



THE BOROUGH OF

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*Allendale*

FALL NEWSLETTER 2019



## Mayor's Message

2019 has been very busy so far in the Borough of Allendale.



Crestwood Lake had one of its best seasons ever. While other lakes in NJ were forced to close for water quality issues, due to the diligent efforts of Licensed Lake Operator Rich McDowell, the DPW, and the lake staff, Crestwood Lake was as beautiful as ever. Councilmembers Amy Wilczynski and Liz Homan worked tirelessly to ensure our facilities were ready on opening day as well as scheduling new programs and outstanding local bands for our annual summer concert series. The Holiday Observers truly outdid themselves with this year's extra-spectacular 4th of July fireworks display to commemorate their 100th Anniversary. And, in a remarkable achievement, both our Cruisers Swim and Dive Teams won championships!

Red Barn, with its refinished flooring and new picnic tables, hosted many events for the public's enjoyment – Brookside School Band's Concert, Lee Memorial Library's Julius Caesar performance, National Night Out, and the Holiday Observers' Centennial Celebration & Festivities. With the bandshell construction now complete, we look forward to having even more events in 2020. The Sept 4th Candlelight Vigil, put together by Lani Bonifac and Gail Cole, once again, brought hope, comfort and healing to everyone in attendance, especially those whose loved ones have been lost to addiction. Additionally, well over 125 community members joined us on September 11th at our annual candlelight ceremony to honor and never forget those lost from the attacks.

With Fall here, our well-maintained fields are ready for the season's activities, thanks to Asst. Crew Chief John Pasquino

and the DPW. In partnership with ARC this past Spring, an irrigation system was installed at Grandstand Softball Field to help keep the fields in good playing condition.

We have also undertaken many projects throughout town. Last month, new ADA curb ramps were installed and roadways paved on W. Orchard St and Brookside Ave between Park and W. Crescent. Hillside Ave is next on the list. The much-needed drainage improvements and sidewalk replacement at the "Woods" section of Franklin Tpk have also been completed. In addition, our 2019 Paving Program includes DeMercurio, Mallinson, Princeton and Cambridge roadways. With the support of the Chamber of Commerce, we also plan to utilize two NJ DOT grants totaling \$452,000 to install street lighting, benches and new receptacles as part of our downtown streetscape project.

In cooperation with our department heads and staff, Councilmembers continue to work diligently on their respective standing committees to ensure continued quality service to our community.

As we head into the final quarter of 2019's budget, the Administration, Finance & HR Committee, led by Council President Steve Sasso, is carefully balancing the needs of the borough with fiscal prudence. As always, we continue to pursue grants and alternative sources of funding to offset costs whenever possible.

The Facilities Committee, led by Amy Wilczynski, is developing plans to replace fencing and install new accessible playground equipment for children of all ages and abilities to enjoy at Crestwood Park with matching grant funds received from Bergen County Open Space.

The Land Use Committee, led by Ed O'Connell, continues to review and make

recommendations to modernize our code while being mindful of preserving the small-town character that we love. In July, after feedback was received from the businesses downtown, changes pertaining to storefront awnings were made to streamline the permitting process and allow for businesses to better advertise while maintaining the aesthetics of our downtown.

The Public Safety Committee, led by Jim Strauch, continues to ensure that our first responders are equipped to serve our residents and businesses in times of emergency with recent purchases of new police vehicles. Special thanks to Officer Paul Stettner who oversaw these acquisitions. Spearheaded by Officer Kevin Azevedo, the inaugural Junior Police Academy was held the first week of August with forty rising 6th & 7th graders attending. This program was a huge success and plans are already underway for next year. Also, the Borough and Northern Highlands School Board agreed to station a Special Law Enforcement Officer at the high school during the school year. The creation of this position, funded entirely by the school district, reinforces our shared commitment to safety in our schools. In May, with a perfect score, the Allendale Police Dept received reaccreditation from the NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police. The entire dept, but especially Chief George Scherb and Sgt. Bill Kroepke, are to be commended for this prestigious achievement.

The Public Works Committee, led by Matt O'Toole, is working with Director of Operations Ron Kistner to utilize a \$3,000 BCUA mini grant at the recycling center. Under the direction of Crew Chief Dan Richards, the DPW has been patching potholes throughout town and is preparing for the upcoming leaf collection and snow seasons.

The Water Committee, led by Liz

Homan, continues to work with Suez to upgrade hydrants and replace water meters for more accurate readings as necessary. The Fairhaven Water Tank also recently received a much-needed power wash.

