

# PMUA NEWS

Summer 2012

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

PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

*Celebrating over 15 years of Service to Plainfield*

The Focus

The Well

The Well

Customers & Community First

## BREAKING BEYOND BORDERS

### PMUA lands Interlocal Contract with South Plainfield



South Plainfield Public Works Department recently signed a shared services agreement with the PMUA. Under the contract, South Plainfield DPW is now bringing their Bulk Waste to the PERC Transfer Station for disposal twice a week.

As of April, the interlocal agreement has been in effect and is working out well for

both communities. (It is mutually beneficial for Plainfield and South Plainfield to share services.) (In this case, South Plainfield chose the PMUA as a place to dispose of its Bulk Waste.) "Working together, we devised a plan that can benefit both communities," said Robert Kearney SWANA Certified PERC Transfer Station Superintendent. "The Au-

thority is diligently pursuing similar shared services agreements with other neighboring municipalities in the hopes of broadening its scope of interlocal agreements and looks forward to more shared services opportunities," said Mr. Kearney.

**Congratulations Plainfield! Plainfield raised its recycling rate in 2011 256.38% from 2010. Plainfield recycled 74,879.37 tons of material in 2011 versus 21,011.37 for the prior year. Let's raise the bar even higher for 2012... Keep Recycling!**

Have you called for your Bulk Pick-Up?

If you are cleaning out your basement or attic and have Bulk Waste to dispose of, call the Authority at 908.226.2518 to schedule your Bulk Pick-Up.

# A NOTE FROM...

## CHAIRMAN OF THE PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



PMUA Chairman Harold Mitchell

I would like to welcome Mr. Daniel A. Williamson to the Authority as our newly appointed Executive Director. A resident of Plainfield, Mr. Williamson comes to us

from the City of Plainfield after serving as the City's Corporate Counsel. We look forward to continuing our mission under his leadership focusing on rate stabilization and providing exceptional services.

Moving forward our ultimate goal will remain diligently focused on the implementations of strategies that will help maintain an efficient budget stabilizing rates without compromising our top notch service. This year alone the Authority has made great strides in accomplishing these goals. Such examples include giving a deeper discount to our Senior and Disabled population, reducing our Roll-Off Container Rates, and lowering our sewer rate 2.6% despite

the poor state of our economy.

I am most proud of our staff at the PMUA keeping Plainfield clean and safe while also working with outside groups to foster a positive quality of life in the Queen City. Helping organizations who are trying to make life a little better for others, we assisted in the storing and delivering of more than 100 bikes during the holidays. Whenever our assistance is needed, PMUA employees step up to lend a hand.

In closing, I look forward to the future of the Authority and am optimistic about our ability to continue creating strategies to maintain costs and keep a clean, safe environment for our residents through our comprehensive services.

### Every Wednesday: E-Waste @ PERC

The PMUA now accepts E-Waste Every Wednesday at the PERC Transfer Station. Bring your electronics free of charge down to Rock Avenue for disposal and keep electronics out of the solid waste stream.

Under NJ State recycling laws, it is mandatory to recycle electronics. Electronics include: Televisions, Computers, CPU's, Servers, Monitors, Terminals, and CRT's., Printers, Fax Machines, Copiers, Laptop's , Telephones, Cellular Phones, Keyboards, Circuit Boards, Audio Visual Equipment, and Camcorders.

### Increased Senior & Disability Discount

PMUA provides a deeper savings and is facilitating a more streamlined application process for those who are eligible for the Authority's Senior Citizen or Disability Service Discount. As of the New Year, PMUA increased the discounts to 15% and there are no more applications to fill out!

Eligibility is based on the City of Plainfield's requirements to receive a senior and/or disability tax break. Residents who meet these criteria will automatically be enrolled in the PMUA service discount program. Senior Citizen discount and Disability discount may not be combined.

### Recycle Education Campaign

PMUA has been giving presentations and holding question & answer sessions at the Plainfield schools on recycling. Specifically, talking about what type of materials should be recycled, the importance of source separation and how recycling can ultimately lead to a cost savings were topics of discussion. With a focus on helping the environment, students have been receptive to the idea of recycling at home and at school. The PMUA joined several county organizations participating in a health fair designed for students at Queen City Academy Charter School on May 12th. Trevor Gravesande Recycle Coordinator,

Deborah Kane Public Information Officer and Migdalia Sanchez of the Sales department met with students to discuss recycling protocol at home and school. The students learned about the type of materials that should be recycled and asked questions about the recycle process.

