

TRASH TALK

August 2021



TOUCH-A-TRUCK *touched us!*

Newport Parks & Recreation hosted this free public event July 2 and it felt so good to interact with our community



TSS Driver Victor Purpuree was happy to assist Touch-a-Truck attendees in exploring our collection truck.

On a sunny Friday afternoon in July, after a year-plus of no public outreach events for our company, it was a wonderful feeling to let kids climb on and honk the horn of our collection truck. One of the perks of being a route collection driver is the excitement of kids seeing our trucks on their service day.

By organizing this fun and free outdoor public event, Newport Parks & Recreation gave us a chance to connect local children with the people servicing their carts each week and allow them to explore our trucks in a safe manner. The Newport Performing Arts Center

parking lot, which has largely been a ghost town during COVID lockdown, was transformed into a lively place where local trucks gathered and allowed attendees to get up close and personal with their favorite trucks.

Victor Purpuree, a kind and patient TSS route driver, helped kids get in the truck and encouraged them to honk the truck's air horn, spy the onboard camera, or pretend driving by putting their hands



on the steering wheel. In return, we were all rewarded with big smiles or witnessed surprised faces at the volume of the horn. We already can't wait to do it next year!

In the Know

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Just by downloading our free app anytime between September 6-26, you will be instantly entered for a chance to win \$100 at Barrelhead Building Supply in South Beach. If you're the winner, Captain Ted and Little Beefy will be happy to assist you in spending that \$100. Scan these QR codes to download the app!



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Regular service for Labor Day 

Thompson's observes three holidays a year: Thanksgiving, Christmas, & New Year's

All service is normal and uninterrupted on Labor Day, September 6th, as well as that entire week. Please put your carts out by 6am on your normal service day that entire week. Thank you!

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Fourth generation working in the FAMILY BUSINESS



Photo at left: Piper and Jillian Thompson at the front counter in Thompson's Sanitary Service office. Photo at right: Cody Riley, Transfer Station attendant.



Thompson's Sanitary Service was founded in 1963 by Ken & Agnes Thompson and since then many family members have worked in the family

business, some making it their career. Jillian and Piper Thompson, daughters of owner Rob & Aimee Thompson, are both continuing in that tradition by assisting in customer service this summer. Jillian, who will be a freshman at Oregon State University in the fall, and Piper, a junior at Newport High School, both take pride in learning the details of the business. They, along with their younger sister Blair, (a Freshman at Newport High School) started out picking up litter in the yard, washing carts, weeding, and volunteering for the Earth Day Compost giveaway. Both Jillian and Piper are also working at other local businesses this summer to learn from those operations as well as earn money for college. Jillian is a hostess at Clearwater Restaurant on the bayfront and Piper is working at Agate Beach Golf Course doing end-of-the-day duties like cleaning bathrooms and running the range ball collection cart.

Cody Riley, son of owner Ken Riley, is also part of the fourth-generation working at Thompson's. Cody worked in the summers during high school and college and now works full-time as an attendant at the Agate Beach Transfer Station. Ken & Agnes were and would continue to be proud of the family business tradition they created. ♻️

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:



Dennis Lancaster



Top photo: Dennis with a hit in the local adult softball league (photo courtesy of Aaron Wawrak Photography). Bottom photo: Dennis with his cousin Tasha Rilatos post-hunt.

Dennis Lancaster, or "Skeeter" as he's known to folks who are familiar to him, has been working at Thompson's just shy of a year with his start date being last September. Lancaster is a route driver and has been consistently doing a great job since day one. He was employee of the month in March 2021 and frequently gets compliments from customers about going above and beyond in his job. Dennis grew up on the Coast and graduated from Newport High School in 2016. In fact, many of our staff enjoyed watching him play high school sports including football, basketball, and track and field. We even remember how his basketball team relied on him to lay down three-pointers!

Dennis keeps himself active outside of work weightlifting and playing sports as well as working on cars and fixing things. He has a lot of pride in his Native culture and is actively involved with pow-wows, round dances, and other tribal events with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz.

Dennis is literally a team player and we're honored he chose the TSS team! ♻️

