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## December 2006 Bulletin

As the year ends and we finish up all our projects for 2006, a new year begins Jan 1st! Here are some projects for 2007.

### Beautification

- *Plant-A-Row Grant:* Don't forget to apply for the grant sponsored by Fafard, Inc. You could be awarded \$500.00 to grow a garden that will supply food for a shelter or food bank. Ask me for more details.
- *Nominate a Historic Tree:* Check out the National Registry of Historic Trees and nominate a tree in your town. For more information visit [www.americanforests.org](http://www.americanforests.org)

### Resource

- *Recycle Christmas Cards:* At the end of the holiday season, we often wonder what to do with the holiday cards we receive. Make a holiday ornament, make gift tags, dress up a gift bag, or even give a box a makeover.
- *Take Up a Collection:* Run a collection for inkjet or toner cartridges for cash to donate to a charity. Check out [www.ecyclegroup.com](http://www.ecyclegroup.com)
- *Host an Animal Shelter Shower:* There are so many shelters and rescues that are looking for items to help take care of the animals. If you would

like to donate and don't know a shelter or rescue in your area, check out [www.pets911.com](http://www.pets911.com) for an online directory to local shelters that accepts donations.

- *Book/Magazine Swap:* Clean out all your used books and magazines. Have your members bring them to a meeting and have a swap.
- *Change a Light, Change the World:* The average home contains about 30 light fixtures. By replacing the five fixtures used most with models that have earned the ENERGY STAR, you can save about \$60 each year in energy costs. Take the pledge on [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)

## Did you Know.....

Get ready for report time!!!! Make sure you log all of your beautification and resource projects with detailed narratives even if they are not on the reports. This year the junior membership will be giving out four awards in the beautification and resource programs.

### Best in State

In each membership category there will a first, second, and third place

award based on achievement in the beautification and resource programs.

### Outstanding Achievement Award

One club in each membership category will be recognized for their outstanding achievement.

### Recognition in Creativity

Don't forget to submit your narratives with your reports. One club in each program will be rec-

ognized their creativity and implementation. The winning junior club will have a chance to win nationally and a \$50.00 grant from the GFWC.

### Energy Star Outstanding Achievement Award

One club will be recognized for their outstanding Achievement in spreading the word about "Change a Light, Change the World" program.



# Energy News

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## Quick Links

Check out these websites for new and educational ideas:

- [www.jerseyjuniors.com](http://www.jerseyjuniors.com)
- [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org)
- [www.kab.org](http://www.kab.org)  
(Keep America Beautiful)
- [www.kindnews.org](http://www.kindnews.org)  
(Kind News)
- [www.energysavers.gov](http://www.energysavers.gov)
- [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)
- [www.americarecycles.org](http://www.americarecycles.org)
- [www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org)

Did you know the average home energy bills in New Jersey are \$1900.00? Yet, there are so many ways to save energy. Take the Home Energy Saver quiz for suggestions on how to save energy in your home.

Check out the quiz on <http://hes.lbl.gov>

Families that replace the four most used 75-watt regular bulbs with 23-watt compact fluorescent bulbs can save more than 20000kwh and \$190 over the life of the bulbs. If all U.S. households did this, we'd save as much energy as is consumed by some 38 million cars in one year! WOW that's a savings! Try to get your members to change just

one bulb. That alone could make a difference.

How about educating your kids about what we can do to save energy? Do a Scavenger Hunt with your family and find out if you have Energy Hogs lurking in your home. This is a great way to educate them on how to save energy.



## Juniorettes Corner

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Share your conservation Ideas...

Do you have a new idea to pass on to other clubs relating to beautification and resource? Let me know so I can add it to the bulletin. Email [conservation@jerseyjuniors.com](mailto:conservation@jerseyjuniors.com)

Looking for some ideas for projects to do during the cold winter months? Here are some ideas:

### *Hugs for Homeless Pets, The Snuggles Project*

This project was created for the innocent victims who find themselves in animal shelters without a bit of comfort of their own. Snuggles is a security blanket that the animals could cuddle up with during their stay in the cold kennels.

If you can donate some of your

time and have scraps of yarn or fabric, you could crochet, knit, quilt, or sew cloth blankets.

You could also donate blankets and towels too. The animals



love them any way they can get them. All that is required is that they be made with love. For

more information check out [www.snugglesproject.org](http://www.snugglesproject.org).