The Authority will continue its campaign to give recycling tips and educate our youth on the importance of recycling.

### Cleaning out, Moving or Renovating?

Use PMUA Roll-Off Services to dispose of your material.

The PMUA now offers an exceptionally low 10-Day Roll Off Container rental vs. our competitors.

Our new low price of \$260 includes the cost of the Drop & Pull Fee plus the first ton of the material. Rentals exceeding the 10-day limit are priced at \$10 per day thereafter.

Save Money- Use PMUA as your Roll-Off Container provider. Quick, Easy, Convenient Service!

**ROLL WITH US! NEW \$260 DEAL ON ROLL-OFF CONTAINERS!**  
For more info contact us at 908.226.2518



## New Executive Director Named

Mr. Daniel A. Williamson is named Executive Director of the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority. His leadership of the Authority began in July 2012. Mr. Williamson comes to the PMUA after serving as the Corporation Counsel to the City of Plainfield.

## PMUA TEAMS up with UNION COUNTY

A Paper Shredding Event took place in Plainfield on Friday, April 27th to celebrate Earth Week. Sponsored by Union County in conjunction with the PMUA, the Shred Mobile was used by many to dispose of confidential documents in a secure way.



A total of 281 cars went through Cedar Brook Park where PMUA employees assisted residents by helping to unload paper into the Shred Mobile. Once the paper was shredded, it was taken to a recycle center.

The Authority is pleased with the amount of paper recycled as a result of this event. We encourage residents to separate paper waste and recycle all cardboard and paper each Wednesday, Plainfield's designated recycle collection day. See [www.ucnj.org/recycle](http://www.ucnj.org/recycle) for future Shred Mobile events.

# PMUA

# 2012



## ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR

**September 8th, 2012**  
**Library Park, Plainfield**  
**11:00 am to 3:00 pm**  
**\* Rain Date of September 22nd**

## How Do I Dispose of Metal Hangers?

Metal Hangers can be disposed of during designated Scrap Metal collection days hosted by Union County. See [www.ucnj.org/recycle](http://www.ucnj.org/recycle) for dates. You can also return metal hangers to your dry-cleaner to be re-used.



GET THE LATEST NEWS FROM PMUA! FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER  
[www.facebook.com/PlainfieldMUA](http://www.facebook.com/PlainfieldMUA) & [www.twitter.com/plainfieldmua](http://www.twitter.com/plainfieldmua)



PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
 127 ROOSEVELT AVENUE  
 PLAINFIELD, NJ 07060

Presorted Standard  
 U.S. POSTAGE  
 PERMIT NO. 728  
 Rahway, NJ  
 07065

## Now that it is Block Party Season...

Remember to call the PMUA to arrange a special trash pick-up if your neighborhood is hosting a block party.

## PMUA NOTICE

**Holiday Closings- Regular Garbage Collections will be suspended-  
 PMUA closed 9/3 and 10/8 due to the holidays.**

**The next regularly scheduled PMUA board meetings are on Tuesday's-  
 8/14, 9/11, 10/9 @ 6:00 pm- PMUA Headquarters 127 Roosevelt Ave. ,  
 Plainfield.**

**PERC Transfer Station - Hours of Operation:**

**Monday - Friday, 7:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. • Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Hazardous Waste Disposal- Go to [www.ucnj.org/recycle](http://www.ucnj.org/recycle) for  
 Special Events & Drop-Off Information.**

**Fluorescent Bulbs accepted for disposal the 2nd Wednesday of each month  
 starting 7/11 at PERC/Transfer Station.**

### P M U A MISSION

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.



#### PMUA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Harold Mitchell - Chairperson

Carol Ann Brokaw - Secretary

Alex Toliver - Treasurer

Tracey Brown - Commissioner

Malcolm R. Dunn - Commissioner

Cecil H. Sanders, Jr. - Alt. Commissioner

#### PMUA EXECUTIVE BOARD

Daniel A. Williamson - 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.

- OR -

PMUA Headquarters  
 127 Roosevelt Ave.  
 Plainfield, NJ 07060

As of December 31st 2011, payments or other mail sent to the old P.O. Box address in Newark, NJ, will be returned to sender by the USPS. Please be sure that your return envelope is addressed properly to avoid any delays in payment receipt and processing.