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## President's Message Summer 2011

By Jennifer Eielson, RS, CEHA President

I'm back from a fantastic NEHA conference that was held in Columbus, Ohio. I met numerous affiliate Presidents and made some great contacts who offered to assist in our hosting of the Yankee Conference next year. The NEHA conference is a great way to network and get unique trainings that are not readily accessible. I recommend all our members try to attend one and every year the conference is held in a different part of the country so it is accessible to all. As a reminder, the Yankee Conference this year is September 28-30th and it is being held in Plymouth, MA. Keep your eyes open for registration information and the CEHA board will certainly email registration information to all members once it is available. Please try to attend and support our local affiliate and get some quality training at the same time.

On a personal note I would like to inform all the members that I have accepted a new position with the Town of Ridgefield and have resigned from the City of Bridgeport effective July 25th. I will have my contact information updated on the CEHA website as soon as it is available to me. I am very excited to start this next chapter in my life and I am still going to continue on as your President. Change is always hard when saying goodbye to coworkers I adore but it is a great move for me professionally and I must move forward. I wish my City of Bridgeport friends the very best and I know I will keep in touch!

It is hard to believe we are already in the middle of the summer and that means our CEHA summer meeting is coming up! The summer meeting is my favorite because it gives our members a forum to network and converse with one another. It is hard to really get to know people at trainings when you only have 15 minutes for a break. The summer meeting allows for members to converse for hours and learn more about one another and how we do our jobs. Please make sure to join us on Thursday, July 28th at Hammonasset State Park in Madison, CT. You may register on CTtrain. Hope to see you all there! Enjoy the rest of the summer and our next CEHA board meeting is Wednesday, August 10th in Wallingford and as always is open to all CEHA members to attend. Please contact me or any other board member with any *questions*.



# The Connecticut Environmental Health Association

## Annual Summer Meeting

**Thursday July 28, 2011  
9 am to 4 PM**



**Hammonasset State Park  
Meig's Point Pavillion  
(Shelter # 4)**

**1288 Boston Post Rd.  
Madison, CT**

The Connecticut Environmental Health Association would like to announce its Annual Summer Meeting 2011!

**CEHA Members \$10  
Non-Members \$20  
Children under 12  
FREE**

**FOR FREE PARKING:  
Don't forget to bring a copy of this  
form to show the park attendant!**

This year's educational session will be a day to talk about Recalls. The DPH Food Protection Program will talk about what to do when there is a Food Recall AND Pam Scully will be talking about the Virginia Graeme Baker pool drain cover recall issue. What a day!!!

Food Contact credit will be given towards Food Inspector recertification to those who register and attend the training class.

Also, consider bringing your favorite baked dessert for our 5th annual CEHA dessert contest! A prize will be given to this year's winner!

Park fees for all registered attendees will be waived, however CEHA will be charging \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. Our apologies for the fee but we have to pay DEP for use of the pavilion this year!

**Complete your registration on CT Train today!  
Go to <https://ct.train.org/>**

**Please register by July 22, 2011**

**Payment will be accepted on the day of the event.  
All attendees will be given proof of payment.  
No admittance will be permitted without proof of payment.  
Questions about registration may be directed to CEHA Education  
Chair, Alessandra Litro:  
[Alessandra.Litro@CT.gov](mailto:Alessandra.Litro@CT.gov)**

# 2011 Soils Training Workshop

There is still time and space available to register for the upcoming 2011 Soils Training Workshop in October. CEHA and the DPH Environmental Engineering Program are proud to offer this soils training to CEHA members and others in the industry who are interested in updating their soils knowledge to help ensure that site and soil conditions are understood and accurately recorded so that subsurface sewage disposal systems are properly designed and installed. Accurate soil interpretation helps to avoid unwanted groundwater pollution, nuisance conditions and costly premature system failures.

Remember, *“The local director of health (and his authorized agent): shall assure the accuracy of the findings of soil tests and deep observation pits...”* (PHC Section 19-13-B103e (d) (4))

Register now to join us for this two-day training workshop on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 where keynote speaker Peter C. Fletcher, soil scientist along with representatives from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and DPH staff will provide instruction through lecture and guided field components to bring you up to date on soil formation, soils texturing, identifying restrictive layers in test pits and interpreting the landscape.

The cost for this training is \$90 for CEHA members and \$120 for all others. All attendees will receive a Soils Field Guide and a Soils Workbook as well as morning refreshments and lunch on both days. Please register today using the attached registration form.

Jeff Polhemus



## REGISTRATION FORM CEHA and DPH 2011 Soils Training Workshop

The CT Environmental Health Association and DPH, Environmental Engineering Program are proud to offer the 2011 Soils Training Workshop. Peter C. Fletcher will be returning as the keynote speaker and will be teaching a soils texturing activity and providing instruction in reading test pits. The workshop will consist of both field and lecture components with a focus on identifying restrictive layers for Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems. All attendees will receive a Soils Field Guide as well as a detailed Soils Workbook.

**Date:** Wednesday, October 19 and Thursday, October 20, 2011.

**Time:** 8:30am - 4:30pm (Morning refreshments and lunch provided)

**Location:** DEP's Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area  
341 Milford Street (Rte 69), Burlington, CT

**Registration Fee:** \$90.00 for CEHA members and \$120.00 for all others.

Workshop agenda and directions to Sessions Woods will be e-mailed with workshop confirmation. Space is limited to the first 75 paid participants. Registration is ongoing until September 15, 2011.

Your Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency or Firm : \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**The fee is \$90 for CEHA members and \$120 for all others.**  
**Mail completed form and check or money order (payable to CEHA) to:**

Eastern Highlands Health District  
Soils Training Workshop  
4 South Eagleville Rd  
Mansfield, CT 06268

*Sorry but no cash can be accepted.*  
Deadline for registration is September 15, 2011.

# 3 girls busted for illegal lemonade stand

**‘We were not aware of how the lemonade was made, who made the lemonade, of what the lemonade was made with,’ says police chief in Midway, Ga.**

Three girls trying to raise money to go to a waterpark thought that a lemonade stand would do the trick. But then they met the long arm of the law — their local police chief.

The girls had started up their stand in Midway, Ga., when Police Chief Kelly Morningstar and a deputy drove by. "They told us to shut it down," 10-year-old Skylar Roberts was quoted as saying by [The Coastal Source news website](#).

"It's kind of crazy that we couldn't sell lemonade," added 14-year-old Casity Dixon. "It was fun, but we had to listen to the cops and shut it down." Morningstar defended his action and received the support of Midway's mayor. "We had told them, 'We understand you guys are young, but still, you're breaking the law, and we can't let you do it anymore,'" Morningstar said. "The law is the law, and we have to be consistent with how we enforce the laws." That city law requires a business and food permits (\$50 a day), even if the stand was at the home of one of the girls.

Health issues were also a concern, Morningstar said. "We were not aware of how the lemonade was made, who made the lemonade, of what the lemonade was made with, so we acted accordingly by city ordinance," he said. News of the bust caused [an outpouring of local support for the trio](#) — and The Coastal Source said it had given the girls tickets to the waterpark.