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1) Directors Note

Headline: *Building Momentum Along the Ohio River*



This fall has been one of our busiest and most exciting seasons yet for the District. We celebrated the **crane barge christening with Governor Mike DeWine**, marking a major milestone in our river cleanup efforts. The new barge expands our ability to retrieve debris and tires safely from the Ohio River, increasing both capacity and efficiency.

We also took part in two major regional events — the **River Roots Festival in Cincinnati** and the **Ohio River Confluence in Louisville** — both of which brought together volunteers, partners, and environmental leaders from across the Ohio River Valley. These gatherings celebrated collaboration, innovation, and education focused on protecting

our waterways.

As we close out the year, we're also highlighting **CHaRM facility improvements** that make recycling easier for residents and preparing for our **annual Christmas Tree Collection program**. Thank you for helping us make 2025 a year of progress and community pride.

"Working together, we're turning river cleanups into long-term solutions." — Rick Jansen, Director



2) Employment & Staff Updates

The District is pleased to announce several staffing updates and promotions that strengthen our team and operations:

- **Rick Jansen, Director**, bringing continued leadership and experience to guide District initiatives.
- **Weston Roop**, now **Assistant Director**, focuses on operations management, regional partnerships, as well as education, and the Policy Committee.
- **Larry Coleman** and **Joe Pace** as **Litter Crew Supervisors**, managing cleanup crews.
- **Mike Hall** serves as **Facility Manager**, overseeing day-to-day operations and recent upgrades at the CHaRM facility, as well as actively recycling Electronics etc...
- **Mark Wilson, Enforcement Officer**, ensuring compliance with waste and dumping regulations throughout both counties.

The District thanks all employees and partners for their continued dedication to maintaining a cleaner, safer environment for our residents.



3) Program Highlights



Crane Barge Launch: The newly christened crane barge enhances debris and tire recovery along the Ohio River, reducing pollution and supporting H2Ohio goals.

CHaRM Facility Upgrades: Expanded collection zones, improved signage, and new storage solutions for electronics and household hazardous waste.

Regional Partnerships: District staff attended both the **River Roots Festival in Cincinnati** and the **Ohio River Confluence in Louisville**, representing southern Ohio in broader waterway restoration efforts.

Christmas Tree Collection: Drop-off program begins December 26 through January 9th at multiple county sites. Trees will be mulched and reused locally.

4) Community Events

Date	Event	Location	Details
Nov 10	Crane Barge Christening	Shawnee Marina	Special guest: Governor DeWine
Nov 22	River Roots Festival	Cincinnati, OH	Regional waterway collaboration and outreach event
Dec 6	Ohio River Confluence	Louisville, KY	Multi-state summit on river restoration and partnerships
Dec 26–Jan 6	Christmas Tree Collection	County Drop-Off Sites	Remove decorations before drop-off



5) Recycling Tip of the Month

Topic: *Tree Recycling Made Easy*

- **Do:** Remove all ornaments, tinsel, and lights.
- **Don't:** Bag your tree or bring artificial ones.
- **Why:** Natural trees are mulched for parks and soil improvement.

6) Team/Volunteer Spotlight

Spotlight: *The Crane Barge Crew*

This dedicated team helped prep, launch, and operate the new barge during its first official cleanup season. Their commitment ensures safer and more efficient river recovery operations.

7) Coming Soon

- New **baler** for mixed recyclables
- Updated **signage** and safety barriers
- Improved **traffic flow** for visitors
- HHW containers for extended hours
- Secure Documents Paper Shredder

8) Quick Reminders & Contacts

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- **Volunteer Sign-Up:** Visit lsswmd.org.
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