

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ALLEGANY COUNTY



Meeting Minutes June 3, 2020 @ 3:00

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Members Present: Raquel Ketterman, Steve Young, Woody Getz, Steven Guinn, Stu Czapski, Dick Soderman, Jon Ickes, Robert Boyce, David DeWitt, Wally High and Siera Wigfield.
Members Absent: Brian Dicken, Misty Joy, and John Wardzinski
Guests Present: Sajoy Pottian (Conservation Corps, Allegany County), Laura Oakes EA Engineering
Next meeting: July 1, 2020 Google Meeting Online

- ♻️ Introduction were made.
- ♻️ A motion was made by Steve Young to approve the May 6, 2020 minutes, the motion was seconded by Stu Czapski and was unanimously approved.
- ♻️ Siera Wigfield requested to add item Clarification of Penn Mar and County Recycling Site under New business reports

Old Business

Curbside Recycling Update

- ♻️ Raquel Ketterman reported to recycling related articles have been published monthly in the Time News.
- ♻️ May https://www.times-news.com/community/city-answers-common-recycling-questions/article_cc99bffd-11c9-5d50-b927-ef483ef60300.html
- ♻️ June https://www.times-news.com/community/city-answers-questions-about-trash-recycling/article_daff60d6-523f-5af2-bfb2-c3bda352f381.html

2020 Priorities

- ♻️ **Citizen Pay Tire Event 2020 (fall)**- On hold until state of emergency is lifted.
- ♻️ **Ongoing Electronics & Tire Recycling Outreach** – Siera Wigfield reported many residents are scheduling tire appointments the Recycling Office is setting nearly 3 or 4 appointments a week. Only change is payment by check or money order is taken at this time.
- ♻️ **Letter to local cafeterias to encourage composting food waste** - A virtual task force meeting was held prior to the SWMB Meeting at 2 pm to revise the Letter drafted by Raquel Ketterman. Siera Wigfield shared and read the letter with the SWMB and edits were made where necessary.
- ♻️ Draft letter attached.
- ♻️ The SWMB would like to attach a short and a more detailed food waste in cafeteria guide to the letter.
- ♻️ Support for the Western Maryland Food Bank food recovery efforts may bolster letter.
- ♻️ An address book is being made for: hospitals, prisons, jail, Board of Ed, FSU, ACM, and other.

MRA 2018

- ♻️ No report this month.

Event Bin Program

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield has delayed the Event Bin Recycling Program since events with 10 people or more are not sanctioned by the State of Maryland.

Reuse Directory – Source Reduction Credit Strategy

- ♻️ No update this month.

Oldtown Refuse Site

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield updated the Board that construction on the Oldtown Refuse Site will begin the first week of June. The site is expected to be completed in the Fall of 2020.

Landfill Closure Sept 2022

- ♻️ Steve Young updated the Board, the County is still waiting to see what happens with the Department of Justice and Waste Management's acquisition of Advanced Disposal; which is key in taking actions for determining the next steps for waste disposal for the County beyond Sept 2022. The County has been in contact with Waste Management, sharing the MES estimation and map to expand the landfill more economically than what WM proposed in the July 2019 letter to the County. The County hopes to meet with WM to discuss their plans for future waste disposal for the County.
- ♻️ Steve Young also mentioned the County would like to see Waste Management honor their commitment with Allegany County through 2033. Though until the merger is complete it is unknown which assets, AD Transfer Station and/or Mountainview Landfill will own moving forward.
- ♻️ Stu Czapski asked how the County knows WM would honor that commitment? Steve Young responded that Waste Management stated it in July 2019 letter to the County.
- ♻️ Steve Young mentioned that there many moving parts to this problem but timing is going to be one of the big issues no matter what happens.
- ♻️ David DeWitt mentioned that last meeting we had a lot of discussion about whether to send the letter to the Commissioners offering our support and our push to have them take notice. Steve Young suggested waiting another 1-2 months before reaching out to the commissioners, which is when the merger is expected to be finalized and hopefully a path forward will become more apparent.

