



**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION/LEADERSHIP
WITHIN
THE BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE
An Annual Presentation to
The Hawthorne Environmental Commission
Monday, June 9, 2025
7:30 P.M.**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Mary Mahon, Holly Cowen, Mike Mariani, Charles Stebbins, and Maureen Cook

Guests: John Bosloper, Judi Bosloper Rita Pinelli, and Craig Cayetano

I. Welcome – Mrs. Rayna Laiosa– Chairperson of the Environmental Commission

II. Introduction to 33rd Annual Cel-Earth-Bration – PowerPoint - Presentation by Hawthorne Environmental Commission

III. Special Recognition Award Presentations – Mrs. Laiosa

A. Citizens have demonstrated their environmental leadership and commitment by protecting and preserving our community. The following individuals are recognized for their contributions to the achievements of the Hawthorne Environmental Commission and the Hawthorne Green Team:

- **Janet Turco & Mike Turco**, Hawthorne Green Team member - Recognized for their work on re-educating the public on the importance of Hawthorne’s anti idling program. We developed a public service article in partnership with the Hawthorne School System and Hawthorne Police Department. Additionally, Janet Turco and Mike Turco promoted the anti-idling program at the 33rd Cel-Earth-Bration.

B. Local Businesses – “**Great Strides in Going Green**” - The 2025 Green Business’s of Hawthorne is presented to:

- **Fisk Alloy, Inc.** – Bill Yankovich, President, Brian Gerard, VP of Research & Development, and Hamid Sarmadi, EHS Manager - Fish Alloy is a world-class, high performance copper alloy wire manufacturer. Fish Alloy has been conducting business in Hawthorne for over 50 years. Fish Alloy institutes a scrap metal recycling program that contributes to Hawthorne’s overall recycling tonnage. In addition, Fish Alloy is one of the first companies to remove cadmium from wiring to copper. Please see the article <https://fiskalloy.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/wire-cable-cadmium-2002.pdf> for more information. Lastly, Fisk Alloy is an annual sponsor of Hawthorne’s Boro Bandshell.
- **Carlos’ Hand Rolled Bagel Shop** – Juliana Ospina and Carlos Ospina - Carlos’ Hand Rolled Bagel shop utilizes biodegradable plant fiber plates, salad bowls, wooden coffee stirrers, paper bags, coffee trays & coffee sleeves. Carlos’ Hand Rolled Bagel Shop instituted a cooking oil recycling program that contributes to Hawthorne’s overall recycling tonnage. In

addition, Carlos' Hand Rolled Bagel Shop is a participant in the Mayor's Wellness Program.

IV. Hawthorne School System Presentations – Mrs. Mary Mahon

A. Roosevelt Elementary School

- **K-2 Winners of the 33rd Cel-Earth-Bration**

1ST Place tie “Pollution Makes Sea Life Very Sad; Water = Life” – Grace Pianese
Teacher: Mrs. Vertucci

1ST Place tie “Water Makes Beautiful Flowers” – Zoey Pianese
Teacher: Mrs. Pappas

1ST Place tie “Water is Life for Pets” – Lily Pianese
Teacher: Mrs. McErlean/ DeMarco

2ND Place tie “The Amazing Water Cycle” - Grayson Edward Petrow
Teacher: Mrs. Torres

- **3-5 Winners of the 33rd Cel-Earth-Bration**

1ST Place tie “Rain Garden” - Isabela Santangelo and Zoe Saldana
Teacher: Mrs. Broking

1ST Place tie “Veggie-Fruit Shower Chute” - Maxon Riley and Max Venegas
Teacher: Mrs. Ioime

B. Jefferson Elementary School

- **3-5 Winners of the 33rd Cel-Earth-Bration**

3RD Place “Rainwater = Human Life” by Maggie Giachetti
Teacher: Mrs. Fisher

C. Hawthorne High School

- **Mrs. Michele Phibbs Teacher & Team Coach, Presentation by STEM “Watering Can” Goal – Clean Drinking Water - Potable**

- **Students:** Sasha Ortiz-Kalina, Hana Hdaib, Joel Eshuis, Thomas Mai, Tommy Czyzewski, and Tyler Schneider

- The HHS team created a product that would enable individuals in times of emergency to distill dirty water into purified drinking water. The Hawthorne High School team was coached by Michele Phibbs and Theresa DiGeronimo, math teacher and library media specialist respectively. Mentors and subject-matter experts included New Era Engineer Bob Pasquale, STEAM Tank mentors Joe David and Mike Buttitta, as well as mechanical engineering student and HHS alumnus TJ Marks. The students earned as a finalist in the state-wide NJ School Board Association's STEAM Tank Challenge, earning their school \$500.

IX. Closing Remarks – Rayna Laiosa, Chairperson of the Environmental Commission