



Asking for some happy news?

*I met a girl who sang the blues and I asked her for some happy news
But she just smiled and turned away.*

from the song "American Pie" by Don McLean

We all can get Green Fatigue — weariness of worrying about climate change, the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, or even what does and doesn't go in our recycling bins. To help refresh your hope, here's some happy news.

We're doing better at recycling. More residents are properly using the single-stream recycling bins at TMR, and you can help us get even better. Remember: **Plastic bags, trash and garbage NEVER go in recycling bins. Those go down the trash chute.** For more info, save the reverse of this page, and check the posters on the recycling room wall. And please remind your aide or housecleaner to follow the do's-and-don'ts of recycling.

Less plastic waste around us. Lower Merion has joined Radnor, Haverford and other area townships in banning most businesses from distributing single-use plastic bags, Styrofoam food containers and most plastic straws. Narberth led all Pennsylvania in 2018. So, if you shop nearby, take your own bags or be prepared to pay for a paper or reusable bag.

Hope on a global scale. Late last year saw two major advances in cutting climate- and health-damaging methane emissions from the oil and gas industry. The EPA issued its first-ever comprehensive rules, and at the world climate summit, more than 50 major companies, responsible for 40% of the world's oil production, agreed to cut methane emissions by 90% by 2030. "Slashing methane will produce climate benefits within the next 10 years," said Environmental Defense Fund president Fred Krupp. "And it's crucial that we hold the industry accountable for meeting this pledge."

—Terry Shepard