

## Rochester Hills Officially Signs with New Garbage Hauler

Rochester Hills City Council unanimously voted to assign the City's single waste trash hauler contract from Republic Waste to GFL Environmental, USA Inc. (GFL). The assignment was due to Republic's selling of its regional assets to GFL in Southeast Michigan.

"The only change the residents should see is the color of the truck picking up their trash. The blue trucks will be replaced by new green trucks," states Mayor Bryan K. Barnett. "Routes, pricing, and pick up days will

remain the same."

"Our biggest priority in this transition was ensuring residents will receive the same, high quality garbage and recycling programs and service that they have come to expect," states Mayor Bryan K. Barnett. "We look forward to working with GFL to continue to provide exceptional services and maintain our position as Michigan's #1 recycling community."

GFL Environmental Inc. will begin garbage and recycling collection effective on Monday, July 31. Residents will receive a letter in July providing more information.

The new municipal garbage and recycling hauler will fulfill the rest of Republic Waste's current contract, which ends in 2019. Residents that have any questions or concerns regarding collection please contact GFL at [gflcustomerservice@gflenv.com](mailto:gflcustomerservice@gflenv.com) or 844-464-3587.

## OU Undergraduates Recognized for Indoor Air Quality Research

A research poster presented by Oakland University undergraduates Erika Cleary and Mary Asher was awarded the grand prize by the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) at the Safety 2017 Professional

health crisis in the study area due to air pollutants," said Cleary, a resident of Troy, Mich. "Upon further research, we discovered there was a large number of outdoor air quality studies in the study area, yet there wasn't a lot of

monetary certificate to the ASSE store, free membership to the American Society of Safety Engineers, and an invitation to publish their work in the ASSE's Journal of Safety, Health and Environmental Research.

"I am truly proud of their achievements as graduates of the EHS program," said Richard Olawoyin, Ph.D., an assistant professor with the School of Health Sciences' Environmental Health and Safety Program. "They came, they aspired, and they excelled!"

To learn more about the EHS program, visit [Oakland.edu/shs/environmental-health-and-safety](http://Oakland.edu/shs/environmental-health-and-safety).



Development Conference and Exposition, held June 19-22 in Denver, Colorado.

"When we found out we won the grand prize, we were both overjoyed and so proud of our accomplishment," said Asher, a resident of Holly, Mich. "It was an amazing feeling to have our work recognized on a large scale."

According to the ASSE, the poster session provides an opportunity for students and other academics to report on their research. The ASSE encourages educators, students, professionals, researchers and others to submit original contributions related to the fields of safety, health and the environment that can be displayed in an educational poster format.

Cleary and Asher's poster highlighted their research into the incidence of asthma and other respiratory diseases in Dearborn, Mich. and River Rouge, Mich. based on indoor air quality.

"We selected this topic after we came across news articles depicting a

research done on indoor air quality."

According to Asher, air samples were collected and logged every two to five minutes depending on the equipment used, equipment recommendations and past studies using similar instruments.

"Five public and occupational sample locations were selected in the study areas," she said. "The sampling procedure involved active sampling methods for particulate matter and gases using air quality monitors."

According to Cleary, the results of the study indicate that particulate and gaseous pollutant levels in facilities in River Rouge and Dearborn are a concerning human health issue.

"Indoor air quality conditions in these areas highlight the need for further research investigation to understand how indoor air quality influences respiratory health and impacts increased asthma incidence," Cleary said.

As the overall grand prize winners, Asher and Cleary received a



## Mayor Bryan Barnett Elected to National Leadership

ROCHESTER HILLS MAYOR BRYAN K. BARNETT was recently elected as the Second Vice President of the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) at the organization's 85th annual meeting. With this election, Mayor Barnett will become President of the USCM and hold the title of "America's Mayor" in June 2019. Barnett will be one of only four mayors from Michigan to hold the influential leadership position since 1932.

"To be recognized by my peers is the highest honor. I look forward to adding my voice and the collective voice of Rochester Hills residents to the national discussion. The success of Rochester Hills is a story I'm excited to share with my colleagues and the national media," states Mayor Bryan K. Barnett.

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