

## PMUA SOLID WASTE RATE REDUCTION AHEAD

The Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority is proud to announce an upcoming reduction in its solid waste service rates. PMUA Solid Waste customers will see the reduction - approximately 7.2% for the average single family home - reflected in their next quarterly bill this April.

This accomplishment is the result of our commitment to excellence through operational efficiency, fiscal responsibility, and professional integrity. Providing comprehensive waste management services to a growing Plainfield community requires a great deal of resources, careful planning and logistics. Maintaining service affordability and quality is a complex operational balance and at times requires difficult

decisions, however, we take time to carefully weigh all viable options and execute a strategy that prioritizes our customers' best interests. These efforts have not only helped the PMUA successfully maintain rates in a down economy, but they have also become a catalyst for this year's upcoming solid waste rate reduction.

We are very happy to have accomplished this for our customers, and will continue working diligently to identify areas where operational cost savings and new revenue streams can be attained to help stabilize service rates.

For more information, questions, or feedback feel free to call PMUA at 908-226-2518



## PMUA Backs Push for Tax Deduction on Sewer Service Fees

On Tuesday, January 8, 2013, a bill was introduced by NJ Legislators, proposing a gross income tax deduction to homestead owners for water and sewer services. Under this bill, homeowners would receive a tax credit on payments for certain water and sewer charges provided by a municipality or an entity such as a utility, authority or private company. This comes as welcome news to many Plainfield property owners who have been unable to take advantage of the benefit of a tax deduction on their PMUA sanitary sewer charges, because the charges are not currently factored into their City taxes.

The move to introduce this legislation had been petitioned and contemplated

in previous years, however with little to no resolve. Still, the book was never fully closed on the issue, especially by the PMUA who continued dialogue with the State Assembly about taking progressive steps to address this concern on behalf of their customers and the city's taxpayers at large. Over the years, Plainfield property owners have frequently approached the PMUA to address their frustrations at not being able to take a tax deduction for their paid sewer charges. Now, through the collective actions of PMUA Executive Director Dan Williamson and New Jersey State Assemblyman Jerry Green, focus on the matter has been revived.

"We are in full support of this bill", says

Williamson. "Economic turbulence is increasingly strenuous on the large majority of the population. As both the executive leader of this Authority and a taxpaying citizen of this city, the best interests of our ratepayers and the overall Plainfield community are among my top priority. My sincerest hope is for this legislation to be passed, so those who have invested ownership in our municipality can be afforded some helpful relief."

According to the proposed document, the act would go into effect immediately following the bill's approval, and would apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1 of the next following enactment.

# Collection Schedule Reminder

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### 2013 Garbage Collection Changes

The PMUA collection schedule was updated for 2013 - the new collection schedule is as follows:

- **Zones 3,4,6,9,10 - Mondays & Thursdays**
- **Zones 1,2,5,7,8 - Tuesdays & Fridays**

**NOTE: Zones 9, 10, 2, 7 were affected by the 2013 collection calendar adjustment.**

### Recycle Collection Changes

All zones are now receiving recycle collection every other Wednesday. All properties should continue to place both co-mingled and paper/cardboard materials out on their designated recycle days. Your next recycle collection days are as follows:

- **Zones 3,4,6,9,10 - Wed., 3/20 & 4/3**
- **Zones 1,2,5,7,8 - Wed., 3/27 & 4/10**

**NOTE: ALL RECYCLABLE MATERIALS MUST BE PROPERLY SEPARATED TO AVOID FINE(S).** Please verify the zone(s) of your property/residence(s), and check the calendar for more details on your assigned garbage and recycle collection dates.

The **2013 Collection Calendar** is also available online at [www.pmua.info](http://www.pmua.info); click on 'Links' then 'Documents', for this year's schedule and a map of Plainfield Zones. If you are having trouble identifying your zone(s), please contact PMUA Customer Service at (908)226-2518.

## PMUA CFO Retires



As of December 31, 2012 Mr. James Perry retired from the PMUA. Mr. Perry spent the last 17 years as the CFO for the Authority, and has been an integral member of the staff. His leadership and management have been a catalyst for success in propelling the PMUA mission forward since its inception. The Authority truly appreciates his years of hard work and dedication and wishes him all the best in this next chapter.

## PMUA Welcomes Commissioner Eke



The Authority welcomes Plainfield resident Charles Eke to its PMUA Board of Commissioners. As of February 2013, Mr. Eke began serving on the Board as an Alternate Commissioner.

## Shred Mobile Coming Back in April



Union County's mobile paper-shredding program - where residents can safely and securely have their confidential documents shred and recycled free of charge - will be at Cedar Brook Park, Friday April 26th from 9:00-1:00. As co-host for this recycling event, the PMUA is urging local residents to participate and have their unwanted papers and documents properly disposed of. Employees will be on hand for assistance.

