

PMUA NEWS

Winter 2007

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER...

This newsletter is published quarterly to provide Plainfield residents with news and information about the PMUA, its solid waste and sanitary sewer services. For questions or comments regarding our newsletter, contact PMUA Public Information at: (908) 226-2518 or reachpmua@pmua.org

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PMUA & SCHOOL DISTRICT ROLL OUT IN-SCHOOL RECYCLE PROGRAM

In November the PMUA and the Plainfield Board of Education combined efforts by going into the schools to educate its administrators, staff and students on the districts new recycling program.

Presentations were made at Maxon Middle School, Washington Elementary, as well as at the Plainfield School District Administrative Building where the PMUA spoke about recycling and the goal of the

newly implemented program. Introducing the blue containers, re-identifying where and how bottles, cans and paper should now be disposed, sharing the responsibility of separating recyclables at school, in addition to at-home recycling efforts, were some of the topics covered by the PMUA staff.

Working together in kicking off phase I of the Plainfield School System Recycling Initiative, the PMUA hopes to increase the amount of recyclables generated from each

building in the school district. This increase allows us to rescue recyclables from the general waste stream, which helps to contain costs because the tonnage of regular trash collected decreases. Separating recyclables from the trash = less trash. This decrease is a key factor towards stabilizing costs.

The PMUA will continue to work with the Board of Education while rolling out Phase II of the Recycle Program into the remaining facilities in early 2008.



PMUA team members paid a visit to Washington Elementary School students and staff on November 28th, to celebrate the kick-off of Phase 1 of a new in-school recycling initiative. The joint effort of both the Board of Education [project headed by Harold Gee, Asst. Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds] and the PMUA, this venture shows great promise in successfully capturing the large volume of recyclable paper (and co-mingled) items generated in the classrooms, admin. offices, faculty lounges and student cafeterias throughout the school(s).

HAROLD W. GEE, SR.

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR OF BUILDINGS & GROUNDS



Mr. Harold W. Gee, Sr. is the Assistant Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds for the Plainfield Public School District. He and his department are responsible for the managing and maintenance of all school buildings and grounds. Currently in his 5th year with the Plainfield Board of Education, Mr. Gee came to the District from Lucent Technologies where he was their Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds and the company Certified Recycling Coordinator. Mr. Gee received his New Jersey Recycling Coordinator's Certificate from Rutgers University.

What challenges does your department face while servicing the school district?

One challenge is keeping up with the overall maintenance of the buildings because we have several facilities in the district which house so many students. This in combination with the population, plus the fact that our buildings get used in the evenings by a number of organizations, equals a lot of wear and tear on our infrastructure. We do our job and make sure that everything runs efficiently in all the buildings and that we stay on top of things.

Are there any new initiatives that your department is currently working on?

One of our main initiatives at the moment is implementing a more comprehensive recycling program throughout the school district. Introducing this in two phases, we have recently kicked off phase I. All of the administrators

and staff will be getting blue containers in all offices and one at every desk. By designating separate blue containers for recycling only, we are re-educating our staff on proper recycling practices and protocol. Our focus is on the recycling of white paper, color paper and co-mingled items. This initiative will work in conjunction with the cardboard and newspaper recycling program that is already in place. We will continue to train and educate on recycling with the goal in mind of increasing the amount and types of recyclables generated from our buildings. In 2008, we will roll out Phase II where we hope to have a blue container in every classroom throughout the district.

How has the PMUA been involved with the districts new recycling initiative?

