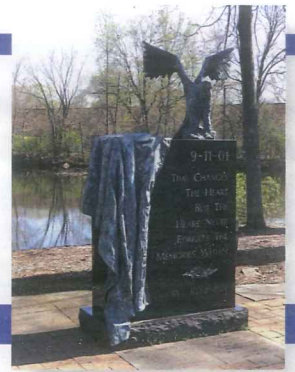




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# Allendale

SPRING 2019



## Mayor's Letter

**O**n January 4, 2019, it was my privilege to be sworn in as the 34th Mayor of Allendale. Having lived in Allendale for most of my life, the opportunity to now serve as the mayor of this amazing borough is an unparalleled honor.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to my dear friends and mentors, Mayor Emeritus Vince Barra and Mayor Emeritus Liz White, who have been invaluable sources of support and guidance.

My goal for the next four years is to make certain that Allendale retains its charm, character and excellent services while working to ensure that it remains affordable for all of our residents. This will require a delicate balance of being fiscally conservative while investing in the borough's infrastructure.

The 2019 Municipal Operating Budget was introduced at the March 28th Council meeting with a minimal increase to the municipal tax rate of under 1%. At the May 9th Council Meeting, this budget will be reviewed in detail and is scheduled to be adopted. Please note that, on average, only 25% of each tax dollar goes to municipal services (the part that we control), while 65% goes to the schools and 10% to the County.

The Capital Budget was adopted on April 25th and includes funds for the continuous upgrading of the borough's infrastructure. In addition, through our Capital Budget, the borough intends to acquire new "information technology" and computer equipment, body armor, and in-vehicle video equipment for our



Police Department. We will also be acquiring new communication equipment, as well as self-contained breathing apparatus equipment for our Fire Department.

My sincere thanks to the Finance Committee chair, Steve Sasso and co-chair, Amy Wilczynski, and our CFO Alissa Mayer for their hard work and dedication in developing a fiscally sound budget.

Along with the ongoing street repaving program, we will be undertaking the much-needed drainage improvements and sidewalk replacement at the "Woods" section of Franklin Turnpike. Most of this work will be funded through County grants. My deep appreciation to Mayor Emeritus Liz White and Director of Operations Ron Kistner for their relentless efforts in working with the County to push this project forward.

A significant portion of my First 100 Days has been spent moving forward with the development at the 220/230 West Crescent Avenue properties. As you may recall, in December 2018, the borough signed a contract to sell certain portions of these two properties to a prospective buyer. In connection with the Contract of Sale, the prospective buyer has a period of time to conduct its "due diligence" inspections of the properties. While the "due diligence" period is still ongoing, we expect that the prospective buyer will be proceeding with the transaction accordingly. Additional information on this project will be posted on the borough website under a separate tab called 220/230. That page will be updated as the borough moves through the development process.

As the members of our Department of Public Works prepare the borough facilities, the fields, and Crestwood Lake for spring and summer, I would like to thank them for their efforts this winter keeping our roads cleared of snow and ice and safe for travel.

In an effort to meet and hear from more of our residents, we will be hosting "Saturday Mornings with the Mayor and Council" in the upcoming months. These meetings will be informal, open to all, and will provide an opportunity to ask questions and exchange thoughts and ideas. Please check the borough website, this newsletter, and Facebook for more information.

My initial months as mayor have been both rewarding and challenging. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding team with whom I work. The members of the Council are dedicated and selfless. Our department heads and employees work daily to provide residents with outstanding quality service. Additionally, our residents who volunteer their time and expertise on municipal boards and committees, along with the volunteers who commit countless hours to the borough, school, and athletic programs all make a tremendous contribution to our town and have my heartfelt gratitude.

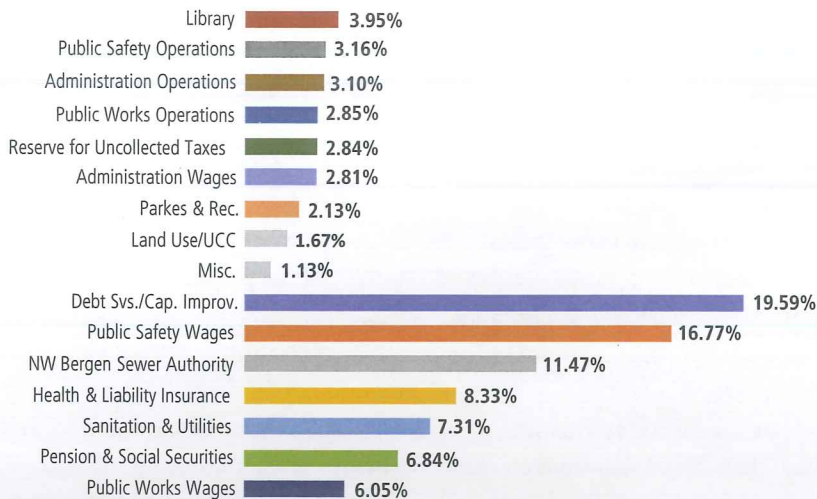
I look forward to working with our residents, staff, and the Borough Council to ensure a continued bright future for Allendale.

