

# Your Community Connection

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Welcome to the second Edition of "Your Community Connection", which is a local community newsletter distributed by Waste Management Pine Tree Acres Landfill.

Waste Management is happy to be providing each of you receiving this newsletter with a source of news and information about Waste Management and Pine Tree Acres Landfill. This newsletter will provide information about activities taking place at Pine Tree Acres Landfill as well as local news from in and around the community.

From time to time, we will also share news with you about what is happening at WM across the U.S. You will discover that these are exciting times for our industry, as we are transitioning from a waste collection provider to a resource management and energy production leader in our industry. First, and foremost, we want to continue to encourage local residents to call the Waste

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Terry Nichols (left) and Chuck Cassie (right)

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**ODOR COMPLAINT HOTLINE:**  
Please keep this 1-877-360-8582 number handy to use going forward.

We encourage you to call this number rather than the local Township office, as it will expedite response times from WM. We would also like to remind you that you might experience some occasional odors throughout the year as we continue to make improvements to our landfill gas collection system and as we construct our new Renewable Energy Plant. Throughout this process, we will encourage you, our neighbors, to learn about our operations, WM management, and our employees, several of whom live in this community. WM management and our staff are here to perform a valuable service and care about our community.

## Operational Information

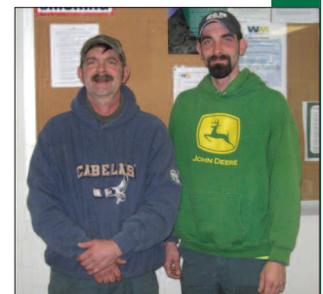
Waste Management Renewable Energy (WMRE) is overseeing the installation of the new Thiopac permanent landfill gas treatment system which removes hydrogen sulfur

## WM Employee Profile

Chris and Lee Bilinsky are a father and son team who work at Pine Tree Acres Landfill.

Chris has been employed as a landfill operator at the facility for over 15 years and is our resident "beekeeper". Chris maintains the four (4) beehives at Pine Tree Acres Landfill, as well as several hives at home. He developed this interest about 10 ten years ago when the previous landfill site manager at Pine Tree Acres got Chris involved in keeping bees. We look forward to having Chris help WM educate the public about these important pollinators.

Lee is Chris's son and has been employed at Pine Tree Acres for eleven years, first as a landfill operator and then by WM Landfill Gas Operations Group for the past five years as a Landfill Gas Well Field Technician. Lee recently received a promotion and will be employed as the new Landfill Gas Plant Manager at the Pine Tree Acres Renewable Energy facility. When completed in June of 2011, the Pine Tree



Chris and Lee Bilinsky

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## Pine Tree Acres Landfill

### Location

36600 29 Mile Road  
Lenox, MI 48048

### Telephone

586-749-9698

### Fax

586-749-6440

### Landfill Operating Hours

Monday through Friday - 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Saturdays - 7 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

### Recycling Hours

Every day during normal business hours

For information about our facility or to arrange a tour, call us at (586) 749-9698.



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## Employee profile, cont'd from front

Acres plant will be the largest renewable energy facility in Michigan, as well as the largest renewable energy plant owned by WMRE in the United States. The plant will provide power to Consumers Energy and when the plant is fully

operational, Pine Tree Acres landfill gas will be providing power for approximately 17,500 homes.

We congratulate Lee on his new promotion and thank both of the Bilinsky's for all their hard work and dedication.

## Community News

Waste Management began providing curbside recycling services to residents of Lenox Township in 2010 and we are pleased to report that greater than 50% of the homes in Lenox are participating in the new curbside collection program...that's a great effort on the part of the community!!! Typically, in the Midwest, you will only see about 20 to 30 percent participation rates, so **hats off to you, Lenox Township residents, for showing such a great commitment to recycling!**...and remember, if your recycling bin isn't big enough to accommodate all of your recyclables, you can place additional recyclables in clear plastic bags next to your recycle bin and they will be picked up and recycled.

Waste Management also expanded the hours for the recycling drop off area at Pine Tree Acres. Residents can now drop off recyclables anytime during regular business hours.

**We'd like to take this opportunity to ask our customers to exercise caution when placing broken glass or other sharp items in your trash. We are finding that these items represent the # 1 cause of injury to our workers when placed in plastic bags and not made obvious to our collection employees. We thank you for your cooperation and care for the wellbeing of our workers.**

Waste Management thanks all of the individuals and businesses who participated and supported the **Shop with a Hero Program** this past holiday season. Over 40 local Fire Department, EMS and Homeland Security staff came together to provide a holiday shopping experience for over 95 kids from area communities. **Special thanks to Fire Chief Denny Fouchia and Fire Fighter Rob Meyersieck** for coordinating the event.

### Educational Efforts

In May of 2010, Pine Tree Acres worked with the Macomb County Technical Rescue Team and the Lenox Township Fire Department to assist in providing Trench Rescue Training. WM donated the labor and equipment to prepare a trench so the Macomb County Technical Rescue Team and Lenox Township Fire Department staff could gain experience in the rescue of victims who might get caught in a trench cave-in situation.

**Waste Management applauds the Lenox Township Fire Department for being State Champions in Search and Rescue for 2010.**

In October of 2010, Waste Management of Michigan became the recipient of the distinguished President's Plaque, awarded by **Keep Michigan Beautiful**. WM received the award for its Public Education Program which teaches individuals about the 7 R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Responsibly and Respectfully Recover the Resources in our Waste. In 2010, WM's Community Relations Representative Kathleen Klein provided public education for over 3,500 individuals in SE Michigan, either through on-site tours, or off-site presentations on the 7 R's and Sustainability.

**WM is always happy to provide tours and public education presentations for local individuals, local area schools and service organizations.**

WM also recently received certification for Pine Tree Acres Landfill through the Wildlife Habitat Council for our Wildlife at Work program. This program engages employees and community members in an ongoing effort to provide and monitor wildlife habitats at the site. Pine Tree Acres Landfill provided a home to a new family of Wood Ducks in 2010 and is also now home to four bee hives,



Waste Management's Community Relations Representative Kathleen Klein and KMB Executive Director, Bob Eldridge

which allows us to educate the public about the importance of our pollinator friends. In 2011 we hope to see bat populations take residence in the bat houses



New Haven Wolf Pack

that were constructed last year by a local Wolf Den Pack from New Haven.

Stay tuned for further info on our Wildlife at Work Program as WM works to enhance our public education outreach about the natural environment, waste management practices, sustainability and the wildlife we share this experience with.

For more information about Pine Tree Acres, please feel free to contact us at (586) 749-9698, which is Pine Tree Acres direct line. **But remember if you experience odors, please use the Odor Hotline 1-877-360-8582 for odor complaints per the Settlement Agreement.**

You can visit several of WM's websites:

<http://pinetreeacres.wm.com> - WM's local website about Pine Tree Acres Landfill and Renewable Energy.  
[www.thinkgreen.com](http://www.thinkgreen.com) - WM's educational website  
[www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com) - WM's Corporate website  
[www.Greenopolis.com](http://www.Greenopolis.com) - WM's social networking website  
[www.thinkgreenfromhome.com](http://www.thinkgreenfromhome.com) - WM's website for ordering recycling kits for batteries, CFL's, electronics and disposal of small quantity home medical waste (i.e. syringes and lancets).  
[www.thebagster.com](http://www.thebagster.com) - WM's new, affordable 3 cubic yard dumpster service for home renovation and spring cleanup projects.

We, at WM and at Pine Tree Acres, wish you all the best in this new year.