

Neighbor

Neighbor to Neighbor – Waste Management is Committed to Keeping You Informed

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Dear Neighbors

As you probably know, for more than a year, Waste Management has been in discussions with the Williamson County Commissioners to amend the existing operating contract to address various issues. In August, however, the Commissioners decided to table the vote on the proposed amended contract.

During the contract negotiations, we made the decision not to publicly comment or get involved in more community activities because we did not want to be perceived as inappropriately trying to influence the Commissioners Court. We put our community sponsorships "on hold" until the County voted on the amended contract.

Many good ideas came out of the contract discussions and although amending the contract has been tabled, we are going to move ahead on several items that we believe are important to continuing our role as a good neighbor and a good corporate citizen.

We are pleased to announce the following:

Community Recommendations Committee

We invite neighbors and community members to join our Community Recommendations Committee. This committee will review proposals from organizations requesting funding and help us decide which non-profit activities to fund. It will also review the landscaping plan discussed here.

The committee is open to Williamson County residents. If you are interested in participating on the Recommendations Committee, please contact Lynda Rife at lrife@rifeline.com or call 512-261-5873.

We plan to hold the first meeting in late October or early November.

Community Fund

We will establish a community fund to support non-profit 501(c)3 programs and projects in the area of education, the environment and community vitality. We have already agreed to be a major sponsor of Hutto Old Tyme Days on October 20. Our Recommendations Committee of neighbors and community members will help us determine how best to allocate these funds.

Landscaping

Over the years, we have planted grasses on the hills and vegetation along fences that are near roads. We will develop and implement an enhanced landscaping plan to re-design the front entrance and to increase vegetation



around the landfill, particularly in the southwest corner of the property. These beautification efforts should help improve the appearance of the landfill. The

plans will be reviewed by the Recommendation Committee before being presented to the County Commissioners.

New Scales

We will build a second scale to manage truck traffic entering the landfill. This will make it faster for trucks to go through the scale house and help improve traffic flow.



Increased Reporting

To ensure transparency and accountability of the County's landfill, we will increase our monthly reporting to include total tonnage, fees and other items of interest. We will share this information quarterly with the Recommendation Committee.

Please contact us at 512-759-8881 if you have any questions or need more information about Waste Management or our operation of the Williamson County Landfill.

Sincerely,

Steve Jacobs
Central Texas Landfill Operations Manager

In the Community

> **Hutto Old Tyme Days**

Waste Management is a major sponsor of the Hutto Old Tyme Days on October 20 in downtown Hutto.

> **Hutto Trash-Off**

Waste Management has sponsored the Hutto Trash-Off for two years, providing a composting bin, bird house kits, and "free disposal" certificates to raffle off to volunteers.



> **Hutto High School**

Waste Management recently donated a gently used photocopier to Hutto High School.

> **Cover Your Load Campaign**

Each year Waste Management partners with Texas Department of Transportation's Don't Mess with Texas Campaign to prevent accidental litter by reminding drivers to "cover your load" when bringing debris to the landfill in a truck or trailer.



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About Waste Management

We want to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about Waste Management and our track record operating the Williamson County Landfill.

WM Central Texas Landfills

WM owned and/or operated

- Austin Community Landfill, Travis County
- Williamson County Landfill, Williamson County
- Mesquite Creek Landfill, Comal County
- City of Temple Landfill, Temple
- Covell Gardens Landfill, San Antonio
- Lacy Lakeview Landfill, Lacy Lakeview

Waste Management is a nationwide company that is headquartered in Houston, Texas. We operate nearly 300 landfills across North America. In Texas, we operate 25 landfills, and in Central Texas, we own or operate six landfills: Austin, Williamson County, Comal County, Temple, Lacy Lakeview and San Antonio.

Recycling Leader

Waste Management, combined with its wholly owned subsidiary Recycle America (WMRA), is North America's largest recycler, recycling enough paper last year to save more than 41 million trees.

Renewable Energy

Waste Management's 100+ renewable energy projects create enough "green" energy to power one million homes, saving the equivalent of more than 14 million barrels of oil per year.

Wildlife Habitat Programs

The company was recognized in 2006 with the Wildlife Habitat Council's President's Award for demonstrating leadership in conservation education and environmental stewardship.

Waste Management has certified wildlife habitat programs at 16 landfill sites in North America, including the Austin Community Landfill. In total, Waste Management provides more than 17,000 acres of protected lands for wetlands and wildlife habitats.

Good Neighbor

Waste Management is committed to being a good corporate neighbor.



WILDLIFE HABITAT COUNCILSM

We will continue to update neighbors with information about the landfill and our community activities through this newsletter and our new Community Recommendations Committee meetings.

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➤ Audubon Texas Curriculum

WM Texas statewide donated \$50,000 to Audubon Texas to fund an Environmental Education program targeted at 4th graders to assist in the 5th grade science TAKS test. The new curriculum includes onsite activities at Waste Management landfills and Wildlife Habitat Parks and in Audubon nature preserves.



➤ Colorado River Foundation

Waste Management sponsors the Colorado River Foundation "Kids on the Colorado," which teaches at-risk children about taking care of the river.



➤ Children's Hospital of Austin

For the past two years, Waste Management has been an underwriter for the Children's Hospital of Austin Miracle Market to raise funds for the new Dell Children's Medical Center.

Children's Hospital of Austin

a Department of Brackenridge Hospital,
a member of the SETON Healthcare Network

Williamson County Landfill Information

Waste Management hosts a website with more detailed information about the Williamson County Landfill.

Please visit the website at
<http://williamsoncountylandfill.wm.com>