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A solid turnout for the Sharon Moran ARC 5K last month. Thank you to all the sponsors- especially the McKinley Foundation, the ARC Board, APD, AVAC, AFD, CERT & DPW and all the Allendale families who came out to run!







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A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR AMY WILCZYNSKI

Fall has officially arrived in Allendale! The crisp air, colorful leaves, and cozy evenings remind us that autumn is in full swing! Our Department of Public Works has been hard at work keeping up with the flurry of falling leaves and ensuring curbside collection runs smoothly. We were also happy to once again provide complimentary leaf bags for residents.

Join Us for Our 4th Town Hall of the Year! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 2 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center. These open forums have become very popular for residents, a chance to share ideas, ask questions, and speak freely in an informal setting. Please scan the QR code at the bottom this newsletter to submit any topics you'd like to discuss in advance. As always, Town Halls are designed for candid conversation – no recordings, no minutes, just open and transparent dialogue.

Of course, our **Mayor and Council meeting**s continue regularly each month, typically on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You're always welcome to attend and participate in local government firsthand.

I encourage you to read my full letter in this newsletter about my recent visit with **Bishop Michael Saporito**. It was a thoughtful and open exchange about the concerns of Allendale residents and the ongoing "We Are His Witness" initiative. His sincerity and leadership were evident, and I look forward to continuing this important dialogue alongside our dedicated parishioners.

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Community Center open house! It was wonderful to see so many new faces exploring the space and learning about what's available. If you missed it, not to worry, we're planning another open house this winter!

Our budget season is underway. As we begin planning for next year's budget, our team remains committed to fiscal responsibility. Every dollar counts, and we're determined to make your tax dollars go as far as possible. We're already seeing promising results from our new **Difference Card program**, launched last month, which we hope will help reduce healthcare costs for the Borough moving forward.

The **Fair Share Housing** process continues to demand significant time and energy. Our team has already participated in multiple meetings with the judge, adjudicator, FSHC, Avalon Bay, and our experts. These discussions are complex and rigorous, but we remain steadfast in protecting the character and interests of our community while complying with state mandates. I have already written to **Governor-elect Mikie Sherrill** on how the Fair Share Housing program needs a complete overhaul. While we fully support affordable housing, we oppose high-density projects that provide a handful of affordable units with the bulk being high end market rate. These developments place heavy burdens on our communities with no consideration to the environment, schools, public safety and traffic.

Save the Date: Allendale Holiday Walk – December 5th! Sponsored by the Allendale Chamber of Commerce, this annual celebration is always a magical day for both kids and adults. Bundle up, grab some hot cocoa, and join your neighbors as we kick off the holiday season together!

Congratulations to the **Allendale Bar & Grill** on reaching an incredible milestone — 90 years of serving our community! We honored Chris, Craig, and Katie with a Borough Proclamation at our Mayor & Council meeting on November 13. Cheers to our beloved local pub, a true Allendale institution!

Next year marks a once-in-a-lifetime celebration, the **250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence**, also known as the **U.S. Semiquincentennial**! The Borough is planning several patriotic events and some fun! Stay tuned for more details.

Please stay informed: <u>sign up for alerts and emails</u> and follow the <u>Mayor Amy Wilczynski Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> pages as well as the <u>Borough Facebook</u> page. Also feel free to <u>contact any council member or myself</u>. If you know someone who does not have access to a computer, please let us know so we can mail them Borough updates. And

please say hi anytime you see me around town!

Mayor Amy Wilczynski

PLEASE SCAN THIS QR CODE
OR VISIT TOWN HALL SURVEY
TO SUBMIT TOPICS
FOR OUR NEXT TOWN HALL
ON DECEMBER 2.





RE: GUARDIAN ANGEL CHURCH

I had the opportunity to meet and sit down with **Bishop Michael Saporito**. We met and talked for over an hour about the concerns of Allendale residents and the challenges of the church that are the foundation for the 'We Are His Witness' initiative. Bishop Saporito was personally chosen by **Cardinal Tobin** to lead this important effort in collaboration with pastors and parish leaders. After our discussion, I could clearly see why...he is knowledgeable, articulate, approachable, and a true leader.

The realities facing the **Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Newark** are undeniable: parish membership, Mass attendance, and participation in the sacraments have all declined. In addition, the number of priests available to serve as pastors continues to decrease.

