 10, 1872 in Nebraska at the inspiration of Julius Sterling Morton. The planting of trees is a tradition that has now spread throughout the United States. The WTEAC visited with second graders at Old Mill Elementary School to plant a tree in honor of Arbor Day. The tree was donated by Rich Mertens and installed by All-Shore Landscaping as a compliment to the school and community. Good job Rich!



**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Environmental Summit**, hosted by the WTEAC, will be held at the Wall Township Municipal Complex, 2700 Allaire Rd., at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 25. Assemblyman Steve Corodemus and Assemblyman Sean Kean, District 11, will be the guest speakers.

The WTEAC cordially invites the Public, Environmental Chairs, the Environmental Commissions, Boards, Committees, and any other interested parties that would like to participate in a question-and-answer session on the following potential topics of discussion:

CAFRA Permits  
Watershed Funding  
Dredging  
Stormwater Management  
Open Space Preservation  
Other Environmental Issues

Water Quality  
Beach Replenishment  
Tree Removal  
Overdevelopment  
Eminent Domain



Left: Committeewoman Mary Burne, Assemblyman Sean Kean, WTEAC Chairwoman Wilma Morrissey and Assemblyman Steve Corodemus

The WTEAC extends its best wishes and appreciation to Assemblyman Corodemus on his long distinguished career in the Assembly as he departs from office.

### **Pesticide Free Zone**

The Allenwood Educational Native Garden is an official IPM/pesticide free zone. A resolution was passed by both the WTEAC and Township Committee designating the garden as being pesticide free. A ladybug logo sign will be posted shortly indicating that this garden reinforces the Integrated Pest Management policy.

### **Gypsy Moth Infestation**

It has been reported that some Wall Township residents are experiencing gypsy moth infestation. Please feel free to contact the WTEAC for assistance.

Sources for information include: The Monmouth County Shade Tree Commission who is located at 4000 Kozloski Road, in Freehold. They can be reached by calling (732) 431-7903. If you wish additional information about pesticides, please contact the National Pesticide Information Center at 1-(800) 858-7378. For emergencies, call the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System at 1-(800) 222-1222. Information on pesticide regulation information, pesticide complaints, and health referrals can be obtained by calling the New Jersey Pesticide Control Program at (609) 984-6507.

### **Other Environmental Concerns**

The WTEAC will be more than happy to try to resolve any environmental issues that you bring to our attention. Our goal is, as always, to serve you – our community residents. You may contact us through the Clerk's Office. Special thanks to Loren Diedrichsen, Ed Loud, Rich Mertens, Joan Koos, Leo Wagner, and liaison, Committeewoman Mary Burne for their hard work and dedication.

Remember: "Earth Care Starts At Home"  
Wilma Morrissey, WTEAC Chair

## Special WTEAC Guests



Bottom Left: Committeewoman Mary Burne; WTEAC Chair Wilma Morrissey; Ken Thoman, Monmouth County Park Manager; and Joan Koos

Top Left: Ed Loud, Loren Diedrichsen, Rich Mertens, and Leo Wagner

**Ken Thoman of the Monmouth County Park System was a special guest of the Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee. He gave an interesting PowerPoint presentation on the nature trails in Monmouth County and provided the WTEAC with an overview on developing a park trails plan. He also discussed forest health, park restoration, invasive species, and trail design management.**



Bottom Left: WTEAC Chair Wilma Morrissey; Monmouth County Linda Brennen, Supervisor of the Environmental Planning Section; and Joan Koos.

Top Left: Former Mayor John Tobia; Committeewoman Mary Burne, and WTEAC member Ed Loud.

**Monmouth County Planning Board Linda J. Brennen was one the special guests of the Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee in May. Linda provided the WTEAC with a powerful PowerPoint presentation on preparing an Environmental Resource Inventory for Wall Township.**



Bottom left: John J. Anderson, Manager, Forestry Services of JCP&L; Pete Johner, Area Manager, Customer & Community Relations of JCP&L; Wilma Morrissey; WTEAC Chair; and Committeewoman Mary Burne.

Top left: WTEAC Members, Loren Diedrichsen and Ed Loud

**Jersey Central Power & Light representatives, John Anderson and Pete Johner, were the recent guests of the Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee. The discussion focused primarily on their forestry management policy, and both Mr. Anderson and Mr. Johner addressed issues of concern to the WTEAC.**