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A Community Newsletter from Hemlock Semiconductor Group

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Jim Cross  
Hemlock Site Manager

*From all of us  
at Hemlock  
Semiconductor,  
thank you for your  
continued support  
and have a safe and  
happy summer.*

**The Power of Solar.** The past year has been challenging for companies, communities and individuals alike as we all struggled to cope with the recession. Thankfully, we are starting to see signs of recovery that are adding exciting new jobs to the Great Lakes Bay Region while diversifying our economic base.

*Two key examples that come to mind are GlobalWatt and Suniva, which share Hemlock Semiconductor's commitment to growing the solar industry in the United States. As downstream producers of silicon-based solar modules and other components, both companies:*

- Decided to locate near our Thomas Township facility.
- Play an important role in building a vibrant solar supply chain across the region.
- Are utilizing an existing highly skilled workforce and infrastructure.

GlobalWatt and Suniva investments, which have the potential of totaling more than \$425 million and approximately 1,000 direct jobs, compliment Hemlock Semiconductor's \$2.5 billion investment to expand capacity for polycrystalline silicon in Michigan – a key raw material for solar applications.

The bottom line is that the future is looking brighter for our region as industries like solar power take hold and as we all do our part to strengthen our communities. To that end, this newsletter highlights a few community activities – *from improving safety to enhancing education and the environment – that are also helping to make a difference.* ●

## CAP Meets CAP

A new Community Advisory Panel (CAP) formed to support the Hemlock Semiconductor, L.L.C. site in Clarksville, Tennessee, is traveling to Michigan in August to learn and leverage ideas from our local CAP members.

**CAPs are a key Responsible Care® initiative to foster engagement between manufacturing companies and local communities.**

“Since our Tennessee site is under construction, we feel that it is extremely important and beneficial for the Clarksville CAP to experience an actual Hemlock Semiconductor site in operation,” said Terry Strange, Clarksville site manager.

“They will not only have the opportunity to tour the Hemlock site, but will also have the chance to talk with the

CAP members, which can help stimulate ideas and forge even stronger relationships going forward.”

Our local CAP was formed in 1997 to create a forum for discussing issues and opportunities that affect the community and Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation. In this forum, more than 20 community members from Richland and Thomas Townships assist the company with topics related to environmental health, safety, transportation, economic growth, and more.

**The Clarksville Area CAP is currently comprised of 15 community members from Clarksville-Montgomery County and Guthrie, Kentucky who plan to focus on similar topics for the new Hemlock Semiconductor, L.L.C. facility slated for start-up in 2012.**

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## Hemlock Semiconductor Receives Local Award

The Thomas Township Planning Commission recently presented Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation with the “2010 Business of the Year” award at the company’s new Corporate Center.

“The Thomas Township Planning Commission would like to commend Hemlock Semiconductor for the hard work that has been put in to the appearance of the site,” said John Bintz, Planning Commission chairman. “Your business is an example for others to follow.”

Criteria for the award includes landscaping, outside lighting, clean parking areas, signage and condition of buildings. Hemlock Semiconductor was one of 10 local businesses nominated for the award.

### Did You Know?

**The demonstration “Solar Garden” at Hemlock Semiconductor utilizes solar panels made from the company’s polycrystalline silicon to power 5% of the new front campus building – or the equivalent of six average Michigan households.**



Members of the Thomas Township Planning Commission present Jim Cross, Hemlock Semiconductor Site Manager, with the 2010 Business of the Year award.

From l to r: Ruth McDonald, Chris Thompson, Jim Cross, John Bintz, Diane LaMountain and Susan Coggin.



## Roadway Clean-up

Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation held its second Adopt-A-Road clean-up on Saturday, May 1. Approximately 30 volunteers from Hemlock Semiconductor and Dow Corning’s Healthcare Industries Materials Site, as well as some of their family members cleaned eight miles of roadway around the sites, collecting 70 bags of garbage.

**A big “thank you” goes to the following volunteers for their time and effort.**

Denise Allen  
Scott Babinski  
Dave Berry  
Heath Bitterman  
Tracy Blaine  
Jim Boyer  
Danielle Caldwell  
Bethany Cole  
Cam Cole  
Jake Cole  
Emily DeShone  
Tammy Flory  
Sherrie Fritze-Harris  
Jim Frolo  
Allison Garske  
Rex Good  
Levi Hanson  
Wayne House

Ryan Howell  
Mark Jezowski  
Kyle Krauseneck  
Kelly Marsh  
Mike Mascott  
Matt Murphy  
Kyle Raymond  
Nancy Shepherd  
Beth Smallwood  
Joelle Srebinski  
Kevin Srebinski  
Jodi Wegner  
Mike Wenzel  
Kelli Wilkins  
Dominic Wolfe  
Luke Yocom  
Sweden Yocom

## Road Construction Update

Here is an update on road constructions projects around the site which were first reported in the 2009 summer edition of Community Connection.

