

# YOUR COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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## NEWS from Waste Management's Eagle Valley Recycle and Disposal Facility

### Eagle Valley says farewell to John Spokaeski, Jr.

John Spokaeski, Jr. retired as a heavy equipment operator at Eagle Valley Recycling and Disposal Facility after 36 years with Waste Management. John was a member of the Teamsters Union 247 and served as the Union Steward at Eagle Valley. His father also worked for Waste Management. John Spokaeski, Sr. was a district manager from 1984 to 2002 - a well-respected member of the Orion community. Eagle Valley is a small operation but employs other Spokaeski family members - Kelly Spokaeski, John's wife, runs our scale house, Rick Godlewski and Kenny Orzechowski are heavy equipment operators and John's nephews, and Jack Henry, heavy equipment mechanic, is John's brother-in-law, it is a close-knit group at Eagle Valley. Looking back at his 36 years, John shared some of his fondest memories - school bus tours for local students, WM hosted parties for Seniors in the community, and working with his father at SCAMP Picnics, every July hosting the picnic for children with disabilities, which included grilling 600 to 700 hot dogs.



### Meet Eagle Valley's newest full-time Employee - Sean Fiorillo

Sean started working at Eagle Valley as a temporary employee picking papers and working "Free Disposal Day" events. He did such a good job that whenever we needed temporary labor, we always asked for Sean and he's been with us ever since - first as a full-time temporary employee, doing routine site clean-up and other "as-needed" work, and then in the scale house managing customer transactions and other administrative work. He even helped out last Spring doing nest box monitoring of the blue bird boxes at Eagle Valley and Orion Center for Waste Management's Wildlife Habitat Certification. He now begins his heavy equipment training as a full time WM employee and we are fortunate to have him.



### EAGLE VALLEY RDF

600 W. Silver Bell Rd., Orion, MI 48359  
(248) 391-0990

HOURS: Mon – Fri - 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Closed on Saturdays

### LANDFILL CONCERNS HOTLINE

877-360-8582

### WM CUSTOMER SERVICE

866-797-9018



## Green Up Logo Contest/2020 Winner

When COVID-19 hit, the Orion Township Green-up community clean-up event was cancelled, so were the public library's used book sales. Both events would have featured reusable bags with the Orion Township Environmental Resource Committee (OTERC) winning Green-Up Logo Competition winner, artist Josie Thompson, a then Junior at Lake Orion High School. Josie's artwork was selected from 40 submissions. Waste Management sponsors the reusable bags. WM will be printing a limited run in 2021 of Josie's logo and OTERC is hosting a new 2021 logo contest. E-mail [environment@oriontownship.org](mailto:environment@oriontownship.org) for details on entering the contest.



2020 Orion Green-Up Logo Contest Winner

## 2021 Site Activities at Eagle Valley

Seeding will begin on the north, west and south slopes of the landfill in the spring. We will be seeding with a mix of native wildflowers with grass seed on the north and south slopes.

The road that exists between old Cell 1 and western cell development will be removed with waste filling operations taking place in the "valley" area in preparation for an overlay liner installation in the fall or early in 2022.

Landfill gas work will not be scheduled until sometime later in the year.



## Eagle Valley RDF Free Disposal Days for 2021

June 12, 2021

September 18, 2021

Free to Orion Residents only

Must have valid ID

Watch for details at

<https://www.facebook.com/kathleen.klein.9400>

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