

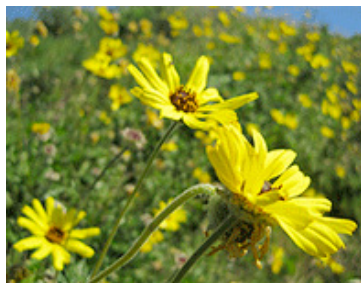


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Dear Friends,

Well, there you have it, folks. It seems quick, but the rain has come and gone, and springtime is finally here. The days are getting warmer and, thanks to Daylight Savings Time this past weekend, a little longer! We have spent this first part of 2011 working with our community on the modernization project, and would like to invite you to two [special events](#) at which we'd really like your support: The Special Community Forum on March 23rd and the Ventura County Planning Commission hearing on March 24th.



to commend team member Robert Harper for receiving the ["Volunteer of the Year"](#) award from the Boys & Girls Club of Simi Valley.

In other news - and speaking of time passing quickly! - read on to learn about how the Simi Landfill & Recycling Center is celebrating a [decade of safety](#). And, as many of you gear up for Spring Cleaning, let us help you get rid of that old, [gas-powered lawn mower](#) as part of our recycling program. Finally, we would like

We hope the coming Spring puts some spring back in your step, and we hope to see you at the Special Community Forum and the Planning Commission hearing next week.

Sincerely,

[Mike Smith](#)
Director of Operations

Green Hot Topics



This month, WM would greatly appreciate your support at two upcoming meetings: **"Special Community Meeting"** and **"Ventura County Planning Commission Hearing"**

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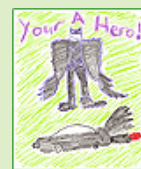
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Check out our new website and learn the facts about the modernization project and benefits to the community.

www.simimodernizationfacts.com



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Community Meetings

WM would greatly appreciate your support at two upcoming events.

- 1. City of Simi Valley Community Forum:** A community presentation on the Modernization Plans for the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center (SVLRC) will take place at Simi Valley City Hall Council Chambers, 2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley on Wednesday, March 23rd at 6:30pm. After the meeting, environmental experts and consultants will be available for any questions related to the project.
- 2. Ventura County Planning Commission Hearing:** The Ventura County Planning Commission will meet at Simi Valley City Hall, 2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley on Thursday, March 24th at 1:00pm. The Planning Commissioners will review the proposed SVLRC Modernization and Expansion Project and proceed to take a position on the project. If the Planning Commission approves the project, then our project will go before the Board of Supervisors tentatively on May 17th.

We hope to see you at these critical meetings. The support of our community is extremely important to us! For more information about these meetings or the modernization project, contact Lisa Hemenway at **(805) 581-1746** or by e-mail at Lhemenway1@wm.com.



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Simi Valley Landfill & Recycle Center Celebrates a Decade of Safety



The 26 employee's 10-year record of no "lost-time accidents" due to workplace injury or illness - officially celebrated on March 16th adds up to 3,650 days worked safely.

At Waste Management, safety is the number one priority for all employees and the customers we serve. For the past 10 years, not a single day of work has been missed by the employees due to a work place injury or illness. The Simi Valley Landfill's work force includes heavy equipment operators, mechanics, laborers, drivers, scale house attendants, engineers and management.

"I'm very proud of our team for reaching this milestone We work long days, endure all inclement weather conditions to ensure the trash and recyclables are managed with the highest level of environmental standards for the communities we serve. Our safety record is a result of our employees having the right attitude and training. It's about their commitment to doing things the right way and having people that are willing to help out when needed. Safety is part of our DNA and I am very proud our team", said Scott Tignac, District Landfill Manager.

Aaron Ayala, a SVLRC employee said "I've worked here for 18 years and our safety accomplishments validate our belief that every job can be performed safely."

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Lawn Mower Trade in Program

Waste Management is proud to announce the Lawn Mower Trade in Program is back! Thanks to its renewed partnership with the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (APCD), Ventura County residents can turn in their working, gas powered lawnmower to the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center for free and receive a \$200 voucher from the Air Pollution Control District to purchase a new cordless electric mower. These savings amount to up to 50% off a new, electric lawn mower!



“This is a great opportunity for Ventura County residents to make a green difference in their community. Trading in your gas-powered lawn mowers can dramatically help to reduce carbon emissions around your home and in your neighborhood,” said Stan Cowen, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District representative.

All mowers must be drained of any oil and gasoline; be sure to participate in local household hazardous waste events to properly dispose of these fluids. For a complete list of drop-off locations near you, please visit the County of Ventura’s website at http://www.wasteless.org/5_5HHWCollect.html.

Vouchers limited to one per household. For more information about the program, call (805) 645-1400 ext 0.

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Robert Harper of WM named "Volunteer Of The Year"



Robert Harper
2010 Volunteer of the Year.

Robert Harper, a laborer for WM, was one of two recipients of the Boys & Girls Club of Simi Valley's 2010 "Volunteer of the Year" award! Robert's participation in WM's GreenWorks program translated his 40 hours of community service into a \$250 donation to the Boys and Girls Club from WM, in addition to the \$250 he earned from participating in the program last year - a total of \$500!

The Boys & Girls Club describes the recipient as "someone who has consistently gone above and beyond the call of duty in dedicating their time to the Club and the kids." Robert earned this qualification by being "a tremendous help with facility maintenance including repairing our ice maker, painting, installing ceiling tiles, cleaning light fixtures and vents, with meticulous attention to detail and workmanship in every job he does."

"Robert generously spends his vacations working to make the Club a nicer place for the kids," said Scott Tignac, District Landfill Manager. "We are proud to have a person so committed to his community on our team."



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