

# Neighbor

## Dear Neighbors

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality held a public meeting on the Williamson County Landfill expansion application in late August. Residents were able to discuss issues of concern and ask questions.

We would like to address two issues that have been raised about the expansion.

- **Storm water controls:** The expansion application includes storm water management plans designed for a 100-year flood event, which is significantly greater than the TCEQ-required 25-year flood event controls. Three storm water detention structures are planned to manage run off. In addition, the expansion moves the landfill footprint further away from Mustang Creek.
- **Buffer areas:** TCEQ regulations require a 50-foot buffer area from the landfill footprint area to nearby access roads. With the Williamson County proposed expansion, buffer areas average 200 feet, with a maximum buffer area of 1,100 feet along Highway 1660.

The next step is for the TCEQ to determine whether the application is "technically complete."

Sincerely,

Frankie Limmer  
Williamson County Precinct #4

Steve Jacobs  
Waste Management

## County Opens New Recycling Center

Williamson County's new Recycling Center is now open! The Recycling Center is located on two enclosed acres at the entrance to the Williamson County Landfill on F.M. 1660 north of Hutto.

The center is open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The facility is a drop-off center that accepts used oil, scrap metal including washed

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Recycling bins ready for use at the new Recycling Center.



### Williamson County Landfill

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## Helping Out Hurricane Victims

The damage by Hurricane Katrina has impacted tens of thousands in the Gulf Coast area, including many Waste Management employees. In response to the crisis, the company has established an employee support fund to assist Waste Management employees who have been directly affected by the hurricane. Waste Management will match each employee contribution to this fund.

Headquarter employees in Houston have participated in many volunteer efforts, including the Houston Rockets' "Hopefest" that provided donations and information on services for evacuees.

In Austin, Waste Management quickly agreed to help when a last-minute call came in on September 16 to see if the company would donate roll-off containers for trash collection at the "Sixth Street for Bourbon Street" concert at Republic Square Park.

District Manager Kirk Harrison agreed to provide the roll-off containers, at no charge, in order to help the

Austin relief efforts. But Harrison wasn't even in Austin at the time. A native of Louisiana, Harrison was in Gulfport, Mississippi where he had transported the company's large BBQ cooker and was

preparing and serving hamburgers and other hot meals to displaced hurricane victims.

"We have been cooking for the last two weeks in different areas of the Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama," said Harrison. "These are Waste Management's customers and as a company we are here to help out."



Houston-based WM employees collect donations for Hurricane Katrina evacuees at the Toyota Center.

## **N**ew Gas System Installed

Over the summer, Waste Management planned and installed a new gas collection and control system at the Williamson County Landfill. The system is designed to achieve the following:

1. Control potential landfill odors
2. Reduce the potential for off-site landfill gas migration
3. Minimize passive landfill gas emissions

The gas collection and control system at the landfill uses gas extraction wells installed into deposited wastes around the landfill to collect landfill gases that occur naturally from the decomposition of waste. The gas is then destroyed at a central, high-temperature flare, which is permitted by TCEQ.

The Williamson County Landfill currently has 14 vertical gas extraction wells and leachate risers collected to the gas system. As needed, gas wells will be regularly added to continue to remove the landfill gas.

The wells are monitored monthly for pressure, temperature, and oxygen levels to ensure compliance with regulatory standards. These data are submitted twice a year to the TCEQ.



Gas extraction well

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tin cans, cardboard, newspaper, aluminum, plastic and e-waste including computers, monitors, keyboards and cables. Cell phones will be accepted and donated to The Crisis Center.

There is no fee to use the facility. Please sort items before dropping them off. Bundle newspapers or collect them in brown paper grocery bags, not plastic bags.

"We are very excited to have this facility open for the public to use," stated Williamson County Precinct 4

Commissioner Frankie Limmer. The Recycling Center was built using an \$80,000 grant from the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG).

### **Landfill Guidelines - Correction!**

The last newsletter incorrectly stated that the Williamson County Landfill does not accept appliances. Appliances can be disposed of at the new Recycling Center and landfill; however refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners must have the Freon removed by a certified technician and officially designated as Freon-free before they can be accepted. There is no charge to dispose of appliances at the Recycling Center; however, at the landfill, the cost to dispose of a single appliance is approximately \$15.