

Borough of Allendale Happenings...

August 2020

A monthly electronic newsletter to keep residents informed. Please encourage friends and neighbors to sign up for Constant Contact by <u>clicking here</u>.



COVID-19 Update

Allendale continues to have one of the lowest reported number of cases in Bergen County. We must all continue to social distance and wear masks. For the most up-to-date information, visit the State's website, https://covid19.nj.gov/.

Phase 2 Water Restrictions in Effect

Even House Numbers: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday Odd House Numbers: Wednesday, Friday, Sunday

- In-Ground Lawn Sprinklers
 - √ 12 midnight- 4:00am ONLY
- Hose supplied Lawn Sprinklers
 - ✓ 7:00am to 9:00am
 - ✓ 7:00pm to 9:00pm
 - Washing of buildings or cars is prohibited
 - ✓ Hand-watering is permitted for gardens & shrubs
 - ✓ Water use for other household purposes is not restricted.



Allendale Water Community Meeting Wednesday, September 16th at 7pm

Please join Councilwoman Liz Homan, Water Committee Chair, for a Virtual Community Presentation/meeting on Allendale Water.

Agenda

- Allendale Water & System Components
- Working relationship with Suez
- Allendale Water Utilization
- Use of water restrictions current/future
- Water Quality CCR Report
- Questions

To join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/199942237

To call in using your phone, dial ± 1 (872) 240-3212 and then enter Access Code: 199-942-237

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Any questions please e-mail Councilwoman Homan at lizhoman@allendalenj.gov

O&R/Rockland Electric is reimbursing for Food & Prescription Drug Spoilage during Tropical Storm Isaias

O & R Residential customers impacted by Tropical Storm Isaias may receive reimbursement for up to \$235, or up to \$540 with receipts if power was lost for more than 48 consecutive hours. Please fill out the claims form which can be found at www.oru.com to cover spoiled food, medication or perishable commercial merchandise. Business owners are eligible for food spoilage reimbursements up to \$10,700 with receipts. You may choose to file a claim with your insurance company to reimburse you for your loss (less your deductible). Your insurer may then choose to present a claim to us to recover compensation paid to you. Please note, if you decide to go through your own insurance carrier and are reimbursed by your carrier, you cannot also seek reimbursement from O&R/Rockland Electric.

Reporting Utility Outages

Experiencing a power outage? Report it & also check to see when your lights will be back on through:

- www.oru.com/outage from any computer or web-based mobile device
- O&R mobile app through Apple Store or Google Play
- Text messaging "OUT" to 69678
- Calling 1-877-434-4100



If you experience a cable, internet or phone outage, please contact your provider:

- Verizon (800) 837-4966 OR <u>verizon.com</u>
- Optimum (973) 230-6048 OR <u>www.optimum.net</u>

REOPENED! - Bergen County CARES Small Business Grant

Bergen County has extended applications for this program through **AUGUST 21st**. If your business was deemed "non-essential" and forced to close due to the COVID-19 pandemic, you may be eligible to receive up to \$10,000 to help cover rent, business mortgage payments and utility expenses. For more information, click here.

NJHMFA'S Small Landlord Emergency Grant Program

Governor Murphy announced the Small Landlord Emergency Grant (SLEG) Program, which reimburses small residential rental property owners for lost rent revenue due to COVID-19 between April and July 2020. By passing the benefit on to their tenants and forgiving outstanding back rent and late fees, landlords will not only receive necessary funds to stay afloat, but will also continue to provide stable housing in what has become an unstable time.

Please note that the <u>application period begins AUGUST 19th and</u> <u>ends AUGUST 26th</u>. Learn more <u>https://njhousing.gov/rentals/sleg/</u>

Updates on 220/230 West Crescent Avenue

The Borough recently awarded a contract to The Ambient Group, LLC to remediate soil in a defined area at 230 West Crescent Ave. Once the cleanup is complete, we will move forward to the final stages to close on this property. Updates can be found on the "220/230 W. Crescent Avenue" tab on our website. Please click here. Please email Councilwoman Wilczynski with any questions - amywilczynski@allendalenj.gov.

3rd Quarter Property Taxes & 2nd Quarter Water Bills are Due

Third Quarter property taxes were due August 1st. You can mail them to 500 West Crescent Ave, place in the secure drop slot to the right of the rear door of Borough Hall or <u>click here to pay online</u>.