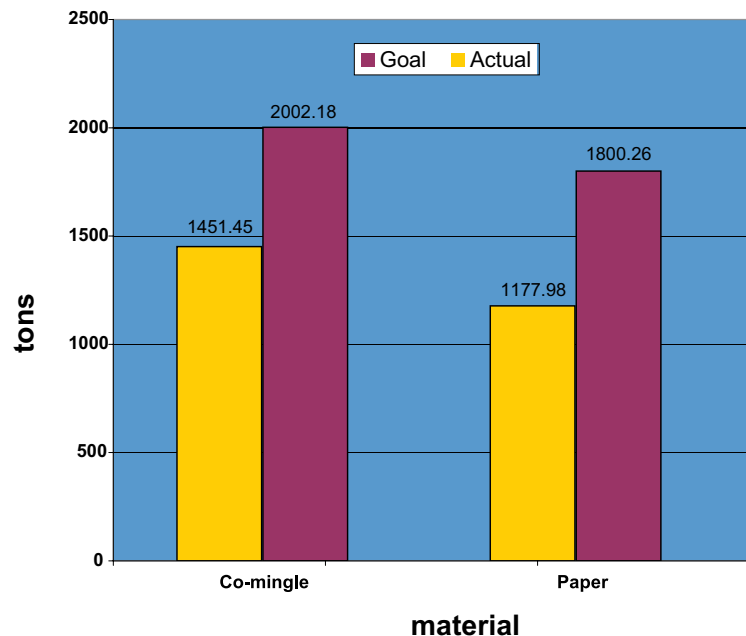
Our recycle program is a joint effort between our department and the PMUA. From the ground level, the PMUA joined us and helped brainstorm ideas and brought in representation from Union County to discuss recycling initiatives for the school district. Working together, we came up with a plan

which addressed the needs of the district while at the same time working with the PMUA to increase recycling in the schools.

What is your #1 priority for 2008?

To work on the landscaping around our buildings. We will be focusing on making the outside of the buildings more green by cleaning them up, eliminating weeds, and establishing lawns. We are also preparing the ball fields for the spring by fertilizing and aeration/cultivation. In addition, we are making sure that our custodians are properly trained to follow certain procedures that are already in place to keep the facilities as clean as possible. Keeping the buildings clean is a top priority. We will continue to work diligently on sanitizing.

PMUA Recycling Numbers



REV. DONALD NICHOLS PASTOR OF THE MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Donald Nichols, Pastor of The Mt. Olive Baptist Church has been pastor of the church for 30 years and a member of the congregation since he was a young boy. A life-long Plainfield resident and graduate of Plainfield High, Pastor Nichols will share some thoughts on life, his congregation and the Queen City with PMUA News.

Being a Pastor, I do a little bit of everything. I deal with people and help them through difficulties by counseling and mediating. My time is spent doing weddings, funerals, baby dedications and preaching during services. It is a very rewarding experience. For 30 years I have been around to see the changes and watch the children grow up.

Describe the ministries at The Mt. Olive Baptist Church and the charitable work you are involved with?

Our church is greatly involved in the community. We feed the homeless, hold clothing drives, have a Christmas Tree Wish List, and hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for anybody who wanted to come. Mt. Olive also created the Liberty Community Development Corporation which is a non-profit group who started the "PRNT Shop", (People Reorganizing Neighborhood Ties) where we hire people who have recently been released from prison to learn the printing trade and work at the shop. "Mentoring to Achieve" otherwise known as

M.A.C., is a program where we mentor children who have a parent that is incarcerated.

Our "Another Chance" group is made up of youngsters ages 19-35, these young adults have been out in the world and volunteer to help the community by lending a hand to better the City. By giving them an outlet, they are working to alleviate some of the problems faced by young people and take a more proactive stance.

We are proud of The Mt. Olive Scholarship Ministry which awards 4 scholarships annually to help children pay for college. Besides the scholarships, we give stipends to all church members who are in college to help pay for books. Any church member in college is awarded book money. Our scholarship committee is in the process of creating an alumni association to help with fund raising efforts. Mt. Olive also honors all high school graduates by having them speak at services in June.

What future changes would you like to see take place in our City?

I would like to see a change in people's attitude and a spiritual change. Respect for one another is something I preach and teach, to love one another and have concern for another human being. I would like to see more of that in Plainfield again, as there once was years back. I still have hope for the City. We seem to be making progress in many areas. So much is happening such as the new Senior Center and



building and improving the infrastructure. But every organization in the City should be working to influence the welfare of the people.

Can you give some words of wisdom to the youth of Plainfield?

Respect one another and use the Bible golden rule... "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". Learn what is right and wrong and avoid anything detrimental to human life. Try to overcome any obstacles.

Being a Plainfield resident for many years, how has the presence of the PMUA affected the community?

The system of garbage collection implemented by the PMUA has had an impact because it is a much cleaner operation. Regular pick-ups that are on-time have been a great innovation for the City.

