

Your Community Connection

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News from Waste Management's Eagle Valley Recycling and Disposal Facility (RDF)

Eagle Valley Site Activities

Waste Management's Eagle Valley facility saw a lot of construction activity in 2016: a new state-of-the-art flare system was relocated to its new home on Giddings Road, cell construction continued in the western area of the site, and final cap and cover was completed on the north and east slopes of the site (per the Waste Management agreement with Orion Township). Our nearest neighbors to the north and east of us will now be viewing finished slopes with limited landfill activity other than routine site maintenance and any necessary projects around the landfill gas well-field.



30 mil High Density Poly Ethylene (HDPE) plastic cover material in place.



Placing clay and topsoil over HDPE final cap material.



Finished slope with clay and topsoil over final HDPE cap. Ready for grass seed.

Did you know?

Orion Township receives revenue from Waste Management for serving as a host community to the Eagle Valley Recycling and Disposal Facility. Orion Township has put those host fees to good use for a variety of community enhancement projects such as:

- Funding the construction of the Orion Center
- Funding Wildwood Ampitheater and concession stand
- Safety pathway extensions in the community
- Matching grant funds for the Polly Ann Trail
- Purchase of Camp Agawam



In the fall of 2016 Orion Township made a \$25,000 matching grant to add to funds raised by The Daisy Project / "Let Them Play"

to install a wheelchair accessible inclusive whirl at Friendship Park. More than 50 family members and friends attended the grand opening of this first-of-its-kind installation

in Michigan. Families come from as far away as Ontario to visit a handicap accessible playground where all of their children can play together. You can find out more about this project at <https://youtu.be/YZ6hDf33XNA> and other efforts of the group at <https://www.facebook.com/daisyprojectmichigan/>



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Please call for current hours of operation as hours may change seasonally.
Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Recycling Hours
Recycling drop-off available during normal landfill hours.
For tours call (248) 391-0990.

LANDFILL CONCERNS HOTLINE
1-877-360-8582

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Waste Management is proud to be providing employment opportunities for veterans of military service. In fact, one in twelve of our employees is former military. On average, we hire a veteran every day of the year. You can learn more about our commitment to this effort at <https://www.wm.com/careers/focus-on-candidates/transitioning-military.jsp>.



To further this support at a local level, Waste Management participated as one of the sponsors of the Lake Orion High School "Cell Out" program. The "Cell Out" program is organized by Lori Hogan, history teacher and leadership advisor at Lake Orion High School. The program, in its third year, took place January 13th. Students receive a T-shirt in exchange for giving up their phones for one day, showing solidarity of our service men and women who don't

have the luxury of instant communication with close friends and family. Over 1,800 students participated in past events. Those 1,800 represented 82% of LOHS student body who gave up their phone for a full day and also raised \$3,000 in the effort.

This idea may seem simple but, to a teenager, this is revolutionary to give up their instant communication. This year LOHS saw 90%

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participation and handed out almost all of the T-shirts which means almost 2,000 kids participated, turning in 1,957 phones for the day. Through this event LOHS creates a day where students stop and take a moment to personally connect and communicate, rather than use electronic devices.

For every phone given up, Lake Orion's student leadership program donates \$1 to Cell Phones for Soldiers, as well as taking in additional donations from staff and students. This national charitable organization distributes phones to military personnel overseas, for use in calling home to their loved ones. The leadership class feels that the sacrifice of being cell phone free for a day is a small way to show support for our armed forces who sacrifice daily for our freedom.

Waste Management Sustainability Report

The new 2016 Waste Management Sustainability Report has been published and is available. You can check it out at:

http://www.wm.com/sustainability/pdfs/2016SustainabilityReport_WM.pdf.

Each year Waste Management hosts a "Sustainability Forum" in conjunction with assisting the PGA Tournament's Phoenix Open in being a Zero Waste Event. This will be the seventh year of the forum and the theme is "Coming Full Circle: What's The Right Goal?" You can view the forum live on February 2nd, or after the event by visiting this link:

<https://www.greenbiz.com/event/2017/02/02/2017-waste-management-executive-sustainability-forum>.

