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News from Waste Management's Austin Community Landfill

Happy Holidays from Waste Management!

All the employees at Waste Management's Austin Community Landfill and Waste Management's Longhorn Disposal want to wish you and your family a joyous holiday season.

As you enjoy all the goodness of the holidays, we also hope you will consider ways to reduce the amount of waste created from all the parties and gift-giving celebrations. Here are some ideas for your family to consider this holiday season:

Decorating

- Use energy efficient lights
- Wrap gifts in newspaper, paper bags or a child's artwork
- Wrap a gift with a gift – use scarves, belts or table linens
- Use hair bows, ornaments or toys as decorative bows and ribbons



Cards

- Buy cards from recycled paper
- Consider holiday postcards that don't require envelopes
- Re-use gift cards as gift tags

Trees

- Purchase trees that can be re-planted
- Use trimmed branches for making wreaths and other decorations
- Recycle your tree

Green Gift Ideas

- Garden – seeds, gloves and tools
- Family recipes
- Tickets to sports, music, theater events
- Free baby-sitting
- Bird feeder and seed

FREE CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Thursday, December 26 through Saturday, January 4
Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday – 7 a.m. to noon



Dear Neighbors



James "Bubba" Smith

Last year Waste Management was forced to close the Wildlife Habitat Park due to unauthorized trespassing and littering issues. But we are pleased to announce that our wildlife habitat programs are being revived with the help of several new members of Waste Management's Wildlife Habitat

Committee. These volunteers will help plan for and oversee projects at the landfill, including the development of new bird box houses and expansion of the existing butterfly garden and native bee prairie located at the front of the landfill.



Thank you to the following volunteers:

- Vernon Berger, Capital Area Master Naturalists
- Mike McLaughlin, Harris Branch Neighborhood

- Ray Thoresen, Walnut Creek Neighborhood
- Kelly Lawson, Keep Austin Beautiful
- Ilya Shmulenson, Keep Austin Beautiful
- Julie Z. Ansley, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension – Travis County
- Patricia Draughn, Bluebonnet Trail Elementary School
- Mike Lira, Capitol Area Council, Boy Scouts of America
- Omar Santos, YMCA of Austin



If you would like to get involved in Waste Management's Wildlife Habitat program, please contact Sara Morgenroth at smorgenroth@rifeline.com or 512-344-9195.

James "Bubba" Smith
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Our Door is Open

Waste Management is committed to the community and maintains an open-door policy. We can arrange for a tour of the landfill for you or any interested organization. And we're always eager to answer your questions.

Just give us a call - 512-272-9387.

<http://austincommunitylandfill.wm.com>



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IN THE COMMUNITY



Waste Management representative Jessica Engelhardt presented a \$3,000 donation to Bluebonnet Trail Elementary School Principal Dominique Washington to support math and science programs. With this year's contribution, Waste Management has donated more than \$75,000 to Bluebonnet Trail Elementary School and the Manor Education Foundation since 2002.



Waste Management provided a landfill tour to Keep Austin Beautiful's Green Teen interns.



Waste Management donated trash roll-offs for Keep Austin Beautiful's cleanup of Country Club Creek during National Trails Day. Thanks to 15 hardworking volunteers who removed shopping carts, mattresses, appliances and other large items, the area and trail are cleaner and safer for neighbors.



(L-R) Jessica Engelhardt, Waste Management, and Jonna Beavers, Pioneer Crossing East

For the second year in a row, Waste Management donated funds to purchase pizza, and provided trash and recycling bins for Pioneer Crossing East's Movie Night in the Park.



Students attending Martin Middle School toured the landfill this summer.