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THE GREATER LONG ISLAND CLEAN CITIES COALITION HOSTS ALTERNATIVE FUEL FLEETS WORKSHOPS



Supervisor John Kaiman of The Town of North Hempstead at the April 25th Workshop

On April 25th and April 26th, 2013, GLICCC hosted a pair of free alternative fuel vehicle and fueling station workshops, entitled *Alternative Fuel Fleets: Solutions for Long Island’s Future*. The workshops were geared towards exploring new technologies and strategies to develop cleaner, more efficient fleets. The first of the events was held at the Town of North Hempstead’s platinum LEED Yes We Can Community Center in Westbury. A Similar workshop was held the following day at Suffolk County Community College’s Culinary Arts Center in Riverhead. The events brought together municipal leaders, fleet managers and vehicle and fueling station experts from across Long Island to share their knowledge on alternative fuels and alternative fuel technologies, and devise possible solutions for the foreseeable future. Each workshop also featured a display of alternative fuel vehicles.

Climate Smart Communities is a state-local partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save taxpayer dollars and advance community goals for health and safety, economic vitality, energy independence and quality of life. Any town, city, village or county in New York can join Climate Smart Communities – without cost. For more information, please see the CSC homepage <http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/50845.html>



Supervisor John Kaiman and GLICCC Chairman Dominick A. Longobardi

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GLICCC - LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Summer is here – boy is it ever! I hope you are staying cool and have been able to take some time with your families.

Our GLICCC “family” recently received some wonderful news. In late June, GLICCC joined the other Clean Cities Coalitions, the U.S. Department of Energy and many others at the Alternative Clean Transportation ACT Expo in Washington, D.C. As a tie-in to this conference, the D.O.E. held an event to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Clean Cities program. During the program, awards were handed out. I am thrilled to be able to tell you that Rita Ebert, GLICCC’s Program Coordinator, was named *National Clean Cities Coordinator of the Year*. In addition, Rita received the *Benjamin Watson Leadership Award*. Recipients of this award are chosen by their fellow Clean Cities Coordinators, which makes the award an extra special honor. I can tell you firsthand how excited and honored Rita was to receive these dual honors – but not as excited as I was to be there in person to see her receive them! Congratulations to Rita on these well-deserved honors.

For nearly a year now, GLICCC has been working on the Cleaner, Greener Communities Program with numerous municipalities and organizations throughout Long Island. Together we have worked on Phase I of the program; creating a Regional Sustainability Plan for Long Island. Phase II of the program, Implementing Smart Development Projects, was recently announced and includes a number of funding opportunities. GLICCC is coordinating a grant application for its members.

On May 31st, GLICCC held its annual Stakeholders and Board of Directors meetings. During the meeting, elections were held for open and expiring seats on the Board, as well as for the slate of officers. The Suffolk County Water Authority, represented by Carrie Meeks Gallagher, and Trillium CNG, represented by Joe Rendi, were elected to the Light Duty AFV User and At-Large Board seats, respectively. One Board member will be leaving his position on the Board of Directors. This individual is none other than Dennis Lynch. Dennis has devoted his time and talents to our Coalition since its inception and has been a constant source of support and counsel in running our day-to-day operations. I am happy and thankful that Dennis will remain as Chairman of our Legislative Committee and will also continue as part of the executive management group. In addition, Rob Quinn of Rides Unlimited will be joining the Executive Committee as co-chairman of the Market Development Committee.

As I stated in a letter to our stakeholders prior to these meetings, “we call ourselves a Coalition.” However, the atmosphere that exists when we are all together is that of a family. I am so thankful and proud to part of a group that can boast of so many talented and hard working professionals, all giving if their time and efforts, voluntarily, to help promote this great cause. I look forward to the next year and the good work we will do together.

Enjoy the rest of the summer season!

