



# June 2024 Community Newsletter



## Congratulations to Jr. Vigil 2024 National Waste & Recycling Association Driver of the Year!



Jr. first joined our team in August 2011, and since that time, he has earned 16 awards for his outstanding efforts, going above and beyond, excellent customer service and providing community education while on his route. He has also won Safety Hero Awards for the high level of safe operations of the equipment he is assigned.

Jr. definitely earned this national recognition that honors drivers who operate their trucks in a safe and responsible manner, have outstanding performance records, and whose contributions have enhanced the overall safety and image of the solid waste industry.

At the May Board of Trustees Meeting, he received recognition from the Board and is pictured here with Anna Barbieri, Taylorsville City Council Member and WFWRD Board Chair.



The District sponsored Jr., a guest, and his Manager (Sione Tuione) to the WasteExpo NWRA Awards Breakfast which was held in Las Vegas last month.

Jr. was one of four winners that the National Waste & Recycling Association invited to sit for panel interviews and take questions from the audience. Corporate Executives from Peterbilt Motor Company also honored Jr. at the conference and expressed their appreciation for his years of safe driving.

We are proud and honored to have Jr. on our team! Congratulations!



### National Waste and Recycling Worker's Day

On June 20<sup>th</sup> Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District will celebrate National Waste and Recycling Worker's Day. Every year during the week of June 17<sup>th</sup>, waste and recycling workers are recognized and celebrated.

During this special week of celebration, we join together to thank the people who work daily to keep our Utah communities clean.

Do you know a waste and recycling worker? Give them a special thank you for all of their hard work.



## Welcome James Kelsey, Sustainability Coordinator!

As we bid farewell to our dedicated Sustainability Coordinator, McKenna Tupa'i, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for her contributions and commitment. McKenna has played a crucial role in advancing our sustainability initiatives, and her efforts have left a lasting impact.

We are also excited to welcome James Kelsey as our new Sustainability Coordinator. James brings nine years of valuable experience and dedication to his role at Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling (WFWRD). Throughout his tenure, he has demonstrated a commitment to understanding the organization and the District, having served in various positions while enriching his academic credentials.



With a keen focus on sustainability, James looks forward to spearheading innovative programs aimed at promoting environmental stewardship within our communities. He is passionate about community engagement and collaborating with our residents to ensure the delivery of world-class service and to pave the way for a more sustainable future in our curbside collections.

Please note the new contact email for James: [jkelsey@wasatchfrontwaste.org](mailto:jkelsey@wasatchfrontwaste.org). Phone numbers remain unchanged. Office: (385) 468-6337, Mobile: (385) 315-4170.

Thank you, McKenna, for your service, and welcome aboard, James!

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## International Plastic Bag Free Day

On July 3rd, Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District will join other organizations around the world in support of International Plastic Bag Free Day (<http://www.plasticbagfreeday.org/>).

There are a lot of good ways to celebrate, and the easiest requires a simple resolution from each individual. Even if just for one day, choose paper over plastic; or even better, take your own bags to the retailers to pick up your goods. Some stores even offer discounts or other perks for the customers that bring their own!