In addition to being active on all these Committees, over the summer, I also attended a very special ribbon-cutting ceremony for our veterans' housing at 221 East Crescent Ave. At our August 8th Council meeting, I had the privilege of sharing my mayoral duties with Hailey and Jordan Sadowsky, our 2019 Mayors for a Day. They both did an outstanding job and will no doubt be future leaders!

As indicated in my last Mayor's Report, this year, we started our "Saturday Mornings with the Mayor and Council" pro-

gram in an effort to meet and hear from more of our residents. It has been great to speak with residents in an informal setting and exchange thoughts and ideas. We look forward to continuing this next year.

The Borough continues to move forward with the sale and development at the 220/230 West Crescent Avenue properties. While the Buyer has been conducting its structural, environmental and related due diligence inspections of the properties, the Borough has been preparing and negotiating the ancillary agreements with the Buyer which will be signed at the closing, including but not limited to a Redevelopment Plan, PILOT Agreement, and construction contract for the proposed new Municipal Building / Borough Hall. We

anticipate that the "due diligence" period will conclude shortly and that the parties will be moving towards a closing date in the very near future.

The Borough of Allendale is celebrating its 125th Anniversary. In May, Joanne Hart presented a wonderful photo history of Allendale called "Now and Then" to recognize this milestone. Please join us at the Fell House on November 8th at 7pm for another showing. Allendale is truly a special place and we are excited to celebrate our 125th Anniversary.

*Ari Bernstein*

## Election Information from the Clerk's Office

### General Election:

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

**Poll hours:** 6:00am - 8:00pm

### Polling Locations:

District 1 Fire House, District 2 Borough Hall Council Chambers, District 3 Borough Hall Council Chambers and District 4 Borough Hall Quilt Room. **Please note that Guardian Angel is no longer a polling place.**

Voter Registration forms and Mail-In Ballot applications are available in the Borough Clerk's Office, Bergen County Superintendent of Elections' Office, or can be downloaded from the NJ Division of Elections' website. They can also be found by visiting the Borough Website and clicking on the Quick Links/Election Information page. The deadline to file your voter registration form is the 21st day before the election. This form is required to be completed if you will be 18 years of age for the next election, have changed your name, or have changed your address.

The Mail-In Ballot application must be received by the County Clerk no later than seven days prior to the election if it is mailed or by 3pm on the day prior to the election if the voter appears in person at the County Clerk's Office.

### BOROUGH HALL EVENING HOURS

**Borough Hall will be open late  
for voter registration, pet licenses and  
compost permits:**

**Oct. 15 open until 9pm**

## NEWS FROM THE BOROUGH...

### Advisory Notice: WATER POWERED SUMP PUMPS

Water powered sump pumps utilize water from the Borough's water system to operate. Mechanical failure can cause water powered sump pumps to run for an indefinite period of time, as long as water is available. Excessive run times of water powered sump pumps significantly increase water usage and associated water bills (responsibility of homeowner.) Homeowners should regularly monitor sump pumps for proper operation.

A water powered back-up sump pump requires; a plumbing permit, installation of a testable backflow preventer, and annual inspection of the testable backflow preventer by a licensed backflow preventer specialist.

Contact the Borough's Construction Department for additional information.

### Message from the Construction Code Office

#### Did you know...?

- That the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs says, "Final payment to the contractor is NOT required to be made before a final inspection is performed".
- It is recommended (but not required) that your contractor arrange to be present for all inspections.
- That if you do work without the required permit(s) your insurance company may deny any claim related to the unpermitted work.
- It is required that you close out all open permits. Don't wait before selling your house or another time-sensitive event forces the closure.
- All pools require proper fencing and all filters and equipment must be adequately screened from adjacent properties. See Allendale code 270-32.
- Temporary contractor signs are not permitted anywhere in Allendale.

A certificate of Compliance is required for transfer of ownership or tenancy.

