

COMMUNITY Connection

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A Community Newsletter from Hemlock Semiconductor Group

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

It has been several weeks since you received a letter from me about the vapor release that occurred at Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation on October 10, 2009. I wanted to provide you with an update on some of the initiatives we are working on to improve the efficiency and timeliness of our Community Warning System:

- **Telephone dialing system:** Our current system uses old technology and does not provide the coverage we need. We are evaluating several new systems that will allow us to expand the number of residents reached by phone as well as provide the capability of dialing and texting cell phones. This project is moving rapidly, and we expect to have a new system in place by early next year.
- **Community Warning sirens:** We plan to expand the coverage of our current system. This will likely happen in two phases. The initial expansion will involve warning sirens on property we currently own. The second phase (which will take longer to implement) will involve locating warning sirens on private or public property in the area surrounding the site.
- **Safety Information:** Many of you have told us that you are interested in having more information about our site. We are committed to making improvements in this area. For those with internet access, a new website for our neighbors has been launched with safety information at your fingertips - www.hscpoly.com/community-connectionMI. More information can be found inside this edition of Community Connection
- **Strengthened partnerships:** Hemlock Semiconductor personnel are working closely with the local emergency personnel and the county's 911 Dispatch Center to utilize resources more efficiently and improve our collective ability to respond to emergency situations.
- **Prevention:** Our safety teams have developed new training and procedures internally to prevent this situation from happening again.

Since the incident took place, I have spoken with numerous neighbors by phone and in-person to hear their concerns and answer their questions. I appreciate the time people have taken to talk to me, as these discussions have been helpful in shaping our actions and priorities going forward.

Please know that your safety is extremely important to me and the hundreds of people that are employed at Hemlock Semiconductor. **Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a refrigerator magnet with some important safety information on it.** ●



Jim Cross
Hemlock Site Manager

Thanks
for your
continued
support.



New Community Alert Web Page



www.hscpoly.com/community-connectionMI

A new web page has been launched specifically for neighbors of Hemlock Semiconductor. The site provides information such as:

- the siren testing schedule
- what the sirens mean and sound like
- what to do in the event of a chemical emergency
- fact sheets about the chemicals at Hemlock Semiconductor

This site will also be used to update residents in the event that a Community Warning is in effect. If the **“Community Alert”** box on the right side of the page is red, that means there is an incident taking place at the site that may have an impact on the community. Information will be provided on what safety precautions you should take.

This web page is a secondary communications tool to supplement the current **Community Warning System** which utilizes sirens and a telephone dialing system. You are encouraged to save this website address in your favorites and visit it periodically to familiarize yourself with the information.

If you have questions about this web page, please contact Leslie Orozco at (989) 301-6100 or leslie.orozco@dowcorning.com.

The CAP Gives Back

The Hemlock Area Community Advisory Panel (CAP) is made up of a cross section of community and business leaders from Thomas and Richland Townships. The CAP meets approximately six times a year with representatives from Hemlock Semiconductor and Dow Corning’s Health Industries Materials Site to discuss topics that impact their communities.

In early 2009, the CAP developed a contributions pilot program where members brought forward small-scale community projects they felt needed financial support. The 13 member group was given \$3,000 to split between Thomas and Richland Townships. The CAP selected the following initiatives to support in 2009.

- **Mad Science Camp:** A week long day camp in July at Roethke Park for children 7 to 12 years old. The money donated by the CAP enabled 25 children to attend the camp at a reduced rate of \$60 versus \$100. The children participated in science experiments and interactive math problems, in addition to visiting Delta Planetarium in Bay City.
- **Thomas Township Children’s Christmas Party:** About 120 children attended the early December festivities hosted by the Thomas Township Business Association. The CAP’s donation was used to help purchase presents for the children.
- **Rauchholz Memorial Library:** The Hemlock library’s book budget was cut by \$6,000 in 2009. The CAP’s donation enabled the library to purchase nearly 70 new math, science and technology books.

CAP Members are searching for new community programs in Thomas and Richland Township to nominate for 2010. You can find more information about the Community Advisory Panel on the website hscpoly.com under the “Community” section.

Sawdust days



Mona Yancer



Harrison Wardin

More than 400 people visited Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation's booth during Sawdust Days at Richland Township Park in September.

Hemlock Semiconductor representatives from Safety, Human Resources, Engineering & Services and Communications staffed the booth handing out safety and job training information as well as answering questions.

Two iPods were given away to the children who guessed the closest to how many polysilicon chips were in a glass beaker. There were a total of 206 chips in the beaker and the winners were Jared Gross with 200 and Harrison Wardin with a guess of 201. The grownups got engaged as well. Those who completed a community survey were entered in to a drawing for two 19" flat screen televisions. **Congratulations to Doug Goka and Mona Yancer!**

Of the more than 200 people that completed the survey, over 75% live less than 10 miles away from Hemlock Semiconductor. Below are the results from that survey.

