

# Mid Michigan Waste Authority



## COMMUNITY connection

A monthly update from the Mid Michigan Waste Authority

May 2016

### Upcoming Events

**MMWA Executive Cmte Meeting**  
MMWA Office  
Thursday, May 19 @ 9:30 AM

### Presentations will share recycling outlook, options for MMWA communities

As you know, individual MMWA member communities have the option to discontinue recycling services in the years 2017 and 2020. This is a benefit that was specifically negotiated with Waste Management so each community could stop and take a look at recycling services and made an informed decision for their residents about whether to continue offering curbside recycling collection.

The MMWA Board of Trustees Programming Committee has developed a presentation to help answer some of the questions you may have about the evolution of recycling costs, and what you are paying for today.

This information will be shared via small group meetings, during which members will be encouraged to ask questions and provide input. This is an important information sharing opportunity for both the committee and you, our member communities. If your meeting has not yet been scheduled, you can expect a phone call from a committee member soon. For more information, contact Carol Somers at (989) 781-9555 or [csomers@recyclemotion.org](mailto:csomers@recyclemotion.org).



MMWA's Earth Day celebration at the Children's Zoo at Celebration Square on April 23 was a huge success, with just over 1 400 people in attendance. It was a beautiful day to share our eco-friendly message and have a whole lot of fun with area families. Waste Management generously sent its newest collection truck, along with driver Patrick Johnson (above right), who spent the day welcoming visitors, accepting their recyclable bottle donations, and demonstrating how the truck works for fascinated children of all ages. He is pictured with WM Route Manager David Dubey, who is one of two route managers assigned to the MMWA account.

### Problem waste drop-off schedule pending

MMWA is in the process of finalizing its 2016 problem waste drop-off schedule, which will run June through September. We are excited about offering more opportunities than ever for residents to safely and securely dispose of paint, hazardous household materials and unwanted electronics.

We hope to have a comprehensive collection schedule ready to promote by the end of May. As soon as the dates are confirmed, MMWA communities will be notified, and the information will be posted on the MMWA website at [www.recyclemotion.org](http://www.recyclemotion.org).

**In April 2016, fifteen MMWA member communities had ZERO valid RCLs and three communities had ONE.**

*A valid RCL is when a Waste Management collection worker returns to the address to provide collection service.*

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