

## Christie Lane Industries January 11th Update

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# Welcome Back!



New Year -- Same Old Pile of Cardboard & Boat Wrap -- Workers Needed!

Thank goodness for the warmer weather, but winter is coming!

**We have lots of work right now -- especially feeding balers and shredder -- but also some assembly. These jobs pay at least \$8.10 per hour.**

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What's going on uptown at CLI's new space at 16 West Main St.?



CLI has building permits, zoning permits, and our renovation plans have been approved by Norwalk's Architectural Review Committee. We are collecting quotes and hope to begin interior work in February!

## The reason for all the Cardboard at the shop--

(and why it's so chilly so often on the workshop floor)

by Jen Swicker

We moved recycling back into the workshop in order to save the money it would have taken to rent and heat 204 Republic Street in Norwalk. Murphy's law being what it is, Berry Plastics changed their manufacturing process and starting bringing us lots of cardboard the day after we moved out of our Republic space. And Ship Shape Marine chose the same month to bring us a couple years' worth of boat wrap. Our shredding and our assembly jobs are all going strong right now. It's good to be busy-- but not as good to be this busy. It's been chilly on the floor as we shuttle bales of material onto the docks from the back lot.

Just FYI - Don't shoot this messenger, BLAME John, it's all his fault! Just kidding... Believe it or not we are making steady progress of climbing and bringing down the mountain of cardboard in the parking lot. We should have it cleaned up before you know it, big blue is hungry and waiting to be fed! Step up and help feed our big blue baler!

## CLI December Awards by Holly Binkley

Each year at the Christie Lane Industries Christmas Dinner several awards are presented to recognize various efforts throughout the past year .

This year's *Ernie Strow Community Employment Award* went to Jen Walkup. The annual Ernie Strow award is presented to an individual who demonstrates exemplary work performance at their employment within the community. Jen keeps herself very busy at her four, yes, you read that correctly, four jobs that are all based in the community. Jen is employed at the North Fairfield Public Library and the North Fairfield Village Council where she does custodial work in both buildings, she is employed at the Higher Grounds Coffee Shop based inside the Willard Hospital, and she is employed seasonally at Motel 6 in Sandusky. Needless to say, Jen does not have a lot of free time on her hands. Along with an engraved plaque, Jen received a cash prize to recognize all of her hard work.

The second award presented at the Christie Lane Industries Christmas Dinner was the *Mary Christian Good Friend Award*. This year's award went to Brittany Null. This is the sixth year that the *Mary Christian Good Friend Award* has been made possible through Mary's Family in her memory. This award is presented to an individual who exhibits kindness, concern, thoughtfulness and compassion towards others. Some of the words in Brittany's nomination explained "Brittany always comes to work with a smile. She is always willing to help others when needed and quick to tell someone they are doing a good job!" The winner of the *Mary Christian Good Friend Award* always receives a gift that centers around music, as Mary loved music. Brittany received a pair of blue colored Beats Headphones.

Just an FYI-- we are delaying the annual CLI Mary Hornsby Worker of the Year award until the spring so that we can coordinate this important award with some new things that we expect to roll out after March.

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