



SEPTEMBER RECYCLING STATISTICS!

- **CARDBOARD:**
6,580 lbs
- **BOTTLES
AND CANS:**
8,288 lbs
- **MIXED PAPER:**
11,340 lbs

**Great job
everybody!**

**Let's keep
working to get
these numbers
even higher!**



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Candidates for Governor Debate Environment

On Tuesday, September 28, 2010, the four leading candidates for governor, moderate Ken Block, independent Lincoln Chafee, republican John Robitaille, and democrat Frank Caprio, filed into PC's 64' Hall, along with about 350 other onlookers. The candidates gathered for their first debate, which was centered on environmental issues. Questions for the candidates ranged from Rhode Island's waste water and clean water, energy plans, solid waste, climate change, environmental protection, and education and planning for the future. These questions provided candidates the opportunity to showcase their knowledge and genuine concerns regarding the environment. This opportunity, however, was in large part wasted.

The candidates rarely strayed from discussion regarding the economy, budget, and taxes. Perhaps these are the issues that they feel most comfortable discussing, and thus clung to what they knew best. But the fact of the matter is, when it came to those issues regarding the environment, the very issues that brought them to the debate, the candidates barely scratched the surface.

Republican John Robitaille focused the majority of his answers on refusing to raise taxes and not making false promises. Independent Lincoln Chafee focused mostly on his past and mentioned little about his plans for the future. Moderate Ken Block spoke mainly about economics and businesses. As a small-business owner himself, Block's focus was

mainly on improving infrastructure and technology, yet did speak well on issues regarding education. Democrat Frank Caprio did not get into specifics regarding his environmental plans. He mentioned his want for greener buildings, and for a new state policy concerning renewable energy. Yet, he seemed unprepared to give detailed responses to questions, and rather referred people to his Clean Energy Plan brochure, which was available at a table near the entrance.



None of the candidates addressed head-on the issue of the rapidly-filling Johnston Landfill. All of the candidates supported recycling as the main solution, but none of them offered any long-term plans for after the landfill has reached its capacity. The Johnston landfill is predicted to reach capacity within the next 20 years, upon which time garbage will have to be shipped out of state, at a greater expense to tax payers. This expense went unmentioned by the candidates, but was actually important to note because it reinforces the importance of recycling.

The candidates also failed to mention the importance of the proposed wind power farm in Quonset Point, Rhode Island. The 100-turbine wind farm

would create approximately 800 new jobs for Rhode Islanders while helping to reduce the state's carbon emission. Thus, not only would the wind farm work as an excellent energy alternative to coal and oil, but it would also help Rhode Island's unemployment rate, which was a major concern of the candidates.

Candidates were also questioned about their plans to improve transportation in Rhode Island. All of the candidates discussed their plans to create more public works projects through the building of infrastructure, to the improvement of highways, and to the expansion of RIPTA. However, the candidates failed to mention anything in regards to incentives for greener forms of transportation. Such enticements may include vehicle tax breaks or financial incentives by employers for car-pooling with co-workers. Other greener means of transportation include public transportation and biking. The candidates found little reason to mention such environmentally-friendly alternatives of transportation at an environmental debate.

Therefore, overall the debate was not as impressive as it could have been. The candidates seemed relatively unprepared to discuss Rhode Island's most important environmental issues. If the next governor does not take further action to address and act on such important environmental issues, Rhode Islanders certainly have reason to worry.





Student Spotlight of the Month:



Jared, a senior at PC, constantly does his part to help the environment. Jared is an avid recycler of plastics, glass, and paper at his off-campus house. Jared also works to conserve electricity, gas, and water in his home by taking shorter showers, turning the heat down at night, and turning off lights in unoccupied rooms. He also participated in the SEAC-sponsored Neighborhood Clean-Up on October 2nd. Great job Jared! Keep up the good work!

5 Ways to Use a Pumpkin!

1.) **Carve it!** We all remember making jack-o'-lanterns when we were younger, so relive that tradition and have a carving contest with your roommates and friends. [Check out these creative ideas!](#)

2.) **Bake the seeds:** Separate pumpkin seeds from the interior and have a great fall snack! [Click here for a how to.](#)

3.) **Baked Goods:** Use your pumpkin to make various kinds of baked goods like [Pumpkin Bread](#), [Pumpkin Pie](#), [Cranberry Pumpkin Bread](#), [Pumpkin Muffins](#) and more! Click on each to find the recipe!

4.) **Pumpkin Soup:** make a healthy and delicious soup from your Halloween pumpkin. [Here are some recipes to follow!](#)

5.) **Compost it!** If you're all done with your jack-o'-lanterns and decorations, carve out the insides, break up the pumpkin into small pieces, and find a place in your yard to put a compost pile or bin. Add some leaves to help jumpstart the process, and continue to add organic materials to the pile as time goes on. [Click here for a how to.](#)



News From the SEAC

[Come check out our next event!](#)

[Local Foods Expo](#)-It will be held on November 11th from 5-7 PM in McPhail's. The event will feature dishes from local restaurants that use organic and locally grown ingredients. The event is free to all PC students and faculty, so come to McPhail's to sample lots of free delicious food and to hear music from different PC bands!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

from

The girls at 84 Pinehurst!



Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries



It's almost that time of year, the end of Daylight Savings Time, when we "fall back" by setting our clocks back one hour. (Note: the date this year is Saturday, November 6th.) As a reminder, when you change your clock, change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms too.

As the winter season approaches, and more homes begin to use their heating systems, fireplaces, and woodstoves, it is especially important to have properly operating smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. All of these alarms should be tested at least monthly and their batteries replaced annually (or as di-

rected by the manufacturer's instructions).

So this year, and every year, just remember- when you change your clocks, change your batteries! It's a great safety tip that just might save you and your family from potential tragedy.