Thank you,

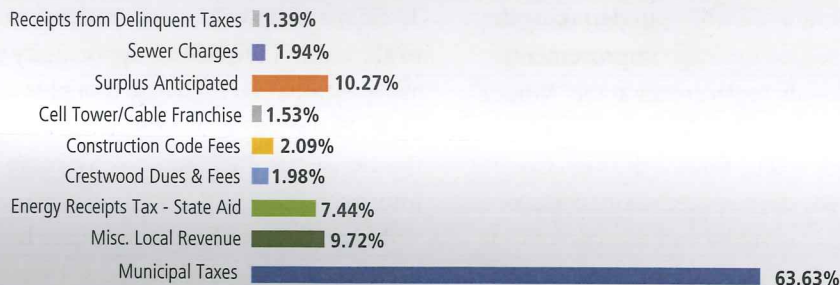
Ari Bernstein



## 2019 EXPENSES - BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE



## 2019 REVENUE - BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE



## GovPilot to Streamline Permits

Allendale recently partnered with software developer, GovPilot, to digitize several of our application/registration/request forms, including:

- Compost Permits
  - Construction Permits
  - Red Barn, West Beach and Field Use
  - Garage Sale Permits
  - Dog and Cat Licenses
  - Open Public Records Requests
  - Report a Concern
- And more to come...

These digital forms are available on the left menu bar on the borough's website, and can be completed and submitted at your convenience, from any device. Upon submission, form data is routed to the appropriate borough employee for swift processing. Email alerts will keep our residents informed of any new developments and streamlined operations ensure that you'll receive that permit, license, or requested document in record time.

## Allendale Police Department

### Operation Reassurance

Operation Reassurance is a program administered by the Allendale Police Department, where a participant living alone calls our communications center each day, usually before 10:00 AM. If we do not receive a call, an officer is sent to the person's home to check on them and assure they are alright. The intention of Operation Reassurance is to make sure that people living alone will have personal contact each day with someone to make sure all is well. If interested in joining our program please contact the police department.

### Junior Police Academy 2019

The dates for the 2019 Junior Police Academy have been set. This year's academy will take place beginning on Monday, August 5th and run through Friday, August 9th. The academy will be for kids entering 6th and 7th grades in the fall, and will run from 9am to 3pm each day. It will be held at Brookside School.

More information will become available, including applications, in the near future. Look for further announcements on our website: [www.allendalepd.org](http://www.allendalepd.org). First come first serve basis for the first 75 children. For more information please email P.O. Kevin Azevedo at [kazevedo@allendalepd.org](mailto:kazevedo@allendalepd.org).

**In the event of a power outage during a storm, please contact the proper utility company customer service department.**

• Orange & Rockland 1-877-434- 4100 • Optimum 1-800-877-8849 • Verizon 1-800-VERIZON

## Saturday Mornings with the Mayor & Council

The Mayor and Council will be conducting a series of roundtable discussions. The goal of these sessions is to provide an informal setting for residents to ask questions and exchange thoughts and ideas. Just come on by, no reservations needed. We will meet on the following Saturdays at 9 am in the council chambers:

Saturday, May 18  
Saturday, June 15  
Saturday, September 14

*\*Please note that there will be up to 3 mayor/council members present at each session*

# DPW UPDATE

## ■ WEST SIDE GARBAGE COLLECTION

Twice a week collection begins the week of May 20th, through the week of September 9th. Collection will be done Mondays & Thursdays

## ■ EAST SIDE GARBAGE COLLECTION

Twice a week collection begins the week of May 20th, through the second week of September 9th. Collection will be done Tuesdays and Fridays.

