The Avalon Home and Land Owners Association

ENVIRONMENT AND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY ADMINISTRATION

Please note there is not a report given each month

March - May 2018 – no report

February 2018 -Dune grass planting will take place on Saturday April 21 at 8:30 a.m., meeting at the Community Center. The Rain Date is April 22.

A survey has been carried out in various areas of the Borough to determine where trees might be replaced in satisfaction of the Tree Grant the Borough has received

January 2018 - The Borough has received a $30,000 grant to plant trees in the Borough. A Tree Committee has been formed under the jurisdiction of the Environmental Commission to evaluate the locations on Borough property where trees would be replaced. To obtain the grant money the project must be completed by June 2018

May - December 2017 – no reports

March 2017 - Bill Burns has been reappointed to the MUA Commission. MUA is preparing for the summer. A list of items to be upgraded is being developed. This includes the outfall pipe at Ocean City (which is in a bad condition). A number of bonds were paid off in 2016 with a big decrease in the interest that was being paid

February 2017 – no report

January 2017 - The pipes at the 39th Street pumping station are a bypass that allow work to be done at the pump station when it needs to be shut down. MUA will put up fencing to hide the pipes. MUA is also working on an odor problem caused by sludge disposal from the treatment facility on the mainland. If people have concerns about any odor problems MUA can be phoned

December 2016 - AHLOA has received a letter from a property owner at 39th and Ocean Drive regarding the huge new pipes that have been installed at the 39th Street station. Since no satisfactory response was given by workers at the site a letter will be written to the MUA.

November 2016 - Collection of electronics will continue through 2017.

October 2016 - Councilman Burns reported that a new administration building for the MUA was under construction.

The Avalon Environmental Commission has received a 2016 Association of New Jersey Environmental Commission award for the Beach/Dune Trail at 44th and 48th Streets. The plaque will be posted in Borough Hall.

Sept 2016 – MUA -The disposal of sludge disposal was outsourced through August. The disposal of electronics was not successful and is a concern

July 2016 – No report

June 2016 - The construction of a new MUA building is underway at a cost of $8,946,000. Long- lasting materials will be used. Several months ago there was a fire at the compost material processing area. Insurance coverage for the removal of sludge ended at the end of April. MUA is now using up to date processes to remove odor from the sludge. The amount of materials

handled after Memorial Day were the greatest in 5 years. Materials from 7-Mile Island were up by 10 from the previous year.

May 2016 - The Borough has obtained a $24,000 State grant to remove dead/dying Japanese black pines (that have been infected with the Southern Pine Beetle) in the dunes. These trees once they become infected will die rapidly. It is expected that small replacement trees will be planted in the fall.

March 2016 - ENVIRONMENT-There will be a dune grass planting event on Saturday, April 16 at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Center (rain date is April 17).

MUA - Insurance is currently covering the removal of sludge from the waste treatment plant after the fire last year, however, funds run out in about 4-6 weeks. MUA has been given permission by the Freeholders to reconstruct the facility. It is looking for contractors and will go out for bid soon.

February 2016 - The Environmental Commission is working with New Jersey Forestry to try to get a $24,000 grant to combat the Southern Pine Bark Beetle in pine trees in the dunes. The grant, if awarded, does not require the Borough to put up matching funds.

January 2016 - The Borough has submitted a request to the NJ DEP Division of Parks and Forestry for a $24,000 grant under the Southern Pine Beetle Abatement Program to monitor the effects of the beetle in several locations on Borough property and to remove dead pine trees. The grant, if awarded, does not require the Borough to put up matching funds.

The MUA has stated that all wrapping paper is recyclable. It has been stressed that recyclables must not be placed in plastic bags since they make the separation of the materials more difficult.

After the fire in the composting facility, MUA will make arrangements to haul away the compost/sludge waste. The odor from the materials is bad and Councilman Burns indicated that MUA is not sure how to prevent the odor spreading. Reconstruction will not occur until the odor question is answered. Insurance will cover the damage. At this time insurance is covering the cost of hauling the waste.

December 2015 - There was no direct report on MUA business. Bill Burns, a MUA Board member reported on a recent fire at the compost plant at the MUA. The cause is not known. In order to completely extinguish the fire compost had to be removed from the building and soaked with water. There was significant damage to one reactor. Five fire companies were involved. The fire took a week to extinguish

November 2015 - MUA is proposing to run a sewer pipeline 9 miles through the Pinelands from the landfill to the treatment plant at the Crest Haven complex. Landfill run off is approximately 16 million gallons annually. Presently the runoff is transported by tanker truck for treatment before discharge into the Atlantic Ocean. Savings would be about $280,000 annually. The design will go out for bid in earl 2016.

A water mist system is under trial at the compost system to control odor emission. Results are good when there is no wind, not good in windy weather. CM2 has been hired to assist with odor issues and will help to mitigate odor problems at the Avalon pumping station.

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The 2016 budget will be presented for public review at the December meeting

October 2015 - The dune grass planting scheduled on Oct 4 was cancelled due to stormy weather and has been rescheduled for Saturday, Oct 17 at 8:30 a.m. in Community Hall. Rain date is Oct 18.