Zoning and Code questions? [www.ecode360.com/AL0255](http://www.ecode360.com/AL0255)

All forms can be found on [www.allendalenj.gov](http://www.allendalenj.gov) under Forms/Licensing/Permits tabs

# EMERGENCY SERVICES

## ALLENDALE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS KICKS OFF THEIR 2019 FUND DRIVE & NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

The spirit of volunteerism is alive and well at the Allendale Volunteer Ambulance Corps (AVAC). To support their all-volunteer mission, the Corps, has kicked off its annual fund drive. The Corps is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization and relies on charitable donations of residents and businesses to continue their mission to:

- Provide volunteer ambulance service for Allendale without charging the patient
- Maintain and supply two ambulances and first responder vehicles
- In addition to Allendale, assist other towns in cases of necessity or emergency
- Give back to the community by participating in civic and educational events throughout the year
- Recruit and train new volunteer ambulance drivers and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs)
- Enhance and maintain the skills of the volunteers through drills and continuing education credits

Although AVAC offers services 24 hours a day / 365 days a year, as a volunteer organization they cannot guarantee availability of a crew. This is especially true of the weekday daytime hours, when the Corps really has a need for additional members. The future of our Corps relies on volunteers. For additional info call Captain Daryl D'Amore-Bottaro, (201) 739-4715. In an emergency dial 9-1-1

Donations by check may be mailed to AVAC at 26 Arcadia Rd, Allendale, NJ 07401 or via PayPal at [www.allendaleambulance.org](http://www.allendaleambulance.org). Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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## Community Camera Partnership

Many business owners and residents currently operate surveillance systems. As crimes occur nearby, they are not always aware that their system may have captured information that could help solve the crime. In turn, the police are also not always aware who may have this vital information.

The Allendale Police Department is asking residents and businesses to voluntarily register their privately owned surveillance camera systems. As we respond to criminal incidents, we may be able to use the information or footage from the security cameras to assist in the apprehension and prosecution of the criminals involved.

Here is the link to register your camera <https://www.allendalepd.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Allendale-Police-Community-Camera-Program-2.pdf>

Info provided to the Police Department regarding your camera system is for official use only. Personal information will remain confidential except as required by law.

## CERT NEWS

FEMA's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates average citizens about preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and provides FREE training in basic disaster response skills, such as:

- Fire safety
- Light search and rescue
- Team organization
- Shelter fundamentals and management
- Disaster medical operations
- Disaster psychology



Over the spring and summer, Allendale CERT supported town events, including: band nights at Crestwood Lake; the July 4th fireworks; The National Night out; the Holiday Observers Centennial celebration and the 9/11 Memorial ceremony. Upcoming events include Allendale Festival Day and the ARC 5K Run. If you are interested in learning valuable skills to help during an emergency, consider joining Allendale's Community Emergency Response Team. CERT Basic Training is offered FREE starting October 10th, 2019. For more info email: [allendalecertcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:allendalecertcoordinator@gmail.com)



## Alarm Registration

The Allendale Police Department wishes to remind residents and business owners that Borough Ordinance 82-5 requires that you register your alarm annually. To do so, complete the Allendale

Police Information Form (this information is for police department use only) and the Alarm Registration Form provided. There are two formats available, a PDF Fillable Form which can be completed on your computer, or a Standard Form to be downloaded and completed with a pen. Both forms must be filled out and mailed or dropped off at police headquarters. The fee is \$25 per year. Please go to <https://www.allendalepd.org/2016/03/2016-alarm-registration/> and complete your form today.

## LOCK CAR DOORS

All residents are urged to take additional precautionary measures to ensure the safety of their property by:

- Locking all your vehicle's doors even if you plan to be away for a brief period of time.
- Not leaving valuables in your car. Firearms, computers, purses, and wallets are highly desired targets that are frequently stolen.
- Do not leave anything in "plain sight" or a "sign" that there might be valuables in your vehicle, such as docking stations, phone chargers, connector cables or even loose coins. Thieves see something in plain sight that is valuable and they can quickly steal.
- Thieves often use flashlights to see through tint. Do not think your dark tinted windows will hide your valuables.

# TOWN HAPPENINGS

## SENIOR FLU CLINIC

The Borough of Allendale will offer influenza vaccinations to Allendale residents 65 years and older at Borough Hall on Tuesday, October 29, 2019, 1:00-2:00pm.

Adults age 65 and over are required to bring their Medicare Card as well as any other insurance card they may have. Residents who are covered by a Managed Care Plan (HMO) are requested to go to the managed care provider for these immunizations.

If you are under 65 years old or have a chronic health problem, you must present a prescription from your medical doctor ordering the vaccine. Cost for this vaccine to be determined.

ALL THOSE RECEIVING THE VACCINE MUST SIGN A CONSENT FORM.

For further information call the Board of Health at (202) 818-4400, Extension 211.



## XYZ SENIORS CLUB

Meetings are as follows: October 4th, November 1st, December 6th & December 19th (tentative holiday luncheon). Contact Mary O'Flaherty (201) 652-5286 for more information.