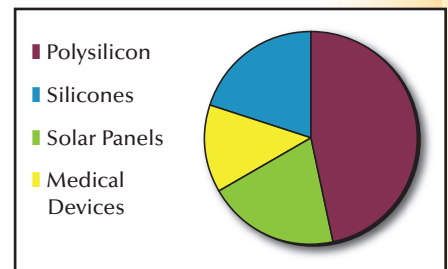
Less than half know that Hemlock Semiconductor manufactures polysilicon for the solar and semiconductor industries. Learn more information about our products at www.hscpoly.com.

Hemlock Semiconductor has a focused approach in community contributions and residents are noticing. **Our community giving strategy focuses on math and science education as well as quality of life initiatives.** Hemlock Semiconductor is involved with Hemlock and Swan Valley Schools and Delta College as well as provides scholarships to students across Saginaw County. In addition, the company also supports organizations such as: United Way, Thomas Township Parks and Mid-Michigan Children's Museum.

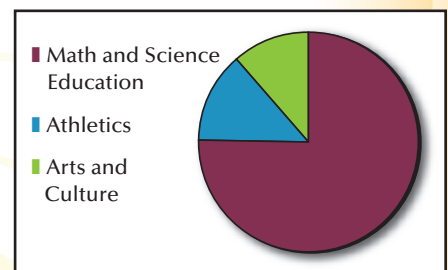
Our neighbors usually get information about Hemlock Semiconductor via local television stations and newspapers. They also provided feedback that the Community Connection newsletter keeps them up to date on what's happening at the plant. Our website (www.hscpoly.com) provides extensive information about our products, careers, charitable giving and our commitment to safety.

What does Hemlock Semiconductor produce?

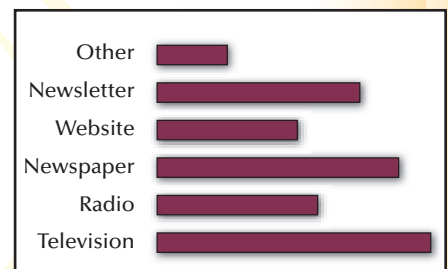
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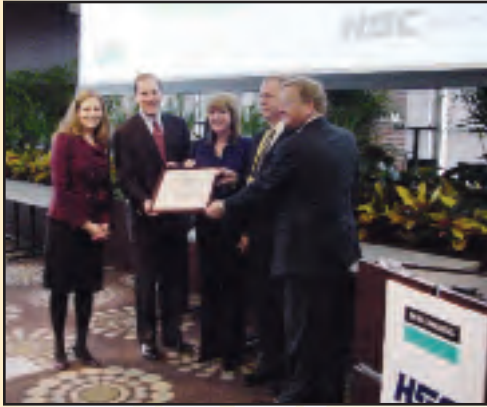
What activities is Hemlock Semiconductor best know for supporting?



Where do you usually get information about Hemlock Semiconductor?



Hemlock Semiconductor Hosts Economic Development Award Ceremony



Left to right:
Angela Martinez, EDA;
Congressman Dave Camp;
JoAnn Crary, SFI and
Doug Parks, MEDC

More than 50 community and business leaders along with legislators from the Great Lakes Bay Region joined together at Hemlock Semiconductor December 7, 2009 to **celebrate teamwork and collaboration among three Michigan organizations.**

The U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) presented the 2009 Economic Development Award to Saginaw Future, Inc. (SFI), the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). The award recognizes the successful regional strategy that resulted in Saginaw County being selected in December 2008 for Hemlock Semiconductor's \$1 billion investment to expand polycrystalline silicon production used for solar development.

"These groups have worked together to successfully accelerate the development of solar energy manufacturing in this state, which is good news for Michigan," said U.S. Congressmen Dave Camp. **"These are just the sort of job-creation and manufacturing efforts we need.** They will ultimately help the economy, and I appreciate their work in bringing this boost to our area. This is a well-deserved award." ●

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Adopt-A-Road

More than two dozen Hemlock Semiconductor employees hit the streets on December 5, 2009 to participate in an Adopt-A-Road clean up. The 28 volunteers covered seven miles of roadway around the site: Orr Road from Frost to Gratiot; Geddes from Fordney to Thomas; and Graham from Geddes to Gratiot. They filled 50 trash bags.

A special thanks to the following volunteers: Jake Cole, Doug Cross, Tom Lennon, Diane Young, Wayne House, Todd Addis, Glenn Brown, Dave Kraycsir, Mike Mascott, Matt Murphy, Trace Gardner, Jeff Goodnight, Krissa Gunther, Randy Rapp, Mark Rohde, Jon Berrie, Jim Cross, Erin Daly, Jim Frollo, Jaime Gardiner, Grant Hilger, Jennifer Holdren and Jim Spencer, Jodi Wegner, Scott Babinski, Mike Wenzel and Dominic Wolfe. ●



Jodi Wegner and Jim Cross help pick up trash near Hemlock Semiconductor.



Hemlock Semiconductor employee Jon Berrie also lends a hand.