September 2015 - MUA was able to handle the summer demand with no major problems. The main junction on the new pipe along Avalon Boulevard leaked. MUA was able to handle the material using the other pipe until repairs were made. The Freeholders have approved the plans for a new MUA headquarters building. There has been a delay in using the methane generated in the garbage dumps for
vehicle fuel. The delay has been caused by the fact that the necessary permits have not been issued by the Pine lands Commission.

July 2015 – no report

June 2015 - The Mayor Martin Pagliughi, dedicated the Dune/Beach Trail between 44th and 48th Street beach paths on May 21. A supplementary web site is being developed and should be completed shortly.

May 2015 - Last year the Borough obtained a grant from the County to develop a trail with eight signs on the 44th and 48th Street beach paths. The signs explain various aspects of the environment. The signs have been installed and the trail will be dedicated on May 21 at 1:00 p.m.

Mar 2015 - no report

Feb 2015- A report was given on the Beach - Dune Trail and on the work to be carried out in Armacost Park to restore trees.

MUA -The annual reorganization meeting was held at which no changes in responsibility were made. The MUA has approved funding for the design of a new Administration Building. The natural gas filling station at the land-fill is on hold pending approval from the Pineland Commission. The station would be used to refuel new vehicles the MUA plans to purchase. Through November 2014 recycling tonnage is up by 27 over 2013. This has resulted in lower costs to communities to dispose of waste and the potential for a higher rebate.

Jan 2015 - The Environmental Commission has recommended that four proposals for projects under the Dune Vegetation Management Plan be approved.

December2014 - A hearing on the MUA budget for 2015 was held on December 3. Single Stream Recycling has shown a 30 increase in tonnage so far this year. This will increase the life of a garbage cell by about five years.

November 2014 –no report

October 2014 - The MUA has paid off its debts. Plans are underway to replace the Administration Building and to replace, as needed, critical infrastructures.

September 2014 - The MUA is looking into rehabilitation of the facility in Middle Township. Preliminary studies indicate rehabilitation will cost about $3 million, whereas a new facility would cost $5 million. Plans are in the early stages of discussion. Grant money will be available.

July 2014 – Environmental - A summary was given on the steps that could be taken to remove the vines that are killing trees in Armacost Park.

MUA - The single stream recycling program is up over 21 % compared to 2012.

June 2014 - Avalon will get $22,900 for the 2013 recycling rebate. Overall there has been a 23% increase in recyclables over 2012. A filling station for natural gas is planned for the MUA transfer station. It may be complete by the end of 2015.

May 2014 - The MUA has installed a new pump at 39th Street in preparation for the summer demands. They have also installed new odor control equipment.

It has been announced that MUA will get accept electronic equipment after July 1. People wishing to get rid of such equipment should contact Public Works to arrange pick up. MUA will collecl pieces from Public Works. The cost of this recycling will be deducted from the rebate given to the communities by MUA.

The total amount of recyclables collected in 2012 was 22,800 tons. From the inception of the Single Stream program through February 2014 26,000 tons have been collected.

Plasma gasification is not a part of the MUA operation. They use gas generated at the land fill for electrical generation.

March 2014 - MUA will be discontinuing receipt of electronic waste. No final plans have been made on handling the situation, however, MUA contemplates going to each community and asking it to participate in a disposal program with the community paying a part of the cost. Moneys would come from the refund given to the community from the recycling fund.

If things stay as they are MUA expects to see a 13% increase in recyclables in 2014 as the result of the single stream program.

February 2014 - MUA Has completed relocation of pipes at Crest Haven and the Garden State Parkway.

January 2014 - There have been discussions at MLJA about the installation of an incinerator to reduce the amount of waste going into the landfill. It has been decided that not enough trash is generated in the County to warrant this equipment.

December 2013 - Attention was drawn to an article in the Press of Atlantic City on the inauguration of a system to generate electricity from the methane gas formed during the decomposition of materials in the landfill.

November 2013 – no report

October 2013 - A result of Single Stream Recycling was that the period April through August 2013 saw an increase of 12% in the recycled materials handled over the same period in 2012.

MUA has taken additional measures to control the odor problem at 39* Street. Fans and deodorants are now being used to combat the problem. MUA should be contacted as soon as the odor problem resurfaces.

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No reports for July, August, September

June 2013 – One line recycling is now in place and no problems have been encountered. Brochures on the requirements are available. The Borough has publicized when recyclables will be picked up.

May 2013 - One line recycling is now in place and no problems have been encountered. Brochures on the requirements are available.

March 2013 - There was no disruption in service as a result of the storm early in the week. Brochures on single stream recycling are being printed and will be sent to the municipalities. The program should start around May 1.

ENVIRONMENTAL- The Annual Dune Grass Planting will take place on Saturday April 20. Volunteers are to meet at the Community Hall at 8:30 a.m.

February 2013 - . The Environmental Commission has set up a subcommittee to develop an educational beach path trail on the 44th/48th Street beach paths. A hazardous tree survey has been carried out on the beach paths and trees marked for removal, especially at the 44th, 48th and 57th Street beach paths. In order to satisfy the Borough Tree Management program the formation of a Tree Management Committee is being studied.

January 2013 – MUA The 2013 budget has been approved. Everything is on schedule for single stream recycling to be instituted on April I. Municipalities will be notified shortly about the procedures to be followed.