

# Your Community Connection

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## News from Waste Management's Pine Tree Acres Landfill

### Meet the new district manager of Pine Tree Acres



Dave Rogers

Dave Rogers began working with Waste Management in March of 2012 and spent 18 months as a Disposal Operations Management Trainee. Dave comes to Waste Management with a strong background in the construction and environmental remediation industries. He has over 25 years of experience in project management and estimating, working for firms that specialized in landfill cell and closure construction, site earthwork,

and brownfield redevelopment projects.

Dave Rogers is Michigan born and raised. He grew up in North Branch and attended Michigan Tech University majoring in Geological Engineering. Dave loves the Great Lakes and is an avid sailor; snow skiing is his favorite winter activity. Former District Manager Terry Nichols is now the manager of two Waste Management landfills in Central Michigan (Peoples and Northern Oaks).

### 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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### Teaching solid waste and recycling at STARBASE Camp, Selfridge Air National Guard Base

Some students like to continue their education beyond the traditional school year and into the summer. In July of 2013, Waste Management was invited to present at Selfridge Air National Guard Base STARBASE Camp. STARBASE is a Department of Defense community outreach program that offers classrooms of fifth grade students an inspiring, five-day, 25-hour, inquiry-based hands-on, minds-involved experience that emphasizes the application of science, technology, engineering, and



math (STEM). Carefully designed curriculum teaches common core educational standards and has made STARBASE a proud and proven leader in introducing STEM concepts for 20 years.

STARBASE offers them opportunities to:

- stand nose-to-nose with cutting edge military aircraft
- become "astronauts" and launch into space aboard a full-scale space shuttle nose simulator
- create 3D models using CAD software
- program robots that navigate a simulated Mars surface

Combined with its stimulating setting at Selfridge Air National Guard Base (near Mt. Clemens, Michigan), the exposure to positive role models, and the time-proven activities that present practical applications of science, technology, engineering, and math, children leave STARBASE with a renewed enthusiasm to learn and have a greater confidence in their abilities.

Waste Management educated students about the importance of "sustainability" and how science and engineering are helping to teach the next generation to take better care of the planet. You can learn more about STARBASE at [www.starbaseone.org/](http://www.starbaseone.org/).

### Pine Tree Acres Landfill

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Telephone  
586-749-9698  
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586-749-6440

Call for current hours of operation as hours may change seasonally.

Monday–Friday 7 a.m. –4:30 p.m.; Saturday 7 a.m.–11 a.m.

**Recycling Hours**

Every day during normal business hours

For tours or public education presentations, please call 586-749-9698.

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## Clarification on last newsletter item

In our last newsletter (July 2013), Waste Management provided a photo and discussion of our newly completed cell for managing the waste generated by local communities and businesses. A local community member was concerned that we neglected to mention the volume of Canadian waste that the site also receives. Waste Management believes our neighbors and surrounding communities are very aware of the Canadian waste managed by Pine Tree Acres. Waste Management seeks to remind the public that we also serve local communities and businesses for waste disposal as well.

## Site activities

You may have noticed some activity on the east side of Gratiot just south of 29 Mile Road. Lenox Township provided approval to Waste Management to connect to the Gratiot sewer line. This sewer connection will allow WM to reduce its carbon footprint by eliminating the hauling of leachate from the landfill to a local wastewater treatment plant. Leachate is the rain and snow that



Facing north - the sidewall liner of Cell 22

comes in contact with the waste at the landfill and is a non-hazardous liquid. The sewer connect will eliminate the transportation of over 1,000 loads of leachate and the associated fuel and air emissions resulting from transporting the leachate off-site in tanker trucks. The leachate will now make its way to the waste water treatment plant to be recycled directly through the sewer system.



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## Recycle often, recycle right!

On November 15, 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. Recycling guidelines can be found on the Pine Tree Acres website/resources page [pinetreeacreslandfill.wm.com/resources/index.jsp](http://pinetreeacreslandfill.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).