To address these challenges, the Archdiocese has begun a process to evaluate current practices and structures. While it's possible that some parish alignments may change over time and mergers or closures may occur, these decisions will only happen if absolutely necessary and make sense. Some examples he gave were:

- A church is located in a community where very few or no Catholics remain
- A parish faces significant structural repairs or financial challenges with no viable path forward
- A church operates at a deficit for many years without a realistic plan for recovery

Importantly, the Archdiocese's goal is to make **informed**, **data-driven decisions**, not reactionary ones. To do so, they are collecting detailed information from all parishes to gain a clearer picture of current realities.

Bishop Saporito emphasized that any future decisions will also reflect the **will and engagement of the community**. If a parish is active, supported, and sustainable, it will remain.

There has also been speculation that this initiative is a revenue-building effort for the Archdiocese. I asked about this directly, and it is NOT. Bishop Saporito clarified If a parish property were ever sold, **the proceeds do not go to the Archdiocese**, **but rather those funds would stay with the local parish community.**

This year and next year are dedicated to data collecting and socialization and they want to hear from YOU. No decisions have been made so your feedback is imperative.

I would encourage all parishioners and Allendale residents to take a moment and share your personal connections and experiences of Guardian Angel. Please use this link: <u>Archdiocese of Newark | Model Feedback Form</u>

In addition, I would like to share an excerpt of a letter from the pastoral support team at the Archdiocese of Newark:

"Please know that there is no truth to any rumors about the closure or sale of Guardian Angel Church. No parish closures have been announced. We Are His Witnesses is not a plan to close churches, but rather a multi-year process of renewal—an opportunity for every parish to discern how best to serve the faithful, reach new people with the Gospel, and ensure the long-term vitality of the Catholic Church in our Archdiocese."

I love it when Allendale comes together for a cause. I, along with a group of dedicated parishioners, am closely following this process. **Together, we can make a difference** and demonstrate the deep faith, commitment, and care we have for **Guardian Angel Church**.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Best Regards,









Sign up for police alerts & borough emails!

Police/Emergency
Alerts:

SIGN UP

Borough Emails

Newsletter, Events, Garbage & Recycling Updates & more:

SIGN UP

Stay safe & informed!

Sign up for the Borough's emails to receive the latest community updates, events, and important announcements.

Enroll in police alerts to stay up to date on road closures, outages, and any other emergency information.

www.allendalenj.gov

Garbage & Recycling Schedule



Happy Thanksgiving

THANKSGIVING WEEK PICKUP SCHEDULE

<u>WEST SIDE</u> Monday, 11/24 & Friday, 11/28

EAST SIDE Tuesday, 11/25 & Saturday, 11/29

Metal item pickup will be on Wednesday 11/26/25 Westside Recycling will be on Friday 11/28/25

Please have all garbage curbside after 6pm the evening prior.

Your Allendale Green Team received a letter of thanks from the Center for Food Action in Mahwah following our third delivery of over 200 reusable bags. CFA uses these bags for distribution of food to those in need and this is especially helpful during the approach of the holiday season. This most recent bag deliveries was made possible by the overwhelming response we received during our October EPS / Reusable Bag Collection event.

Our next EPS / Bag Collection will be Saturday November 15 from 10 AM to Noon at borough hall. Please consider including a few canned items for donation to CFA for Thanksgiving.



Our next EPS / Bag Collection will be **Saturday, November 15 from 10 AM to 12pm** at Borough Hall. Please consider including a few canned items for donation to CFA for Thanksgiving. We will also be collecting coats, hats & gloves for the homeless in Paterson.

Saturday November 15 is also the date for our Annual Pumpkin/Gourd/Mum Compost Collection in partnership with Rohsler's Nursery. Hours are **9AM – 2PM at Rohsler's.** We also kick off our Annual Holiday Light String Recycling Collection at this event. Unwanted light strings are recycled for their copper content. The light string collection will continue through January 31 via drop-off at Rohsler's and Lee Memorial Library.

Allendale Green Team volunteers are grateful for the outstanding support of our residents. Through the Green Team, our small borough is making an outsized contribution to sustainability in Bergen County. That would not be possible without your participation in our collection efforts. Thank YOU!

Contact us at <u>AllendaleGreenTeam@gmail.com</u> for additional information.

Allendale Green Team presents

Saturday, November 15

10am - 12pm • Allendale Borough Hall

STYROFOAM RECYCLING



REUSABLE BAGS & CANNED FOODS COLLECTION

for the Center For Food Action





& COAT DRIVE

Donate coats, hats & mittens to help the homeless in Paterson stay warm this season



For more information, please email AllendaleGreenTeam@gmail.com



Bring them to Rohsler's Nursery to be composted on:

Saturday, November 15th 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

AllendaleGreenTeam@gmail.com

We will also be collecting & recycling old/broken Holiday String Lights at the event.