### Project #1 COMPLETED

Geddes Road entrance and Geddes Road and Orr Road intersection widened.

### Project #2 COMPLETED

Geddes Road and Graham Road intersection widened.

### Project #3 COMPLETED

Geddes Road resurfaced between Graham and Miller Roads.

### Project #4 COMPLETED

Orr Road entrances widened.

### Project #5 COMPLETED

Orr Road and M-46 intersection widened.

### Project #6 Construction is expected to begin in late August 2010 at Frost and Orr Roads.

The intersection will be widened and include turn lanes. The hill on Frost Road to the west of the intersection will also be reduced to improve motorist visibility.

In addition to the road construction projects listed above, Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation is continuing to install berms along the east side of Orr Road. They will be seeded and trees will be planted to match the existing landscaping. ●

## 15 Students Earn \$1,000 Scholarships

The Dow Corning Healthcare Industries Materials Site and Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation recently awarded \$1,000 scholarships to 15 graduating seniors from several Saginaw County high schools at a special reception for students and parents on April 20.

The fifth annual "Dow Corning Healthcare Industries Materials Site and Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation Mathematics, Science, and Skilled Trades Scholarship" recognizes students for their demonstrated interest and excellence in those fields. This scholarship not only reflects a corporate commitment to quality education and community success, but is also designed to encourage pursuits in fields that are essential to future competitive advantage.

In addition to the 15 scholarships, skilled trade applicants who did not receive the scholarship were eligible to receive one of two broader \$1,000 scholarships. ●



Scholarship recipients with Site Managers Jim Cross and Darren Cammin included:

Name	High School	Scholarship Awarded
Nathaniel Hudeck	Birch Run HS	Science
Trevion Williams	Buena Vista HS	Science
*Kelsi Feriend	Carrolton HS	Science
Joshua Forsyth	Chesaning Union HS	Science
C. James Block	Frankenmuth HS	Mathematics
Autumn DeGroat	Freeland HS	Science
Jessalyn Craun	Hemlock HS	Science
Adam DuRussel	Heritage HS	Skilled Trades
Nilesh Raval	Heritage HS	Science
Ryan Eggebrecht	Merrill HS	Mathematics
Erika Trigg	SASA	Science
*Alexis Alexander	Saginaw HS	Science
*Ashley Wachowicz	St. Charles HS	Science
Zachary Clayton	St. Charles HS	Skilled Trades
Natalie Zie	Swan Valley HS	Science

\*not pictured

## Emergency Notification

To better coordinate community emergency notifications for Saginaw County residents, Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation is working with Thomas Township, Richland Township and Saginaw County 9-1-1 to provide an efficient and timely communication tool to notify affected residents in the event of severe-weather and chemical related incidents.

***The new outreach system will automatically call, e-mail or text residents in affected areas about events that may impact them. The automated system should be in place by late summer. Residents will need to electronically register in advance by providing e-mail address(es) and phone number(s).***

We will keep you posted on how and when to register your information. For additional safety information, visit Hemlock Semiconductor's community safety website at [www.hscpoly.com/community-connectionMI](http://www.hscpoly.com/community-connectionMI).

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## Community Calendar "Art Contest" Launched

Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation, in collaboration with Dow Corning's Healthcare Industries Materials Site, launched a Community Calendar Art Contest to reinforce safety and to inspire children about solar energy. Guided by the theme, "Making a Better World with Solar Energy", students at local elementary schools submitted pictures that illustrate creative ways to use solar energy.

Many thanks go to the principals, teachers, and parents who made this happen. Winning artwork will be featured in a 2011 Community Calendar, along with important safety information and solar energy tips. Schools and schoolchildren will receive prizes for the best artwork. The school with the best group of entries will receive up to \$1,000 to use in support of solar energy, and 12 best-of-show winners will each receive a \$50 gift card.

A recognition ceremony for all finalists and their parents will be held in November, and calendars will be distributed to employees and the community in December. More to come!

### ***Did You Know?***

**The Dow Corning Foundation recently sponsored a children's book, *A Clean Planet – The Solar Power Story*, which is available on Amazon.com and will be available in local elementary schools and libraries in the Fall of 2010.**



*Jack Dreyer and Katie Lazarz, second graders at Freeland Learning Center*

### ***Did You Know?***

**White Pines are:**

- **The largest of the northeastern conifers.**
- **The only conifer with five needles in a bundle east of Rocky Mountains.**
- **Excellent for reforestation and landscaping since they grow so quickly.**

## Planting the Seed

***In honor of the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day***, more than 2,200 White Pine seedlings were distributed to area schools on April 22 as part of a team effort to beautify and replant the Great Lakes Bay Region with the state tree.

Bridgeport High School students volunteered to gently package the seedlings, which were then collected by representatives from Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation who delivered the seedlings to six elementary schools in Thomas, Richland and Tittabawassee Townships. Students then took the seedlings home to plant wherever they chose.

In addition, another 800 seedlings were given to Hemlock Semiconductor employees.