Participants can watch as their paper is loaded into the shredder. Afterwards the shredded material will be properly recycled. We encourage people to shred personal papers to safeguard against identity theft. This event is for Union County

Residents Only - No commercial entities. In an effort to accommodate all those wishing to participate, please limit your documents to 4 bags/boxes weighing no more than 10 lbs. each. Papers should be limited to confidential/sensitive materials only. Magazines and non-confidential papers should be disposed of via your curbside recycle collection service. No plastic binders.

\*Note: Event may end before 1:00 pm if the mobile shredder gets filled to capacity. Event may be cancelled in the event of extreme bad weather. Call the Union County Recycling Hotline for event day cancellation information at 908-654-9889.

## Are You Recycling?

### How are you disposing of your E-Waste?

**Did you know that electronics are considered recyclable, and not accepted in the solid waste or bulky waste collections?**

To comply with state mandates regarding the collection and disposal of E-Waste, you must recycle electronics. Bring your E-Waste to the PERC facility located at 95 Rock Avenue, any day during normal operation hours for disposal.

**E-Waste Includes: Televisions, Computers, CPUs, Servers, Monitors, Terminals, and CRTs, Printers, Fax Machines, Copiers, Laptops, Telephones, Cellular Phones, Keyboards, Circuit Boards, Audio Visual Equipment, and Camcorders.**

### Fluorescent Bulbs

Fluorescent Bulbs should be disposed of at PERC/Transfer Station the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

### Do you separate your trash & recyclables?

At home and at work, always remember to separate recyclable materials such as paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, bottles and cans from your regular trash.

### Do you recycle all of your plastic beverage and food containers?

Mouthwash, salad dressing, peanut butter, water bottles; milk, juice, shampoo, laundry detergent should all go into your blue cart with co-mingled materials for recycle collection.

Squeezable bottles such as mustard, honey, ketchup, yogurt, margarine tubs, medicine bottles, three and five gallon reusable water bottles, and some citrus juice bottles with the recycle symbol should also be placed in your blue cart.

### Practice better recycling habits

Increase the amount of materials being disposed of in your blue cart and decrease the amount of trash in your black container.

### Reminder

*Remove caps and empty water bottles before discarding in recycle can. Water bottles should be emptied of any liquid, and caps should be disposed of in the regular trash.*



## Go Green! Annual PMUA Essay/Poster Contest

Plainfield school children in grades K-8 can participate!

See your teacher, principal or call the PMUA for details.  
Entries due by May 31st.

Prizes will be awarded at the  
**2013 Annual PMUA  
Environmental Fair.**

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## Keep Your Drain Grease Free



### Where Grease Comes From

Grease comes from a variety of food items including meat fats, cooking oil, butter, lard and deep fried foods. After cooking or eating, some people pour the remnants of the grease and food scraps down the sink. This should NOT be done. When grease enters the sewer system through household drains, it sticks to the insides of the sewer pipes. Over-time it builds up and clogs the pipes, causing a sewer backup. This leads to a costly, unpleasant and hazardous mess for property owners, as raw sewage from

the blocked pipes can overflow back into homes, yards, streets and parks. To best avoid this, always dispose of your grease and food scraps in the proper manner.

### How to Properly Dispose of Grease

- Pour grease and scraps into a cup, can, or small container (preferably with a lid) and throw in the GARBAGE.
- You can also freeze it (less mess).
- Wipe out greasy pots/pans with a paper towel before washing them and throw paper towel in the GARBAGE.

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# 14TH ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR



**SAVE THE DATE**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> | 11AM-3PM**  
{ RAINDATE: 9/14/13 }  
**LIBRARY PARK, PLAINFIELD, NJ**

## PMUA NOTICES

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS, GARBAGE COLLECTION IS SUSPENDED ON **3/29, 5/27** AND **7/4**

EXCESS GARBAGE DUE TO HOLIDAY CLOSING - PMUA URGES ALL RESIDENCES TO PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF EXCESS GARBAGE GENERATED OVER A HOLIDAY. IF YOUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED PICK-UP IS DURING A HOLIDAY THE PMUA WILL COLLECT YOUR ADDITIONAL WASTE ON YOUR FOLLOWING SCHEDULED COLLECTION DAY AT NO SERVICE FEE.

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 CART.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL- GO TO [WWW.UCNJ.ORG/RECYCLE](http://WWW.UCNJ.ORG/RECYCLE) FOR DROP-OFF INFORMATION.

VISIT [WWW.PMUA.INFO](http://WWW.PMUA.INFO) FOR UPCOMING MEETING DATES.

## 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

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### PMUA EXECUTIVE BOARD

Daniel A. Williamson - Executive Director  
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### 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

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