## ■ NO COLLECTION WILL BE DONE ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS

- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day

## ■ COMPOST SITE OPENED SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH.

Compost permits are available for purchase in the Clerk's Office at Borough Hall Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm or through our online application. Permits are \$30 for the season and the application form can be found at: <http://www.allendalenj.gov/formslicensingpermits/>

## Allendale continues Commitment to Recycling despite challenging Market

With the recent changes worldwide in the recycling markets, it is more important than ever for residents to transition away from plastics and towards greener manufacturing materials. It can take up to 500 years for a plastic bag to degrade in a landfill and many other plastics end up in our oceans. Being diligent and using reusable water bottles and food storage containers are a great start!

We are pleased to announce that Allendale now participates in the convenient Recycle Coach App. Simply go to the app store and download recycle coach to easily track the recycling pick up schedules. Customized collection reminders can be sent directly to your phone or computer.

Meanwhile, Allendale continues to provide curbside pickup service twice a month with our dual recycle program.

Go to [www.allendalenj.gov](http://www.allendalenj.gov) for our curbside recycle schedule and recycle guidelines.

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## PLEASE HELP REDUCE OUR SEWER SERVICE CHARGES!!

Allendale's sewer service charges for the Northwest Bergen Utilities Authority account for almost 12% of our municipal budget. In part, our charges are based on water usage and sewage flow. You can help minimize this charge by being diligent in checking for water leaks in your sprinkler systems, faucets and toilets. Using low-flow toilets, aerators on shower heads and faucets and ensuring washing machines and dishwashers are full before operating are other ways you can help reduce the sewage flow. In addition, please check to be sure that sump pumps do not drain into a utility sink or directly into the sewer line of the home or business as water pumped into the sewer line is metered and included in our sewer charges. A sump pump that is incorrectly hooked up may actually be pumping underground spring water into our sewer system, having a significant impact on the Borough's sewage charges. Please check the Borough's website under the Water Department for more information on leak detection for homeowners and/or call to have your sump pump installation checked.

## Bergen County Utilities Authority (BCUA) 2019 Schedule

### Computer/Electronics Recycling, Tire Recycling & Paper Shredding

#### Collection Hours: 9am-2pm (Rain or shine)

##### Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus

- Saturday, August 17, 2019

##### Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation

##### 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah

- Saturday, June 8, 2019
- Sunday, October 6, 2019

#### Acceptable materials for BCUA Computer/Electronics Collections

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| • Computer towers | • Televisions  |
| • Keyboards       | • Microwaves   |
| • Monitors        | • Fax machines |

ANY DEVICE WITH A PLUG

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection

#### Collection Hours: 9am-3pm (Rain or shine)

##### Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus

- Sunday, June 23, 2019
- Sunday, October 20, 2019

##### Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation

##### 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah

- Saturday, May 11, 2019
- Saturday July 20, 2019
- Saturday, September 14, 2019

#### Acceptable material for BCUA Household Hazardous Waste Collections

- Batteries – vehicle & rechargeable only
- Fertilizer
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Insecticides
- Paints & Varnishes
- Pesticides
- Propane gas cylinders (1 pound & 20 pounds)

Products must be in original containers, not larger than 5 gallons.

For more information and dates visit [www.bcua.org](http://www.bcua.org) or call (201) 641-2552



# ELECTION INFORMATION FOR 2019

**Primary Election:** Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

Poll hours: 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The last day for party declaration is Wednesday, April 10th.

**General Election:** Tuesday, November 5, 2019.

Poll hours: 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.



**Polling Locations:** District 1 Fire House, District 2 and 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. These forms can also be found by visiting the borough website and clicking on the Quick Links/Election Information page. The deadlines to file your voter registration forms are May 14th for the primary and October 15th for the general 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.

**Late Night Voter Registration:** Tuesday, May 14th for the Primary Election and Tuesday, October 15th for the General Election in the Borough Clerk's office. The office will be open until 9 p.m. 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 3 p.m. on the day prior to the election if the voter appears in person at the County Clerk's Office. The completed ballot must be received by the Board of Elections by the close of polls on Election Day. If you have any questions, please call the Allendale Borough Clerk's Office.

## Allendale Veterans



The Allendale Veterans of Foreign Wars wants to connect with all Veterans. Please reach out to Commander Joseph Chinnici at [allendalevfw@gmail.com](mailto:allendalevfw@gmail.com) or (201) 394-8216. We look forward to celebrating Memorial Day with the community. Organizations that wish to march may contact the Commander and all service members are invited to join the VFW in the parade. The Parade will begin at 9:30AM and services will begin in Memorial Park following the parade. Following the Memorial Day services, the Allendale Fire Department invites the community to continue celebrations at the firehouse.

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