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A Message from Mayor Amy Wilczynski...

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. We are well into the year at the Borough. This year, we've implemented new committees to better serve residents. Please see the names and contact info at the end of this newsletter. If you have a question or comment that falls into a particular committee, they can be directed toward the councilperson who chairs the committee. We are all accessible to residents to answer any questions or concerns, so don't be shy!

Each committee is also busy structuring plans and goals for the year. We look forward to sharing these with the community and getting feedback at one of our upcoming town halls.

Council Committees: (please see emails at end of newsletter)
Finance, Human Resources, Administration & IT- Chair: Susanne Lovisolo & Co-chair: Liz Homan
Public Works & Public Utilities - Chair: Joe Daloisio & Co-chair: Liz Homan
Land Use & Construction Code - Chair: Susanne Lovisolo & Co-chair: Joe Daloisio,
Facilities, Parks and Recreation- Chair: Tyler Yaccarino & Co-chair: Ed O'Connell
Public Safety- Chair: Matt O'Toole & Co-chair: Tyler Yaccarino

There are a few big projects underway that are worth mentioning. The walls are going up in our community center at 210 West Crescent. We received the project schedule and expect the building to be complete by the end of the summer. This will be a great addition to our community with much needed meeting and gym space. There will also be a new concession stand at Crestwood Lake. The current one is in dire disrepair; plans are just about finalized to build a new one. Unfortunately, we don't expect it to be complete for next season as the municipal bidding process is quite long. We are also sprucing up the current chambers at Borough Hall with a fresh coat of paint and historical pictures. The 2024 meeting dates are set, hope to see some of you at our meetings this year.

At the recent NW Bergen Mayors meeting, we discussed Wildlife management. The overpopulation of deer has become a significant problem in this area. It's one of the biggest complaints I receive as Mayor. The issue is bigger than deer eating our flowers and trees, there is a growing impact on the imbalance of the ecosystem. In addition to a significant increase in car accidents and a spike in Lymes disease. Working with the neighboring communities is the only way to make a difference. The NJDEP agreed to speak with our residents on the pros and cons of available options, please look out for the date and I strongly encourage all to attend.

We have had an unprecedented amount of rainfall that has exacerbated flooding within the Borough. We have formed a 'Flooding Committee' to look at various ways to potentially mitigate this. There is not one easy solution so we are looking at a multipronged approach to address this. We encourage all residents to make sure they do not block any drainages with leaves or debris and to clear off any storm drains that are clogged with snow or leaves.

Some important events coming up:

March 11th to March 15th NJ MVC Mobile Unit (More Information to Come)

March 28 Community Blood Drive at AFD

April 27 Spring Cleaning & Recycle Day (More Information to Come)

Please sign up for constant contact, Swiftreach now called RAVE, and follow the Mayor Amy Wilczynski and Borough FB pages so you are always informed. Also, feel free to contact any council member or myself and say hi anytime you see me around town!











Thirty years ago, a group led by Stiles Thomas wanted to bring the community together to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Borough by creating a mural that highlighted aspects of the Borough's history. George Takayama was the art director and the mural was painted by volunteer residents.

Now, three decades later, in the spirit of the mission of the original mural, we are once again creating a new, unique, and modern mural. The tenants are the same as they were 30 years ago, merging Community, History, and Art.

- Allendale resident and sculptor, Simon Rigg is heading up this exciting endeavor.
- Allendale Historian Fred Litt is providing input on the historical element.
- Students of Hillside, Brookside, and NHRHS will create the design and ceramic elements.

Images will be applied with both paint and ceramic. The design will be rich in color and three-dimensional. The mural will feature places in Allendale that will be recognizable to residents from ages 8 to 80.

The planning has started, and we are seeking volunteers to help with PR and fundraising. This is an exciting project to be a part of Allendale history. The entire process will be documented with photos and film for future generations to view and reflect on as an archival record for the Borough.

The Allendale mural project will result in a magnificent and unique piece of art. It will instill a sense of community and pride and be a beautiful centerpiece of our downtown.

For more information contact amywilczynski@allendalenj.gov



ALLENDALE AMBULANCE CORPS SERVING SINCE 1937

Allendale Volunteer Ambulance Corps - A FREE Ride!