Office Building Recycling – SWMP Update due April 1, 2020

- ♻️ Siera stated that she has been putting together the google drive for ease of collaboration and hold a meeting where we can view the various chapters. Siera also asked for an extension via email from MDE and they would like the updates by October 1st. She also mentioned that they are aware of the landfill situation and if worst comes to worst she can just add the Office Building Recycling and we can be compliant. However, we will still be due for the update once we understand our solid waste disposal method beyond 2022.

Styrofoam Ban

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield noted that prior to the state-of-emergency, the Styrofoam Ban was effective July 1, 2020.
- ♻️ Steve Guinn commented that vendors would be able to use up their Styrofoam containers with the up-tick in carry-out orders.

Membership

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield stated that she has not received a reply via email when she reached out to Amy Moyer with the Food Bank or Lee Heavner. They both expressed an interest in joining the SWMB and it would be great to have feedback from both the agriculture community aspect as well as the Food Bank.
- ♻️ Steven Guinn agreed with Siera and commented that food recovery and thoughtful food consumption is our best solution for combating food waste until we have a better composting method.

2019 MRA Reports

- ♻️ No update this month.
- ♻️ Steven Guinn enquired about the link to the infographics made by Sajoy which was discussed at the last meeting in May. <https://alleganygov.org/304/Maryland-Recycling-Rate-MRA>

Little Orleans Refuse Site Improvement

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield reported there was funding in this year's budget to implement some improvements to the site. However, the initial relocation for the dumpsters would cause some traffic concerns.
- ♻️ In addition, it seems like a ramp around the dumpster in order to access it, should be considered in the improvements, since people in eastern Allegany County look to age-in-place an independence is really important. The other alternative is to provide a compactor which means we would not have to provide an ADA ramp. However, the compactor would be a \$20,000 investment.

- ♻️ A cost-benefit analysis is being done, for the site improvements, to determine a cost-effective path forward, this site is open on-day-a-week and the Flintstone site is located within 9 miles of the Little Orleans site.
- ♻️ Steven Guinn asked Siera how tall the ramp is supposed to be and the answer was 56 inches. Steven Guinn raised this as a concern as to how we would get a 56 ft ramp on the site with limited space.

Legislative Update/ House Bill 589 – Organics Recycling & Waste Diversion

- ♻️ Stu Czapski will report next month on the update to the recycling-related bills if more information is known.

TV Trash Prices Revision

- ♻️ No update this month, on-hold after state-of-emergency is lifted.

Martin’s Recycling Contamination – danger of site being eliminated

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield shared the photo with the sign in place on the Bin. She would also like to make a social media post using the photo and send it to Amanda Mangan and let people know to watch out for recycling bin, otherwise the people of Cumberland would only get curbside pickup and this drop-off site may be eliminated.

COVID-19 Recycling Suspension

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield shared the infographic for “recycling resumed” in the County and she stated getting more calls from people making sure. She has also been asking people how they receive their information and most of the responses were from the Newspaper.
- ♻️ Siera Wigfield also shared that she plans on getting an informational display with slots for brochures where we can post the latest recycling news right by the concrete wall so that people can see it as they come in. She hopes to get a purchase order in before the fiscal year is over.
- ♻️ In addition to this, Siera has also got a lot of calls about the plastics. She and Mick had some ideas about using a tarp in the trailer which should be piloted soon. Thus, we would fill up a bin and let it sit for 3 days to make sure there are no viruses before recycling them. Based on the outcome of this experiment, we would decide whether it would be worth purchasing more tarps or going back to the drawing board.

RECYCLING RESUMED
IN Allegany
 COUNTY, MD GOOD NEWS

Effective Wednesday May 20, 2020

ALL Sites Resumed
 List of Sites & Guidelines at alleganygov.org/recycle

Questions?
recycling@alleganygov.org • 301-876-9563

Accepted for Recycling
 Cardboard • Newspapers • Office Paper
 • Magazines & Catalogs • Glass • Mixed
 Metal Cans • Used Motor Oil • Used
 Antifreeze • Tires (by appointment only)

ALL Items EXCEPT Plastics
 NO #1, #2, or Plastic Film

Working on a safe & cost-effective solution to collect plastics - plans to resume by July

Recycling Contract with Penn-Mar ends June 30, 2021

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield asked Steve Young if we would have to put out an RFP again for our contract with Penn-Mar for the next fiscal year. Steve Young was not sure and said that he would look into this.

