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Call for Community Recommendations Committee Members

In late 2007, Waste Management invited neighbors and community members to join its new Community Recommendations Committee to expand our "Good Neighbor" program with an emphasis on charitable giving.

The committee is open to anyone who lives near the landfill or in the City of Hutto. All are welcome to attend the meetings and review proposals from non-profit organizations requesting funding. There is also time allotted to ask questions about landfill operations.

Proposals can be accepted from 501(C)3 non-profit organizations that serve Williamson County residents in the areas of education, environment and community vitality.

"We have a track record of supporting the City of Hutto Parks Department and Hutto Olde Tyme Days events, but wanted to reach out to become more involved with other community organizations," says Steve Jacobs, Central Texas Landfill Manager. "We also wanted to allow for easier communications between the landfill and our neighbors."

WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE

**Next Meeting: Monday, July 14 at 7 p.m.
Hutto Fire Station, 501 Exchange Blvd.**

Community Recommendations Committee Funds \$12,000 in Projects

Waste Management has established a community fund to support projects in the area of education, environment and community vitality. The Committee has met and approved funding for the following organizations:

Project Celebration: \$3,000

Project Celebration was created to provide a chemical-free, after-prom party for Hutto High School students. The Waste Management funds helped get the project jump-started. Students enjoyed pizza, movies, games and transportation to and from the prom.



Williamson County Symphony Orchestra: \$3,000

The funding supported the orchestra's Spring season, which was free to the public. The funding underwrites the cost of the concerts as well as provides scholarships for students.

Hutto Athletic Booster Club Scholarship Fund: \$2,000

Waste Management is sponsoring lunch at the annual golf tournament on June 14 at Star Ranch Golf Club. Its sponsorship includes a golf team, which is being donated to Hutto High coaches. Tournament proceeds fund scholarships.



Friends of Hutto Library: \$4,000

The donation funds children's books, book carts, TV, and DVD, children's furniture and two bike racks.



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In the Community

Arbor Day

To celebrate Arbor Day on April 7, Waste Management donated 40 trees for planting in Country Estate and Fritz Park. The remainder of the trees will be used by Keep Hutto Beautiful as part of its fundraiser.



Hutto Trash Off

Nearly 90 volunteers showed up to pick up 125 bags of trash around Hutto. Waste Management provided goodie

From left, Hutto City Council Members David Begier and Debbie Holland help Mayor Ken Love grill burgers.

bags for all the volunteers and provided several raffle items including a backyard composter and five pickup loads of free disposal at the landfill. The volunteers enjoyed a celebration lunch after the event.



Recycling Tips

Waste Management is sponsoring Keep Hutto Beautiful's "Recycling Tip of the Month" in the Hutto News.



Dear Neighbors

Summer is right around the corner and that means it's time for our annual

"Cover Your Load" campaign. We will distribute information to our customers reminding them to properly cover their tarps to prevent accidental litter. We partner with Don't Mess with Texas on this annual campaign to help keep our community clean.



Waste Management has recently installed additional gas extraction wells and connected a leachate riser to the gas system to control odors.

A lot of wood pallets are being brought to the landfill. They are now being diverted and shredded for use at the landfill. Mulch is available for free at the landfill.

We are talking with County officials about piloting a new recycling program at the Williamson County Landfill. We would like to establish a pilot C&D (construction & demolition debris) recycling system that uses mobile equipment to separate and recycle an estimated 15 percent of the incoming C&D waste stream.

Waste Management has contracted with a landscape architect to develop a design for the entrance. The design will be brought to the Community Recommendations Committee for their input.

Finally, the administrative law judge, after reviewing all the material, has recommended that the landfill expansion proceed. The next step is for the TCEQ Commissioners to vote on the expansion application.

Please call us if you have any questions about landfill operations.

James "Bubba" Smith
Landfill Manager