PMUA NOTICE

AVOID FINES - PLEASE FOLLOW THE CURBSIDE COLLECTION GUIDELINES BELOW:

- **LIDS MUST BE COMPLETELY CLOSED** on all trash containers rolled out for curbside collection .
- **Do not leave trash on top of the lid or on the side of container.** (Extra trash can be taken to the PERC/ Transfer Station, or saved for your next pick-up date)
- **Make sure your cart is put away by 8:00 p.m.** the day of pick-up.
- **Regular garbage goes in the BLACK cart only. Co-mingled recyclables in BLUE carts only.**
- **Construction debris or vegetative waste (leaves, etc) should not be disposed of in your black cart.**

NO RECYCLING COLLECTION on the 5th Wednesday of any month - No collection January 30, 2008

RECYCLE RULES REMINDER - Plastic bags SHOULD NOT be discarded with recyclables:

Co-mingled items should be discarded loosely in your blue recycle container. Do Not use plastic bags to hold co-mingled items inside your recycle container OR Please remove any plastic/garbage bags from your blue recycle cart prior to roll-out for collection.

PMUA Commissioner William Reid Branches Out to City Hall



The PMUA would like to congratulate PMUA Vice Chair Commissioner William Reid on his recent appointment to the Plainfield City Council. It was a pleasure to have Mr. Reid on our board and we appreciate all the work he has done on behalf of the PMUA serving as one of our commissioners. We are sorry to see him go, but wish him all the best in his new endeavor and we look forward to working with Mr. Reid, the Mayor and the City Council in 2008.

PMUA & City of Plainfield Partner at the NJ League of Municipalities

The PMUA was represented at the 92 Annual New Jersey State League of Municipality Conference this past November. Attending workshops and seminars, exchanging information and strategies, this conference is a mechanism for PMUA employees to increase their knowledge base. Partnering with the City of Plainfield, The Authority gave a presentation on the PMUA and gave out literature pertaining to the organization.



PMUA & DPW Join Forces To Clean-Up Downtown



On Saturday, December 8th, the PMUA and Department of Public Works collaborated yet again in an effort to continue improvement to the appearance and cleanliness of the Plainfield Community. Focusing on the Plainfield Business District, steam cleaners were used to remove gum and grime from the downtown sidewalks around the north side of Front street, between Watchung Avenue

and Madison Avenue. Clean-up commenced bright and early 6am before the weekend rush ensued. This program, as with numerous past co-ventures, demonstrates an effective public partnership between the City and the PMUA where shared resources helped to increase project efficiency and reduce operation costs - all to the benefit of the greater community. Together, the City, DPW and PMUA entities

are continuing to support the thriving local businesses community and patrons, by cleaning up areas that have high pedestrian traffic and large deposits of grease, grime and gum. This project is one which exemplifies our commitment to an ever-improving quality of life for the community at large, and will hopefully jump-start future sidewalk cleaning initiatives throughout the City.

Across

- 4. Where most fresh water is found
- 8. People who actively conserve water
- 11. How reservoirs are naturally refilled
- 12. Chemical formula for water

Down

- 1. What you don't want to do with water
- 2. Where most water on earth is found
- 3. Animal friends who teach us about water
- 5. Material available for use by people
- 6. Water found underground
- 7. Preserving something for the future
- 9. Abnormal lack of rainfall
- 10. A very valuable liquid resource



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Floyd Williams
Communications Dept.

Always willing to lend a hand, PMUA employee Floyd Williams has been a dedicated employee at the Authority for approximately nine years.

Working on the Communications Team, Mr. Williams gets to work at all four of the PMUA sites. He finds this to be the most enjoyable part of his position. "I enjoy the people I work with. I get to see everybody who works at the PMUA and make them laugh. I like the fact that I get to move around and see the many faces at the PMUA, City Hall and the PMUA Board of Commissioners".

Mr. Williams, who is an avid sports fan, graduated from Plainfield High School where he ran Track. Track is still his favorite sport. However, Mr. Williams likes watching college basketball, football and baseball.

In his spare time, Mr. Williams takes pleasure in cooking. His specialty is his Salmon Cakes. "Whenever I go to parties, this is what I am requested to bring". I cook all kinds of foods and enjoy cooking as a hobby.