## ALLENDALE FREE RABIES CLINIC SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1pm-3pm

The Allendale Board of Health will be sponsoring a Free Rabies Clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, January 11, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Ambulance Corps Building on the corner of Arcadia Road and Franklin Turnpike.

Residents will also be able to obtain their 2020 pet licenses at that time as well.

The Allendale Board of Health urges all residents to have their dogs, cats and other domestic pets vaccinated against Rabies. Residents attending this clinic are required to have their pets in a carrier or on a hand-held leash.

## Fell House Events

• Oct. 18-19 and Oct. 25-26  
Haunted House. Stranger Things ESCAPE  
[www.sryt.info](http://www.sryt.info)

• November 8, 7pm  
Allendale's 125th Anniversary  
"Allendale - Now & Then" slideshow  
presented by Joanne Hart

• November 13, 11am  
Northwest Bergen History Coalition  
Luncheon. Prohibition Years in Bergen and  
Rockland County Ramsey Country Club

• December 8, 10am - 4pm  
Holiday Open House.  
For more information on these events visit  
[www.johnfellhouse.org](http://www.johnfellhouse.org)

## Allendale Chamber of Commerce

• October 5, Allendale Day, 10am-4pm  
• December 6, Holiday Walk  
[www.allendalenjchamber.org](http://www.allendalenjchamber.org)

## Allendale Woman's Club

• December 7  
Holiday Breakfast, Brookside cafeteria  
[www.allendalewomansclub.org](http://www.allendalewomansclub.org)

## Holiday Observers

• October 12, 7:30am-noon  
Halloween Poster Painting  
Rain Date - October 19 at the Red Barn  
• October 31, 7pm  
Halloween Costume Parade  
Brookside School  
• December 14, 1pm  
Holiday Gift Distribution  
Downtown Allendale  
If inclement weather, distribution at  
Hillside School

## Allendale/Saddle River Rotary

• November 15, 6pm  
Wine tasting fundraiser,  
\$40 per person  
Call Nickie Lisella at  
(201) 638-6765 for more information.  
Morning meetings: Every 2nd and 4th  
Wednesdays at Goldbergs Bagels, 8am - 9am  
Evening meetings: Every 3rd Wednesday at  
Aunt Deli's, 6pm-7pm  
Visit [www.allendalesaddleriverrotary.org](http://www.allendalesaddleriverrotary.org) or call  
(201) 747-2874 for information.



## Veterans Day in Allendale

We will be honoring and thanking those who have served in the military on Veterans Day, Monday, November 11th at 11am in Memorial Park.

All are welcome. We encourage all military service members to arrive 15 minutes early. Contact Commander Joseph Chinnici at [allendalefvw@gmail.com](mailto:allendalefvw@gmail.com) with questions.

## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Allendale 5K & Fun Run Sunday, October 27 9:00 am Crestwood Park [www.allendale5k.com](http://www.allendale5k.com)



Race proceeds to:  
Mental Health and Wellness  
Programs for Teens

Sponsorships available  
Platinum \$1,500 • Gold \$750  
Silver \$350 • Bronze/Family \$50  
For more information contact  
Maureen at: [momo1bert@yahoo.com](mailto:momo1bert@yahoo.com)  
201-450-6093

## TRAIN PARKING PERMITS

\*\*\* NEW TRANSIT PARKING INFORMATION \*\*\*

Park and Ride permits for the New Jersey Transit lots expired May 31, 2019. Applications for permits and renewals are now available to be completed on-line only website: [www.allendalenj.gov](http://www.allendalenj.gov) under Forms/Licensing/Permits tab.

Once the permit for your vehicle is ready to be picked up at Police Headquarters you will receive an email. Payment must be presented at headquarters by check or exact change cash. Permit fee for June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020 remains the same as past years, Resident \$60.00 and Non-Resident \$225.00.

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

## RECYCLING CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION

- Fall hours are Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 1pm-5pm through December 15.
- Winter hours begin December 21 to March 28, 2020.

Saturdays 9am - 3:30pm, closed Sundays

Please be advised in the event of inclement weather, the Recycling Center will be closed. All paper and commingled recycling must be put in proper containers and must be loose.

\*\*Remember: container cannot be larger than 30 gallons or weigh more than 60lbs for curbside pickup

## COMPOST SITE HOURS OF OPERATION

Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 1pm-5pm.