Be Idle Aware

Here are some idling facts:



Idling for more than 3 minutes is illegal in NJ. Any police officer can write a ticket.



Idling for more than 10 seconds wastes more gas (and your money!) than re-starting. Idling for 2 minutes is equal to 1 mile of driving-just "fuel-ish"!



Today's fuel-injected cars don't need to be "warmed-up" even when it's cold outside. They do so most efficiently when on the move.



Idling is rough on your car. It can cause a buildup of fuel residues that can damage your engine and increase fuel consumption.



Idling can make you sick! It creates dangerous air pollutants that cause asthma, allergies, heart & lung disease, and cancer.



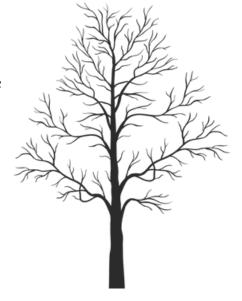
A PLEASE DON'T IDLE OUTSIDE BOROUGH HALL OR THE LIBRARY DURING SCHOOL PICKUP

Idling for more than 3 minutes is not only harmful to the environment it's ILLEGAL under New Jersey law and can result in a \$250 fine.

Turn off your engine to breathe easier, save money and help protect our kids and our planet. *

Residents are encouraged to have all trees on their property inspected by a licensed arborist or qualified tree care specialist to identify any dead or unhealthy trees. Please be aware that homeowners are fully responsible for any dead trees that fall into roads, rivers, or neighboring properties.

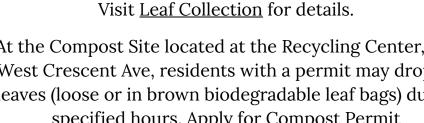
If a tree is deemed hazardous and needs to be removed, you must complete and submit a Tree Removal Permit to Borough Hall before any work begins.



PLEASE DO NOT PILE LEAVES IN HE ROAD

At the Compost Site located at the Recycling Center, 300 West Crescent Ave, residents with a permit may drop off leaves (loose or in brown biodegradable leaf bags) during specified hours. Apply for Compost Permit

Leaves will be collected curbside only if placed in biodegradable paper bags on designated days.



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BOROUGH CLERK

Thank You

A Message of Appreciation:

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all Allendale District Board Workers and Super Board Workers for their dedication and hard work on Election Day. Your commitment to arriving as early as 5:00 a.m. to prepare and open the polls by 6:00 a.m. ensures that our community's election process runs smoothly. It is a long and demanding day, and your efforts are truly appreciated.

I would also like to thank the minor board workers for generously giving their time to support this important civic duty, and the residents of Allendale for their patience and cooperation throughout the day.

A special thank you goes to my assistants in the Clerk's Office, Amanda Richards and Dottie Blitzer, for their invaluable help and support. I am also grateful to DPW Superintendent Andy Agugliaro, Lieutenant Todd Griffith and Detective Chris Rosado of the Allendale Police Department for their assistance at the close of Election Night.

Finally, thank you to the Allendale Fire Department for the use of their space for District 1. Your support helped make the evening run seamlessly.

Your teamwork and dedication made the entire process efficient and successful — thank you all for your outstanding service to our community.

Respectfully,

Linda Louise Cervino, Borough of Allendale Municipal Clerk



Fall

SCHEDULE

THRU NOVEMBER 31ST

OPEN GYMS- BASKETBALL

MONDAY 5AM-9AM 5PM-8PM

THURSDAY 5AM-9AM TUESDAY 5AM-9AM

FRIDAY 5AM-9AM 5PM-8PM WEDNESDAY 5AM-7:30AM

> SUNDAY 9AM-11AM (UNDER 16)

7PM-9PM

BASKETBALL OPEN GYMS ARE OPEN TO ALL ALLENDALE RESIDENTS.

ALL PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN IN AT THE FRONT DESK!

THANK YOU

FOR INFORMATION ON PICKLEBALL, PLEASE VISIT

ORGANIZED PICKLEBALL ON OUR COMMUNITY CENTER PAGE

AT ALLENDALENJ.GOV

Come Celebrate With Us!