Dominick A. Longobardi

Chairman

RITA EBERT WINS CLEAN CITIES AWARDS

As part of the Clean Cities 20th Anniversary event in Washington, D.C., Rita Ebert - Program Coordinator for GLICCC - was named National Clean Cities Coordinator of the Year and was inducted into the Clean Cities Hall of Fame. See the website below for additional details about the event. In addition, Rita also received the Benjamin Watson Inspirational Award. The award is presented to the Coordinator who provides inspiration and motivation to other coordinators, and strives to create a fun, engaging, and unified team spirit within our program. The award is named after Benjamin Watson, a founding member and long-time coordinator of Kansas City Regional Clean Cities, whose engaging personality and spirit left an indelible stamp on the Clean Cities program and established the true character of the organization.



Recipients of this award are chosen by their fellow Clean Cities coordinators. Please join us at GLICCC in congratulating Rita on these wonderful, and much deserved, acknowledgements of the work she had done for the Coalition and for Long Island. We are all extremely proud of her!

http://www1.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/hall_of_fame.html#ebert



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GLICCC would like to thank all of the speakers who took part in the workshop, as well as the vendors who displayed alternative fuel vehicles and technologies – and helped us offset the cost of providing lunch at each event. Thank you! A special thank you to Fran Reid from the Town of North Hempstead, and Dave Bergen from Suffolk Community College, for their help providing the facilities for the workshops. And, a special thank you to Supervisor Jon Kaiman of the Town of North Hempstead for taking the time to open the workshop on the 25th.



The two workshops were a great success and helped introduce the benefits of alternative fuels to a number of school districts, businesses and municipalities on Long Island. We hope to host similar events in the future.



NYSERDA CNG OUTREACH WORKSHOPS

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and GLICCC joined together to host a series of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) outreach events on Long Island during the month of May. These workshops were geared to private fleet owners and managers, but were open to all, and asked the question, *Is CNG right for your fleet?*

First up was a CNG 101 workshop, held on May 3rd. The feature discussion was given by Stephe Yborra, Director of Market Analysis, Education & Communication from the Clean Vehicle Education Foundation. His presentation was entitled *The Compelling Case for Natural Gas Vehicles in Public and Private Fleets*. Stephe gave an extremely detailed overview of the NGV market in the US today, and the savings that can be achieved by converting to a CNG fleet. On May 15th, GLICCC held a CNG Maintenance Facility Compliance Workshop. Pat McClave of Engineered Energy Solutions was the main speaker at this event. His presentation focused on the steps that need to be taken in order for a garage facility to be modified to service CNG vehicles. The workshop also featured a tour of a CNG compliant garage facility. Special thanks to Middle Country Central School District for arranging for us to tour their garage. GLICCC also held an alternative fuel vehicle display, held in conjunction with the APWA-LIOSA Equipment Show. The vehicle display included a Dueco electric hybrid truck, Toro lawn equipment, a Freightliner CNG roll off truck and a CNG ambulance

The other New York coalitions held similar events, in an effort to make fleet managers aware of how to convert their fleets to CNG. Stephe Yborra's CNG 101 presentation is posted on the GLICCC website. Contact the GLICCC for additional information regarding converting your fleet to CNG.



NYSERDA EV WORKSHOP

On Tuesday, June 18th, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and GLICCC joined together to host an Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) Workshop in Salten Hall at New York Institute of Technology's Old Westbury campus. The workshop was an introduction to EVSEs for Planners, Building Code Officials, Electrical Installers and Inspectors on Long Island. The workshop was one of 6 throughout the state hosted by NYSERDA and the New York based Clean Cities coalitions.

The first half of the morning program featured several presentations. Dominick A. Longobardi, speaking on behalf of GLICCC, gave an update of regional EV activity on Long Island. Next up was Bryan Roy of Energetics, who worked with GLICCC and NYSERDA to put together the series of workshops. His presentation, entitled *EV and EVSE Considerations*, provided a detailed overview of the numerous types of EVSE equipment currently on the market, along with installation factors to be considered. Adam Ruder of NYSERDA concluded the first portion of the workshop with an informative presentation that focused on current and planned NYSERDA EV programs, its involvement in the Transportation & Climate Initiative and current statistics for EVs and EVSEs in New York and Long Island. All of the presentations are available on the GLICCC website, <http://www.gliccc.org/category/events/>.