Mr. Williams is a compassionate person who spends time visiting and helping his elder Aunt who needs his assistance. Bringing her to basketball games and helping her with shopping and errands, Mr. Williams is glad that he can help his Aunt who had a stroke.

Residing in Plainfield for most of his life, Floyd Williams is the proud father of four daughters.

NEW: PMUA adds 10 & 20 Gallon Roll-Off Containers Giving Property Owners More Convenient Options.



From contractors to private residents, many can benefit from our Roll-Off Container Service. Whether it be on a small scale such as remodeling a bathroom or cleaning out your attic, to a large scale like doing an addition to your home; The PMUA provides 10, 20 and 30 yard containers to dispose of large amounts of debris at one time. In offering the smaller sizes we are now able to better accommodate properties with size restrictions because they can fit more easily on your property. This makes your job more convenient by eliminating numerous trips to the PERC/Transfer Station. Is your private hauler charging a flat fee? PMUA charges by the ton - a potential money saver since you'll only pay for what you use. Our fees are affordable and competitive, PLUS we offer two week contracts as opposed to many haulers who only offer one week. At all times you will receive fast and flexible response times (usually 24 hours). Call the PMUA today at 908-226-2518 ext. 327 to set up your container service appointment.

Plainfield Environmental Resource Center Now Open for Business



The Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority is proud to announce that capital improvements to the Plainfield Environmental Resource Center (Transfer Station) is complete with a state of the art tipping floor, in addition to the building and redesign of its Convenience Center at 95 Rock Avenue, Plainfield. In celebrating the renovations and reopening of the site, an open house was held at the new Center, in November. Over the next several months, residents and other customers can expect to see numerous changes in the scope and efficiency of services at the PERC/ Transfer Station. Please stop by and check out the newly renovated facility.

Roll-Off Containers

Remodeling your home or cleaning out your garage? Use PMUA portable containers for disposal.

(908) 226-2518

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2008 COLLECTION CALENDAR




ABOUT THIS CALENDAR...


This calendar is published annually to provide Plainfield residents with information about the PMUA garbage and recycling collection, holiday and 5th Wednesday 'No Collection' dates. For questions or comments regarding this calendar, alternate recycling, or general garbage collection, contact PMUA Call Center at: (908) 226-2518 or reachpmua@pmua.org


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Celebrating over a Decade of Service to Plainfield


NO COLLECTION	 Holiday - NO Collection Regular pickup schedules will resume the following workday.	GARBAGE	 Zones: 2, 3, 4, 6, 7	RECYCLING	 Paper Products:(newspaper, cardboard, junk mail, etc.) ALL ZONES
	 No recycling collection on the 5th Wednesday of any month.		 Zones: 1, 5, 8, 9, 10		 Co-mingled: (cans, bottles, plastic, glass) ALL ZONES

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

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DON'T LET YOUR GROUP MISS OUT ON MONEY SAVING TIPS...

The PMUA has been busy educating Plainfield residents on recycling rules and giving out strategies on how to conveniently recycle in the home, by meeting with various groups in 2007. In conjunction with our "Unite to Recycle" campaign, we are spreading the word on how recycling can help stabilize your disposal rates as well as keeping in compliance with the law and protecting our environment.

Are you a member of a group such as the girl scouts or little league? Do you have a neighbor-

hood block association, or live in an apartment building? Are you part of a senior citizen group or a member of a church in Plainfield? If so, we would welcome the opportunity to come and speak to your group. It is important for people to understand the types of trash that needs to be separated and tips on the easiest way to accomplish this. The PMUA has many ideas on how to make the task of recycling easier on residents. Let us share our knowledge with your group.

CALL 908-226-2518 EXT. 223 TO SET UP A MEETING FOR YOUR GROUP WITH THE PMUA.



PMUA: MISSION STATEMENT

To Safeguard our Public Health...

Enrich our Environmental Quality of life...

Regulate, Promote and Encourage responsible actions for a cleaner, litter free city...

Invest in Improving our Infrastructure...

By Providing and Managing environmentally friendly, comprehensive and cost-effective collection, transport, treatment and disposal services for municipal solid waste materials and sanitary sewer.

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127 Roosevelt Avenue

Bank of America
335 East Front Street

Rapp's Pharmacy
611 Park Avenue

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