

# Your Community Connection

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## News from Waste Management's Eagle Valley Landfill

### Meet Orion resident and WM employee Brandon Ayers



Carter and Brandon Ayers

Brandon and his family have been Orion residents for 29 years. Brandon has been employed with Waste Management since 2010 and works in our Wixom Market Area office in the Purchasing Department. Brandon's son, Carter, belongs to a local Orion scouting troop, Pack #128. The troop came to the site in 2013 for an educational experience around Reducing, Reusing and Recycling.

### Big Rig Giggling

Every summer Orion Township hosts its annual Big Rig Gig. Waste Management has participated for several years and has come to understand how fascinated children are by the waste removal trucks that move through their neighborhood once a week.



Supervisor Chris Barnett waits his turn to sit behind the wheel of this big rig.

### Waste Management celebrates birthdays!

WM is very popular with kids – so much so that moms often ask WM to participate in birthday parties for these young fans. WM listened to our customers and for those who asked about getting a “Think Green” shirt or a WM toy truck, this website was developed to provide them with the perfect answer for birthday party supplies...



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WM Fan – Ronald Wagrowski of Sterling Heights and WM Driver Carlos Guzman

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### Education – it's all about sustain-ability

Waste Management is all about educating the next generation of scientists. Students from Cranbrook Academy Science Explorers Camp visited Eagle Valley Landfill last summer. Eagle Valley



teaches students that even though waste can create landfill gas to produce energy for the General Motors Orion Plant it is very important to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Often and Recycle Right!

Waste Management also helped local Orion Brownies from Paint Creek and Carpenter Elementary Schools earn their recycling badges by educating them about why it's important to recycle. Learning that a landfill is waste that didn't get recycled helps the students learn how they can help the environment by recycling more.



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## Working towards the highest value

In order to facilitate new cell development, Waste Management will be removing the wooded areas at the west side of the site. For the last two years, Waste Management has facilitated local



harvesting of native forest floor plant species such as meadow rue, may apples, wild geraniums and penn sedge, a grass that grows well in the shade.

Also, in an effort to seek the highest value/repurposing of the wood in the areas to be cleared, WM met with a professional forester to assess the value of the timber in these wooded areas. Over the many years that the site has been active, first as

a sand and gravel mining operation and then as a landfill, these areas have gone through frequent disturbance.

As a result, the forest growth is considered immature and lacking enough value to harvest for lumber. The wood that can best be harvested for fuel or other repurposing will be determined by the tree clearing firm contracted by Waste Management.



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## Recycle often, recycle right!

On November 15, 2013, in conjunction with the annual celebration of America Recycles Day, Waste Management launched a new campaign around recycling. Industry demands are requiring better education, sorting and separating of recyclable items. Waste Management is working towards that goal by educating the public about what can and can't be recycled as well as optimizing our operations at our recycling facilities across the country. Always remember to follow your community guidelines for what can and can't go in your recycling bin. You can find a copy of these guidelines on the Eagle Valley website page [EagleValleyLandfill.wm.com/resources/index.jsp](http://EagleValleyLandfill.wm.com/resources/index.jsp). You can learn more about this Waste Management educational campaign at [youtube.com/watch?v=DfhOLtE4R5A](http://youtube.com/watch?v=DfhOLtE4R5A).



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