Following a presentation by Adam Lubinsky of WXY Design Studio, the second half of the program focused on a pair of panel discussions. The first – for Electrical Planners and Installers – included Robert Ceriello of Certified Electrical Inspections, Inc., John Guadagno of IBEW Local 25 and Edward Werbeck of Leviton. The second – geared to Planners and Building Code Officials – featured Terese Kinsley from the Town of Huntington and Mark Schwarz from the Town of Hempstead, as well as Adam Ruder. Thank you to all of our panelists for taking the time to be a part of this educational day.



Special thanks to Dr. Nadia Anid and Greg Banhazl of NYIT for their help arranging in for our workshop to be held at NYIT's Old Westbury campus.



GLICCC'S STAKEHOLDER FOR JULY 2013

Congratulations to America Honda and Cummins Westport for being selected as GLICCC's Stakeholders of the Month!

At the Clean Cities 20th Anniversary Celebration, American Honda and Cummins Westport were each recipients of the Industry Marathon Champion Award. This award is given to those companies who have shown great initiative in the development and maintenance of alternative fuel technologies.



American Honda is dedicated to finding ways to improve on gasoline. With a history of firsts in technological advances to the internal combustion engine, Honda continues to attack fuel economy on two fronts: reducing fuel consumption while minimizing exhaust emissions. With that being said, Honda proudly boasts that their Civic Natural Gas sedan is the cleanest internal-combustion vehicle certified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).



Eric Rosenberg, Assistant Manager of American Honda Alternative Fuel Vehicles, with Rita Ebert

While the Civic Natural Gas satisfies all three of Honda's environmental targets: low emissions, high fuel economy and use of an economical North American-based alternative fuel, Honda continues to push the envelope with groundbreaking innovations. They want consumers to know that they haven't designed clean cars like the Civic Natural Gas to only satisfy fleet or government customers, but to satisfy Civic customers as well.

Cummins Westport designs, engineers, and markets 6 to 12 litre spark-ignited automotive natural gas engines for commercial transportation applications such as trucks and busses. More than 34,000 Cummins Westport engines are in service worldwide. Designed to meet the most stringent emissions regulations, they provide efficient and reliable service.

"Cummins Westport has been instrumental in advancing the alternative fuel vehicle market in the heavy-duty arena. Thanks to the innovation, dedication and perseverance of the Cummins and Westport teams over the past 20-plus years, petroleum can no longer claim to be the only game in town when it comes to powering America's trucks and busses" said Dennis Smith, the Director of National Clean Cities.

Once again, congratulations to American Honda and Cummins Westport for being selected as GLICCC's Stakeholder of the Month.

If you would like to nominate someone for Stakeholder of the Month, please contact the GLICCC office.



Bill Boyce, Eastern Regional Manager for Cummins Westport, with Rita Ebert

GLICCC MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

As has been indicated in recent emails, beginning this year, GLICCC will be instituting a Membership Fee. This is a necessary step in order for GLICCC to continue its mission to promote the use of alternative fuels and vehicles, thereby reducing our nation's dependence of foreign petroleum. Membership options are listed below. Become a member of GLICCC today!

GREATER LONG ISLAND CLEAN CITIES COALITION STAKE HOLDER OPTIONS FORM

STAKE HOLDER OPTIONS:

Supporter

Student Membership – FEE: \$25

Individual Membership – FEE: \$100

Company/ Governmental Agency Membership – FEE: \$245

- Includes coalition membership for 1 year
- Free entry into all GLICCC Educational Events
- Individuals name displayed GLICCC Annual Stakeholder Meeting

Company Membership Level I-Silver - FEE: \$1,000

- Includes coalition membership for 1 year
- Free entry into all GLICCC Educational Events
- Advance notice of funding opportunities and announcements
- Company name on GLICCC website

Company Membership Level II- Gold FEE: \$1,750

- Includes coalition membership for 1 year
- Free entry into all GLICCC Educational Events
- Advance notice of funding opportunities and announcements
- Company logo on GLICCC website
- Company logo displayed at the GLICCC Annual ATC Meeting
- 50% discount on Application fees

