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It's Trash-o-Saurus's 13th Birthday — and You're Invited! Garbage Museum to Throw Party for Recycling Dinosaur on May 10

STRATFORD, Conn. – Trash-o-Saurus, the one-ton dinosaur who lives at the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority Garbage Museum but is known the world over, is about to become a teenager.

To celebrate, the Garbage Museum will hold a birthday party at its next Family Fun Day event on Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. At 11:30 a.m., guests can join in singing "Happy Birthday" to

Trash-o-Saurus, help him blow out the candles and then enjoy birthday cake and ice cream. The festivities will also include tours of the museum, crafts and games.

Admission is free, but in lieu of birthday presents for Trash-o-Saurus, guests are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for donation to a local food pantry. Editors and news directors: the media are encouraged to cover this event. To make arrangements, call Paul Nonnenmacher at (860) 757-7771.

"Trash-o-Saurus is an iconic figure in Connecticut. When

we talk to people around the state, it seems like everyone knows him," said Sotoria Montanari, CRRA education supervisor. "He makes it easy for us to show people the impact each of us has on the environment, because each of us throws out one Trash-o-Saurus each year."

Trash-o-Saurus was built by artist Leo Sewell in 1995 with one ton of material taken out of landfills. His weight is significant, because each year each person in Connecticut throws away about 2,000 pounds of stuff. His size gets people thinking about how they can recycle more and make less trash. Since his debut, he has had over 200,000 visitors from every town in the state and around the world.

The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority is a quasi-public agency whose mission is to work for – and in – the best interests of the municipalities of the state of Connecticut. CRRA's new board of directors and new management team develop and implement environmentally sound solutions and best practices for solid waste disposal and recycling management on behalf of municipalities. CRRA's four solid waste projects serve 118 Connecticut cities and towns. CRRA also runs environmental and recycling educational programs through the Trash Museum in Hartford and Garbage Museum in Stratford. For more information about CRRA and its activities, visit <u>http://www.crra.org</u>. Computer users can also discuss CRRA at its blog, <u>http://crra-blog.blogspot.com</u>.