Sunday, December 7th 1:00 - 3:00 at the Library

Light Refreshments Special Performance by the Yuletide Carolers (@ 1:30)



PREGISTER FOR OPEN HOUSE

Calling all artists-Be a part of our library's history!

Help us create a rotating art exhibit in celebration of our 125th Anniversary



How does it work?

- Register below to reserve your free canvas (16" x 20" for adults & 8" x 10" for children)
- Pickup your canvas starting <u>November 5th</u>
- Complete your <u>literary themed painting</u>, using your own art materials
- Submit your painting by <u>December 1st</u>

Paintings will be showcased at our upcoming 125th
Anniversary Open House on December 7th
Following the event, the paintings will be on display in the stairwell leading to the Quilt Room at the library

REGISTER FOR ADULTS

PREGISTER FOR KIDS



The Borough of Allendale looks forward to celebrating our nation's 250th anniversary next year! We have dedicated a page on our borough website to share our community's celebratory events with our residents.

If you have any questions, would like to discuss partnership opportunities with the Borough, or want to share your organization's plans, please contact Councilwoman Susanne Lovisolo at susannelovisolo@allendalenj.gov

Local organizations can submit planned events to <u>juliamargagliotta@allendalenj.gov</u>

Check out our 250 page – a work in progress:



AMERICA 250 AT <u>Allendalenj.gov</u>

Happy Birthday, America!







Come enjoy the sparkle and spirit of the magical season.

Dec. 4-7, 2025

DAYTIME SELF-GUIDED TOURS

10 am to 4 pm

Last ticket sold at 4 pm. Adults \$12 • Seniors \$10 Children 6-12 \$7 • Under 6 Free

Holiday Shop - Café

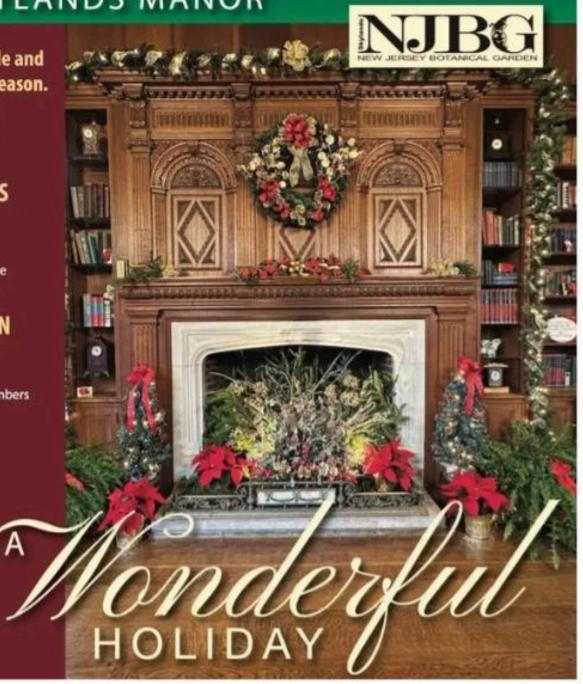
EVENING RECEPTION

December 6, 2025 6 pm to 8 pm

\$55 members • \$60 non-members Reservations required

njbg.org





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MAKERS MARKET SHOP LOCAL SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH | 1:30-4:00PM







CREATING CONNECTIONS



GIFT GIVING



MEET OUR TEAM

Join One River Allendale for our Makers Market! Browse a variety of handmade crafts created by our talented students. This is a wonderful opportunity to shop local, support young artists, and find unique gifts for the holiday season. Friends, family, and community members are all welcome—we can't wait to see you there!

LOCATION:

319 Franklin Turnpike, Allendale, NJ 07401 201.466.1372 | allendale@oneriverschool.com

allendale.oneriverschool.com



WREATH SALE

SUPPORT ALLENDALE CUB SCOUTS - PACK 59



This fresh balsam wreath has a darkgreen appearance with long-lasting
needles that are ¾ to 1½ inches in length
and retains its pleasing fragrance
throughout the holiday season. These are
double-sided wreaths and you cannot see
the ring the wreath is built around which
reduces the chance of scratching doors.
Also, the bow that adorns the top of the
wreath is hand tied and full.

Wreaths will be hand delivered to your home by the Cub Scout

LOCAL DELIVERY ONLY (5 Mile Radius of Allendale)

Order by November 16, 2025 (delivery in early December)

Order at www.allendalecubscouts.org

or

make checks payable to "Allendale Cub Scouts" and give to a scout or send to 344 Schuyler Road, Allendale, NJ 07401

(please include your local delivery address)



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