

## PMUA RESPONDS IMMEDIATELY WITH HURRICANE RELIEF



The devastation from Hurricane Irene was severe. Plaguing several Plainfield families, many homeowners encountered flooding in their homes which destroyed personal belongings and furniture. Others had damage from downed trees and or vegetative debris strewn throughout their property. As a result of this catastrophic event, residents needed urgent clean-up assistance.

Quick to respond and help those who were in distress, the Authority was there to clean-up during the aftermath of the storm. Providing a two week no-charge vegetative waste drop-off at the PERC Transfer Station, property owners were able to dispose of their items damaged

during the Hurricane. This program was a welcomed relief for those who needed to dispose of branches, tree limbs and brush which soiled their property during the storm.

In conjunction with the No Cost Vegetative Waste Disposal Program, the Authority also implemented an Immediate Bulk Collection Service. With a significant amount of possessions and goods being destroyed by the flood, property owners needed to quickly remove damaged material from their homes. The Authority facilitated a rapid clean-up process by giving hurricane victims the first available appointments.

"Our priority is the community's wellbeing. That entails going above and beyond when and where our customers need us", said PMUA Exec Director Duane Young. "In this case, we knew the hurricane left many people struggling to clean up the messy aftermath. We quickly responded to the situation by initiating these two emergency response plans. At the end of the day the PMUA's goal was to support our customers and alleviate some of their difficulty by making the clean-up process easier for those affected by Irene. I think we did a good job, and helped to make a difference in a time of need."



## DUANE D. YOUNG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PMUA

Duane D. Young began his tenure as the new Executive Director of the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority in July of 2011. Spending most of his professional career in the Plainfield community, Mr. Young came to the PMUA from the Plainfield Health Center over eleven years ago to serve as the Comptroller for the Authority.

In his new role, Mr. Young looks forward to working with the Plainfield City Council, Administration, business

community and its residents pledging to make positive change where it is needed and keeping our community as his top priority. The Mission of the Authority is founded on the premise to act in the best interest of those who live and work in Plainfield. Being dedicated to promoting the PMUA mission, Mr. Young will make all decisions having our citizens in mind.

Mr. Young's primary focus over the last two months has been to review all operations and costs in an effort to work as efficiently and cost effectively

as possible with special attention to rate stabilization. He values the feedback from customers and is working to develop more initiatives that address the current and future needs of our constituents.

Taking a customer first approach moving forward, Mr. Young intends to lead the PMUA with a steadfast commitment to provide residents with first-rate top-notch service.

### PMUA NOTICE

**The next PMUA regularly scheduled board meetings will be 10/11, 11/8 and 12/13 at PMUA Headquarters, 127 Roosevelt Avenue, Plainfield, NJ at 6:00 p.m. We encourage the public to attend.**

**There will be no collection of recyclables on the 5th Wednesday of any month. There will be no collection on Wednesday, November 30th.**

**E-Waste Disposal Date Wednesday, 11/30 at PERC Transfer Station.**

**There will be no garbage collection on 10/10, 11/11, 11/24, 11/25 and 12/26 due to the holidays.**

### Saturday Only Free Leaf Drop-Off

Starting Saturday, October 15th, 2011 the PMUA will accept free leaf drop-off on Saturday's only at 95 Rock Avenue, PERC Transfer Station throughout the season. This service is for Plainfield residents only. Personal identification must be presented while dropping off your leaves.

\*Please note that a charge will be incurred if brought during the week.

**PERC/Transfer station:**

95 Rock Avenue Plainfield, NJ 07060

Main number: (908) 226-2518

**Hours of Operation:**

Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and

Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### Need a Container to Clean-up After the Hurricane?

#### Roll-Off Containers for clean-house & construction projects

Whether you are getting rid of items destroyed by Hurricane Irene, embarking on a construction project, or cleaning out your basement, PMUA offers flexible Roll-Off Container options that you can use to dispose of your garbage. The Authority offers 10, 20 and 30 yard roll-off containers. Having different container size options better accommodates a variety of clean-up projects and properties with size restrictions.

PMUA Roll-Off service allows for easy disposal of large amounts of debris at one time, making the job more convenient for contractors and homeowners. Providing customers with fast and flexible response times, call 908-226-2518 to discuss contract options.



# 2011 ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR

## “Community First”

There was something for everyone at the PMUA Annual Environmental Fair at Library Park on Saturday, September 10th. “Community First”, the theme for this year’s fair was chosen to reiterate the PMUA’s commitment to Plainfield and in honor of its residents. It was a beautiful sunny day and the crowd was all smiles as they enjoyed carnival attractions, barbeque fare, cotton candy, Italian ice and dancing to the DJ or the live Salsa Band.

The program featured performances by the Plainfield High School Marching Band, local church choirs and

Praise Dancers. Another highlight was the recognition of school children who were winners of this year’s Annual PMUA Essay/Poster contest *Go Green* and *From Trash to Treasure* Summer Art Contest.

Plainfield civic associations were on hand to give useful knowledge about local programs and public services, while others tables hosted information about green living and how to protect our environment.

The PMUA Executives, Board of Commissioners and other City Dignitaries joined together on stage while a guest speaker from the NJ Depart-

ment of Environmental Protection spoke about preserving the environment. Concluding the program, Duane Young, the newly appointed Executive Director of the Authority spoke to the crowd on behalf of the PMUA vowing to keep the community as his top priority. The message rang loud and clear as a sense of community was felt by all who attended this spectacular event.

The Authority would like to thank the many people, organizations and sponsors who took part in making the 2011 Environmental Fair a most memorable day.

## 2011 Environmental Fair Event Sponsors

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07060

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Plainfield storm drains/catch basins are serviced by the City's Public Works Department. If the drain is overflowing, covered with debris or not draining properly please call DPW at 908-753-3427 to report the problem.



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If a manhole cap is loose, coming off, or if water is flowing out of the cover, call the PMUA Sewer Department at 908-226-2518 ext. 251 to report.

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- Duane D. Young - *Executive Director*
- James Perry - *Chief Financial Officer*

**BILLS MAY BE PAID AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

- PMUA Headquarters  
127 Roosevelt Avenue
- Rapp's Pharmacy  
611 Park Avenue

**FORM OF PAYMENT ACCEPTED:**

- CASH (Rapp's Pharmacy ONLY)
- CHECK (Personal, Bank or Electronically Issued)
- MONEY ORDER

**PAYMENTS CAN ALSO BE MAILED TO:**

- P.O. Box 416829  
Boston, MA 02241-6829

Please use return envelope for accurate payment processing.

**P M U A: 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, recycling, treatment and disposal services for municipal solid waste materials and sanitary sewer.