

Waste Management

June 9, 2021

10:00am-11:00am

Zoom



Agenda

I. Welcome and Introductions

- 12 attendees; 5 Camden residents/businesses

II. Hot Topics

a. Yaffa & Sons Property (624-644 Chestnut St.) Dumping Site

- Attorney General: enforcement action, continuing to watch the site
- DEP working with division of law and local government collaboratively
- The city is working on licensing enforcements, etc

b. Lot 1, Block 1 Dumping Site

- Given administrative consent orders having to do with remediation and encroachment on flood zones
- Both ACOs have exceeded their timelines; goals have not been met
 1. Effort from enforcement to reach out to entity... will see how that goes and report back

c. Others

- City of Camden using new camera system (generator based, free-standing)
 1. Used at some illegal dumping sites on a trial basis (Unsure for how long or where the cameras came from)

III. Special Presentations

a. "Helping Businesses Prepare for the Plastic Carryout Bag and Polystyrene Foam Ban" -- Janet Robertson, Project Manager, [NJ Business Action Center](#)

- NJ Business Action center: from state government. Any questions can go to live chat
- The ban: Starting in May of 2022, all stores and food service businesses are banned from providing or selling single-use plastic carryout bags or Styrofoam products to customers. Large grocery stores will also be banned from providing or selling single-use paper carryout bags. Instead, reusable carryout bags may be provided or sold at the point of sale. Single-use plastic straws may only be provided on a by-request basis, effective November of this year, 2021.
- Exemptions: produce bags, prescription bags, etc.
- Foam exemptions: expire 2024
- DEP enforcing the law and exemptions; alternatives to some products such as Styrofoam clam shell food containers are still being worked out
- FAQs, Vendor Clearinghouse, etc. on their website

b. "NJ Clean Communities Overview" -- JoAnn Gemenden, Executive Director, [NJ Clean Communities](#) Council

- Clean communities Coordinator is available to Camden as well as funding via state aid

- Clean Communities Act passes in 1986; every county/ municipality gets clean communities grants for litter cleanup, education, and enforcement (including graffiti and stormwater management and cameras for illegal dumping)
 1. Can't spend on park improvements such as benches, nothing for curbside collection, leaf disposal, etc.
- Money comes from a tax on litter generating products
- Both Camden County and Camden City receive around \$100,000 annually
- In preparation of the plastics ban, Clean Communities Council is focusing bag giveaways in disadvantaged communities; currently working to get their program in more languages
- www.bagupnj.com

c. Q&A

- Sign up for e-newsletter here: <https://www.njclean.org/register-for-web-news>
- Have you done this webinar in Spanish? Want to work more on this and can probably make it happen
- Anything in messaging built around new fears coming out of the pandemic?
 1. DEP's call—beyond their level

IV. Illegal Dumping

a. Current Issues

- Illegal Dumping Legislation
 1. State level: increasing fines significantly for illegal dumping
- [A New View](#) June Events
 - Words on Waste with the Hoodbrarian: writing workshops on the 2nd Thursday of each month through September
 - I Bike Camden this Saturday, June 12th: biking tour of all six *A New View* art installations
 - Virtual Guided Tour June 18th

V. Waste Collection

a. Current Issues

- CFP received a grant for an adopt-a-drain program
 1. Get residents to volunteer to adopt the inlet near their homes and agree to clean out those inlets before storms (litter #1 cause of flooding in the city)
- E-Waste Program: 10,000 pounds of material can result in a rebate
 1. Considering using the Heart of Camden parking lot
 2. Need to have staff/ volunteers available to receive e-waste
- Mercury thermostat program: residents can bring in their thermostat to be recycled
 1. Discussions of giving gift card to PSE&G to get a new, more efficient and safer thermostat discounted
 2. Hoping to start up soon, dates to be set

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Next Meeting: CCI Community Meeting, July 14th at 10 am