New Business

Clarify Penn Mar and County Recycling Site on Kelly Rd

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield got a call from several people who were disappointed that recycling was not resumed at Penn Mar. So she shared a draft graphic with the Board which shows the difference between Allegany County Recycling Site and Penn Mar Recycling. Siera Wigfield suggested to the Board to rebrand the Recycling Center name from Allegany County Recycling Center to Riverside Recycling Site.

- Stu Czapski added that when he went to Penn Mar to recycle some fluorescent lightbulbs, they told him that they were a private business that is not associated with the Allegany County Recycling Center.
- Stu Czapski also provided feedback on the graphic to make it easier to understand and noted from an outsider's perspective, people don't care whether it's Penn Mar or Riverside, they just have certain things that they want to recycle and want to know where should they take it.

See final graphic:

Committee Reports

Reduce/Reuse

- No report this month.

Recycle/Compost

- Frostburg City Hall Recycling- No update this month.
- City of Frostburg reached to the Recycling Office about using the County's Yard Trimming Collection site for their Yard Waste pickup on May 18, 2020.

Landfill

- See Landfill Closure above.

Task Force

- See Compost Letter above.

Education/ Public Relations

- Siera Wigfield noted that she will be participating in Leadership Allegany's Environmental Day on June 10th virtually. She continued to say that if it goes well, she could do a public webinar about recycling and even record it to post on the website.
- Steven Guinn agreed with Siera's idea and stated that it was a great idea where we can even have a Q&A session for people to ask questions.
- Stu Czapski also suggested having a set of questions ready or some people from the Board attend to ensure all the important facts and information on recycling is covered.
- Steve Young suggested that Raquel Ketterman join the webinar as a representative for the City of Cumberland.

Keep Allegany Beautiful – Due June 19, 2020

- The County is on track for its KAB affiliate. We have an affiliate report and a KAB Board. Siera Wigfield hopes to have the Commissioners sign the resolution so that we can finalize our affiliate status before June 19, 2020.
- Meeting Adjourned at 4:15.

Minutes prepared by Siera Wigfield, Recycling Coordinator and reviewed by chair, Steven Guinn.

Attachments

- Cumberland Recycling Times News Article May
- Cumberland Recycling Times News Article June
- Draft Encouraging Composting Letter
- Composting Letter Address List

What's the difference between..?

Riverside Recycling Site
Allegany County

Riverside Recycling Site is one of the public recycling drop-off sites operated by Allegany County Government

Accepted for Recycling:
Cardboard · Newspapers · Office Paper · Magazines & Catalogs · Mixed Metal Cans · Glass · Used Motor Oil · Used Antifreeze

7 Days a Week from Dawn to Dusk
925 Riverside Ave - Cumberland, MD
behind County Office Building

COVID-19 UPDATES
alleganygov.org/recycle
301-876-9563

PENN-MAR RECYCLING

Penn-Mar Recycling is a privately-owned business working with the County to recover, process, and market recyclables

Accepts (when open to the public):
Scrap Metals, Electronics, Batteries, Freon Containing Items, Vinyl Siding, Fluorescent Lightbulbs, and More

Monday - Friday from 8 am to 4 pm
975 Kelly Road - Cumberland, MD
follow Kelly Road to the end

301-724-1000

Re-Opening Monday June 8

City answers common recycling questions

For the Cumberland Times-News Jun 4, 2020



Editor's note: The following Q&A was submitted by Cumberland Environmental Specialist Raquel Ketterman and Allison Layton.

Questions often arise surrounding trash and recycling pickup in Cumberland. To enhance understanding by all area residents, the city is reaching out to clarify some commonly asked questions.

Q: What is the burgundy bin for at my residence?