Residents should have received Second Quarter Water Bills. Please remit payment to Allendale Water via any of the following methods:

- Mail payment with payment stub provided on bottom of bill
- Place payment in envelope with payment stub and drop in secure mail slot at rear entrance to Allendale Borough Hall
- Pay on-line @ mysuezwater.com (Fees will be charged)
- Pay on-line through your own bank
- Pay by phone @ 888-608-6690 (Fees will be charged)

Garbage & Recycling Reminders

| | WEST SIDE | EAST SIDE |
|-----------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| GARBAGE | 08/20; 08/24; 08/27; 08/31 | 08/21; 08/25; 08/28 |
| RECYCLING | 08/27 | 08/20 |
| METAL | 08/26 | 08/26 |

- Items for all collections must be curbside prior to 6am on the day of pickup.
- Wood pallets are not collected by our garbage contractor. You must make your own arrangements to dispose of them.
- You must schedule a one-time, courtesy moveout pickup with <u>TatianaMarquis@AllendaleNJ.gov</u> at least 2 WEEKS prior to closing.
- The complete 2020 Schedule of Collections can be found here.

Recycling & Compost Center

The Recycling & Compost Center will be open through August 30th during the following hours:

Thursdays from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM Fridays from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM Saturdays from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM Sundays from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM

Important Notes:

• To purchase a 2020 Compost Permit, <u>please click here</u>. The permit is \$30 payable to the Borough of Allendale. Once your application has been approved Borough Hall will be in touch to make arrangements for payment and receipt of the permit.

News from the Bergen County Utilities Authority

The BCUA will conduct a household hazardous waste collection on: Saturday September 12th

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation 200 Campgaw Rd, Mahwah 9-3 pm Rain or Shine For more info, click here

Free - Open to Bergen County Residents Only - ID required





Library Welcomes Back Allendale Residents

The Lee Memorial Library is open to patrons. For more info, please visit LeeMemorialLibrary.org

Downtown Streetscape

Allendale received 3 DOT grants totaling \$662,000 to complete the "Allendale Downtown Streetscape Project". The project will be done in 3 phases. We will be alerting residents and businesses once the project is underway. Questions: amywilczynski@allendalenj.gov

New Playground!

Allendale received a Bergen County grant to improve the playground at Crestwood Park. We are in the planning stages now and hope to get the project started this fall.

Questions: amywilczynski@allendalenj.gov

Crestwood Lake

We want to thank all residents and lake members for being so awesome and positive during this summer season! There were lots of new rules and procedures that we had to put in place, and everyone was super cooperative and courteous.

The lake will remain open until 7 pm on Labor Day-September 7th.

Annual 9/11 Candlelight Memorial Ceremony



The Borough will be holding its Annual 9/11 Candlelight Memorial Ceremony on Friday, September 11th at 7 pm at the Red Barn. This years' speaker is Dr, Jeffrey Burkes. Chief of the Dental Identification Unit at the Medical Examiners Office in NYC. He will tell his moving recollections of that day and the weeks that followed of as the Chief Forensic Dentist.

We will also be honoring 5 of our very own first responders who were at Ground Zero on 9/11. The ceremony is rain or shine. Please join us.

Don't Miss the Summer's Last "Dine Out in Allendale"

When? Saturday, August 29th, 5pm to 10pm Where? Downtown Allendale



Please note West Allendale Ave from DeMercurio Dr to Myrtle Ave will be closed for outdoor street dining from 4:30pm until 10:30pm.

Holiday Observers News

The Holiday Observers are extremely disappointed to be cancelling the annual Water Festival scheduled for September 5th. Also, we are cancelling the postponed Fourth of July events that had been rescheduled for September 12th. Again, with a prudent view regarding the health of the community, we do not believe enough has changed to warrant taking the risk of reversing the progress Allendale and NJ have made with regard to the spread of the virus.

Unfortunately, this year has been like no other for all of us, including the Holiday Observers. Hopefully, better days are on the horizon and we can return to the fun and community involvement of our traditional Holiday Observers' events. We will be back at full force, eager to serve when appropriate to celebrate with all of Allendale.

Stay healthy and safe.

For information regarding the Holiday Observers, please go to www.holidayobservers.org.

Mayor & Council Meeting

August 27, 2020 at 7:30

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/302918517

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Mayor & Council

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