Company Membership Level III- Platinum FEE: \$2,500

- Includes coalition membership for 1 year
- Free entry into all GLICCC Educational Events
- Advance notice of funding opportunities and announcements
- Company logo on GLICCC website
- Company logo displayed on GLICCC Annual ATC Meeting pre-event marketing materials
- Company logo displayed at the GLICCC Annual ATC Meeting
- Recognition from stage at the GLICCC Annual ATC Meeting
- Listing in the GLICCC e-newsletter
- No Application fees

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Question of the Month: *What provisions in the enacted “fiscal cliff” legislation relate to alternative fuels and advanced vehicles?*

Answer: On January 2, 2013, President Obama signed Public Law 112-240, the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012. In addition to averting tax rate increases and postponing government spending reductions, this legislation extends several tax credits and other incentive programs related to Clean Cities portfolio items. Updated information on these incentives is available on the Alternative Fuels Data Center (AFDC) Federal Laws and Incentives page (http://www.afdc.energy.gov/laws/fed_summary). The changes are also summarized below.

The American Taxpayer Relief Act retroactively extends several tax credits that had expired on December 31, 2011. The following incentives are now effective through December 31, 2013:

- *Alternative Fuel Excise Tax Credit:* <http://www.afdc.energy.gov/laws/law/US/319> (Public Law 112-240, Section 412)
- *Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Tax Credit:* <http://www.afdc.energy.gov/laws/law/US/10513> (Public Law 112-240, Section 402)
- *Alternative Fuel Mixture Excise Tax Credit:* <http://www.afdc.energy.gov/laws/law/US/417> (Public Law 112-240, Section 412)
- *Biodiesel Income Tax Credit:* <http://www.afdc.energy.gov/laws/law/US/396> (Public Law 112-240, Section 405)
- *Biodiesel Mixture Excise Tax Credit:* <http://www.afdc.energy.gov/laws/law/US/395> (Public Law 112-240, Section 405)

The legislation expands the tax definition of second generation biofuel (previously referred to as cellulosic biofuel) to include biofuel from cultivated algae, cyanobacteria, or lemna, and extends two incentives related to these fuels through December 31, 2013:

- *Second Generation Biofuel Plant Depreciation Deduction Allowance:* <http://www.afdc.energy.gov/laws/law/US/413> (Public Law 112-240, Section 410)
- *Second Generation Biofuel Producer Tax Credit:* <http://www.afdc.energy.gov/laws/law/US/10515> (Public Law 112-240, Section 404)

Section 403 of the Act expands the *Qualified Plug-In Electric Drive Motor Vehicle Tax Credit* (<http://www.afdc.energy.gov/laws/law/US/409>) to include a credit for eligible two- and three-wheeled plug-in electric drive vehicles, valid through December 31, 2013.

In addition, Section 701 extends discretionary funding for the following U.S. Department of Agriculture programs through September 2013:

- *Advanced Biofuel Production Grants and Loan Guarantees:* <http://www.afdc.energy.gov/laws/law/US/9172>
- *Advanced Biofuel Production Payments:* <http://www.afdc.energy.gov/laws/law/US/8503>
- *Biodiesel Education Grants:* <http://www.afdc.energy.gov/laws/law/US/8504>
- *Biomass Research and Development Initiative:* <http://www.afdc.energy.gov/laws/law/US/378>
- *Ethanol Infrastructure Grants and Loan Guarantees:* <http://www.afdc.energy.gov/laws/law/US/9172>

To view the full text of the American Taxpayer Relief Act, select the Enrolled Bill version from the following website: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d112:h.r.00008>.

The changes outlined above became effective immediately. It may take time, however, for the relevant agencies to update documentation to reflect these extensions and changes. For further information, please refer to the following websites:

- U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Forms & Publications: <http://www.irs.gov/Forms-&Pubs>
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Energy Programs: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/Energy.html>

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For more information, please visit The Greater Long Island Clean Cities Coalition's Website at <http://gliccc.org/>. You can also like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/gliccc, and you can follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/gliccc. Our blog, which publishes GLICCC's Stakeholder of the Month, as well as other pertinent articles, can be found at <http://gliccc.wordpress.com>.

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GLICCC'S
 17TH ANNUAL
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2013
 8:00AM - 1:00PM
 BETHPAGE STATE PARK,
 FARMINGDALE, NY

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