A: Burgundy recycling bins are provided to make recycling easy and accessible to all city of Cumberland curbside trash customers. These bins are for easy collection of co-mingled containers recycling. Trash should never be placed in the recycling bins.

Q: What if the residence I move into does not have a burgundy recycling bin?

A: If moving into a residence in Cumberland, there should be a recycling bin available for use at each property. If there is not, please call 301-777-0416, ext. 2402 to request a recycling bin.

Q: What is co-mingled containers recycling?

A: Co-mingled recycling is collected on your first trash day each week and includes household containers: plastics No. 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7; glass bottles/jars and metal/aluminum cans. You may leave lids and labels on the containers, simply rinse containers and toss them in the recycling bin.

Q: What is not accepted in co-mingled containers recycling?

A: No plastic bags of any kind can be accepted. No items such as hoses, wires or Christmas lights, which can all tangle in recycling equipment. No dishes, ceramics, candle holders or random glass products as these items can contaminate loads of glass recycling. No random plastic items such as toys and no Styrofoam can be accepted.

Q: What is mixed paper recycling?

A: Mixed paper recycling is collected on your second trash day each and every week. Simply flatten and bundle papers and place them on your curbside. Mixed paper recycling includes newspapers, office paper/junk mail, magazines and cardboard boxes. All cardboard boxes must be emptied and flattened into a bundle in order to be accepted for recycling.

Q: What is not accepted in mixed paper recycling?

A: Soiled paper products (pizza boxes), Styrofoam and waxed cardboard boxes are not accepted for recycling. Cardboard boxes that are not broken down or are full of items (trash, Styrofoam, plastic wrappings) will not be recycled. Any cardboard that is larger than 24 inches by 24 inches is unable to be recycled since it cannot fit into the recycling compartment of the collection truck. Please consider taking oversized cardboard to the Allegany County Recycling Center at Kelly Road.

If you have recycling questions you'd like to see answered here, call 301-759-6604 or email Raquel.ketterman@cumberlandmd.gov.

Please visit www.cumberlandmd.gov or call 301-759-6604 for more information on Cumberland's curbside recycling. Thank you for recycling!

City answers questions about trash, recycling

For the Cumberland Times-News May 20, 2020



Editor's note: The following article was submitted by Cumberland Environmental Specialist Raquel Ketterman and Allison Layton.

CUMBERLAND — Questions often arise surrounding trash and recycling pickup in the city of Cumberland. To enhance understanding by all area residents, the city is reaching out to clarify some commonly asked questions.

Q: What days will my trash and recycling be picked up?

A: The schedule for trash and recycling pickup is based on area and is broken down as follows:

Monday and Thursday: East Side and West Side

Tuesday and Friday: South Cumberland

Wednesday and Friday: Downtown

Wednesday and Saturday: North Cumberland

Q: When should I put my trash and recycling out on the curb for collection and when should containers be brought back to the house?

A: Items may be placed at the curb no earlier than dusk the day before collection, and empty trash cans and recycling bins must be removed prior to 6 p.m. on the day of collection. Place receptacles away from parked vehicles to ensure pickup.

Q: On which days do I put out my co-mingled containers and which days are for mixed paper recycling?

A: On your first day of collection, your burgundy recycling bin should be placed on the curb containing any co-mingled containers (plastic, metal and glass containers). The second day of collection is when mixed paper recycling (bundled newspapers, catalogs, magazines and cardboard) will be collected.

Q: What should I do to prepare my co-mingled recycling for my first day of collection for the week?

A: All plastic, metal and glass containers should be rinsed to remove food or other residue from inside. Caps and labels do not need to be removed. These empty containers should be placed loose in the recycling bin.

Q: What should I do to prepare my mixed paper recycling for my second day of collection for the week?

A: Empty and break down all boxes and bundle everything together. The bundle can be tied with string or placed in a paper bag. All items must be flattened and the bundle can be no larger than 24 by 24 inches.

May 25 is Memorial Day and there will be no trash/recycling collection. Trash will be collected on the next regular collection day and the co-mingled container recycling from that day will be collected the following Monday.

Any questions, contact 301-759-6604 or Raquel.ketterman@cumberlandmd.gov.