

Your Community Connection

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News from Waste Management's Eagle Valley Landfill

Meet Volunteer of the Year Dee West

Orion resident and WM employee, Dee West, was recognized as Waste Management Michigan/Ohio Volunteer of the Year for 2011. You may have met Dee in the past, as she used to work part-time as Eagle Valley's scale house attendant. Currently she works full time as an Operations Specialist at WM's Pontiac Hauling Operation, but that is only part of what Dee does with her time.



Dee West

In the last eight years, Dee has spent countless hours (over 800 a year in fact) saving the lives of over 1,000

dogs through the Canine Companions Rescue Center (CCRC). Dee also became a Certified Veterinary Assistant, in order to better serve the health care needs of the dogs at the rescue center. Canine Companions Rescue Center works with local shelters and rescues the dogs that have been left unadopted and are slated to be euthanized. CCRC has a network of foster homes they place the dogs in until they can find adoptive homes for them. As Dee puts it, "Those dogs are innocent victims and to look in their eyes, you know you are really making a difference by find a loving home for them. There is no greater gift you can give them than saving their life." In honor of her volunteer service, WM donated \$1,000 to Canine Companions Rescue Center.

Speaking of Adoption

Teacher Jon Gray's Waldon Middle School 8th Grade Science class teamed up this year with Oakland County's Adopt-A-Road Program.

As part of a service learning project, the students adopted Waldon Road between Lapeer Road and their school, just west of Joslyn. The students recorded their findings and determined that they filled 60 plastic bags full of trash over the 2.3 miles of roadway. Records indicate they picked up over 5,000 individual pieces of trash, everything from cigarette butts to discarded wood pallets. Below are their comments about the experience:

- It showed me not to litter.
- I liked seeing first hand about the environment and how we treat it.
- I liked cleaning up the trash because I felt like I was making a difference.
- My favorite part of the day was cleaning the road because it made me feel like I was more a part of the community.



Jon Gray's Waldon Middle School 8th Grade Students
Adopt-a-Road



The service learning project provided funding for their field trip to Waste Management's Eagle Valley Landfill and the GM Orion Plant,

where the students learned about the importance of reducing, reusing, recycling and landfill gas to energy. Here were some of their comments from that part of their educational experience:

- I learned that I should recycle more to help our planet survive instead of throwing stuff away so it ends up in a landfill.
- I learned about all the precautions used in landfills.
- From the tour of Eagle Valley I learned how much the landfill can use gasses to power some thing so big like the GM plant.
- I realized that using grocery bags can make a big deal and now my mom is going to get the recyclable bags.



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Monday – Friday 6:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m. – Noon

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Re-Create at the Orion Art Center



This year, in celebration of WM's commitment to the Wildlife Habitat Council, the theme for the art contest was "The Nature of Things"...here are some of the winners and their works of re-created art!



Ava Wagner in the Youth category for "Flower Garden"



Sarah Bailey in Teen Category for "Growth"



Mike Hendrix, 1st place for Best Use of Materials "Billy Bob in Love"



Toni Millman Best Theme winner "Protect our Waterways"

Eagle Valley Construction Update

Eagle Valley will be performing additional slope airspace recovery on the south facing side of the landfill (facing Silver Bell Road) throughout the summer. Work on this airspace recovery should be completed by September. In the spring when we performed airspace recovery, there were some community concerns about what was taking place with the slope. We want to emphasize – the slope is stable, this work allows us to recover air space in areas of the landfill where the waste has settled over time. By placing additional waste in those areas, it allows WM to fully utilize the footprint of the landfill.

Residents to our northeast will also be observing additional airspace recovery on the area of the landfill that faces them. This airspace recovery will allow WM to finish this northeast portion of the landfill for final cover per the renegotiated agreement with Orion Township. We will continue to keep our neighbors up to date on site activities that might impact them.



Waste Management Hotline

Waste Management offers local residents the opportunity to report landfill concerns directly to Waste Management's Corporate offices via a Hotline. All calls are documented and forwarded to staff at Eagle Valley so that we can address them within 24 hours and contact the resident. This is designed to improve communication between Eagle Valley and our neighbors as well as provide

Waste Management Corporate with a record of concerns. Residents are also welcome to contact Eagle Valley directly at (248) 391-0990. Most of our immediate neighbors also have our site manager, Scott Rowe's cell phone number (248) 388-8193.



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