The Compost Area is open through the weekend of Dec. 14 and 15, 2019. A 2019 Resident Compost Permit is required and can be purchased for \$30 at Borough Hall or online in the permits section at [www.allendalenj.gov](http://www.allendalenj.gov).

- Leaves are accepted loose or in brown bio-degradable paper bags.
- Grass is accepted loose only.
- Brush is accepted loose only, up to 4 inches in diameter
- No tree stumps or root balls are allowed.
- Dimensional wood – construction lumber, fencing landscape – is NOT allowed.

## The Property Maintenance Officer reminds residents to:

*Please...*

- Do not put out trash or recycling (especially Bulky Trash), prior to 6pm the night before collection.
- Do not shovel, plow or blow snow from your property into the street.
- Sump pumps may not be discharged into the sewer system or into the street. If your sump pump has not been inspected and certified call Borough Hall to arrange an inspection. It is free of charge.
- Please remove styrofoam & other non-recyclable packing materials from cardboard boxes before putting curbside.

## BCUA'S HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 9AM-3PM, RAIN OR SHINE

- Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Rd. Paramus, NJ  
(Entry via Paramus Rd., Paramus, NJ)

## TIRES / ELECTRONICS / MOBILE PAPER SHREDDING COLLECTION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 9AM-2PM, RAIN OR SHINE

- Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation  
200 Campgaw Rd., Mahwah, NJ

## 2019 LEAF PICK-UP SCHEDULE

East Side	West Side
Week of October 14	Week of October 7*
Week of October 28	Week of October 21
Week of November 11*	Week of November 4
Week of November 25	Week of November 18*
Week of December 9	Week of December 2

\* Please note shorter weeks due to the holidays

## STORM DRAIN & LEAVES

With the arrival of fall, we would like to thank our residents for being mindful about clearing fallen leaves from storm drains in front of their homes. Even with regular street sweeping, clogged storm drains may cause flooding and possible icy conditions during storms.

## GARBAGE & RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES

Please visit [www.allendalenj.gov](http://www.allendalenj.gov) for a full list of garbage and recycling dates and other helpful information. Please call the DPW at (201) 818-4410 with any questions or concerns.

## THANKSGIVING WEEK COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

- Regular West side garbage pickup, Mon.11/25 & Fri. 11/29
- Regular East side garbage pickup, Tues.11/26 & Sat. 11/30
- Metal pickup for both sides, Wed. 11/27
- No East side recycling pickup on Thanksgiving, 11/28.  
It will be picked up on Friday 11/29



# BOROUGH COMMUNICATIONS



THE BOROUGH OF  
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Sign up to stay informed!

When you sign up you will receive informational messages from the Borough of Allendale.

\* Email

\* First Name

\* Last Name

By submitting this form, you are consenting to receive marketing emails from: The Borough of Allendale, 500 West Crescent Avenue, Allendale, NJ 07401, US, <http://www.allendalenj.gov>. You can revoke your consent to receive emails at any time by using the SafeUnsubscribe® link, found at the bottom of every email.  
Emails are serviced by Constant Contact

## “Stay Informed!”

The Borough of Allendale is currently in the process of rolling out a new email communication system through Constant Contact. The Borough will be using this platform to deliver important news and information around Allendale. To sign up, please visit [AllendaleNJ.Gov](http://AllendaleNJ.Gov) click on the link located right on the home page.

For any questions regarding signup, please contact Tyler Yaccarino at [TylerYaccarino@AllendaleNJ.Gov](mailto:TylerYaccarino@AllendaleNJ.Gov)”

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[AllendaleNJBoro](https://www.facebook.com/AllendaleNJBoro)

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[AllendaleNJBorough](https://twitter.com/AllendaleNJBorough)



## Get Applications and Registration Forms Online!

[www.allendalenj.gov](http://www.allendalenj.gov)  
Under Forms/Licensing/Permits tab

- Compost Permits
- Construction Permits
- Garage Sale Permits
- Dog and Cat Licenses
- Report a Concern
- Red Barn, West Beach and Field Use Requests
- Open Public Records Requests
- No Knock Permits
- Train Station Parking Permits
- Property Maintenance Complaints



## Audio Recordings

Did you know...All Council, Land Use and Board of Health Meetings are audio recorded!! You can access all recordings via the website the day after the meeting. Go to [www.Allendalenj.gov](http://www.Allendalenj.gov), under the tab **Agenda/Audio/Minutes**. They are super easy to access and very clear if you would like to listen. Also agendas and backup materials are available up to 24 hours before any meeting.

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