A recent article in the Town Journal (December 28, 2023 "Surprise Bills from Ambulance Rides can be huge Expense in NJ) stated that of the "3 million insured patients who ride in an ambulance each year, half will end up with a surprise bill"—often as high as \$1,200 each transport. However if you have an medical emergency in Allendale and are transported by the Allendale Volunteer Ambulance Corps, **YOUR RIDE IS FREE!** That's right! Allendale has a Volunteer corps that is at your service. We do not get paid. We do not charge for our services. This means---no surprise bill from us for Basic Life Support Services! **HOWEVER**, **we NEED your financial assistance!** There are two ways you can help us in 2024. The first, is to donate towards our Annual Fund Drive. 100% of your donation is being used to both provide essential services to you and your loved ones in the event of a medical emergency and towards a new ambulance. Donations are greatly appreciated and necessary to help with rising costs of medical supplies, gas, and vehicle maintenance. You can send you donation to: Allendale Volunteer Ambulance Corps, 26 Arcadia Drive, Allendale, NJ 07401.

Another great way to help us buy a new ambulance (and to enjoy a great night OUT!) is to attend our ANNUAL CASINO NIGHT! This year, Casino Night will be held on Friday, March 22. SAVE THE DATE TODAY! IF you would like more info, tickets, donate a tricky tray item or sponsor a table, please contact us at: casinonight@allendaleambulance.org or visit our website at www.allendaleambulance.org.

Allendale Volunteer Ambulance Corps is here for you 24/7. We respond to over 750 medical calls In Allendale and surrounding towns EACH year---for FREE!! We thank you for your support!

The Gary Letizia
Memorial Blood Drive

Every Drop Counts

DONATE BLOOD TO SAVE A LIFE

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024 | 1PM -7PM

Gary Letizia was diagnosed with Leukemia at the age of 68. If not for the countless gallons of blood that kept him bravely battling Leukemia, I wouldn't have had my Dad for that final year. Please consider donating so that someone else's loved one may receive the same precious gift of time.

-Dr. Matt Letizia

Allendale Fire Department

1 Erie Plaza, Allendale

To make an appointment, visithttp://nybc.org/letizia

Appointments Encouraged,

Walk-Ins Welcome!













AROUND TOWN. . .



On January 4th, Allendale's Mayor and Council held its annual Reorganization Meeting. Councilmen Ed O'Connell and Joe Daloisio were sworn in to their term on the Council. We also had the swearing-in of our new Borough Administrator Alison Altano, Allendale's new Superintendent of Public Works Andy Agugliaro, and our new Municipal Judge Christopher Botta.

Rounding out this great evening was the swearing-in of our Allendale Fire Department and Volunteer Ambulance Corps leadership. Last but not least, we had the swearing-in of Allendale's newest Police Officers Nicholas Antonelli and Christopher Rosado.

Congratulations to all, and thank you for your service to Allendale!







At the December 21st Mayor and Council Meeting, we honored Allendale's Administrative Officer and Director of Operations, Ron Kistner. After nine years serving Allendale, Ron is retiring. Thank you, Ron, for your hard work and dedication to our Borough! Good luck and best wishes on your retirement!



ALLENDALE HISTORY FRED LITT BOROUGH HISTORIAN

WEST ALLENDALE AVENUE STREETSCAPE

The "look and feel" of the West Allendale Avenue business district has gone through many evolutions and a few revolutions since Allendale became a borough in 1894. We provide two historic photos to give you an idea how much change has taken place over the last century. In both images, the photographer is standing in the West Allendale Avenue roadway, near the intersection of Maple Street.

The first photo is from a postcard, dated 1906. The white fence at left was replaced by the Braun building in 1911. The house on the right was moved to High Street to make room for retails stores.

The second photo is from 1938. If you need help comparing the two images, notice the Allendale Meat Market at center in the 1906 image. In the 1938 image, Temperlyn's Pharmacy can be seen at that location, housed within the Guatelli Building, built in 1915. Today, Fino Ristorante serves local diners there.

In more recent times, West Allendale Avenue has gone through several streetscape upgrades. In 1990, the council approved a makeover of the West Allendale Avenue shopping district to include paver sidewalks, additional parking, updated lighting, and removal of aboveground utility poles and wires. On June 16, 1992, the Allendale borough clock honoring Mayor Clarence "Curly" Shaw's effort to revitalize the shopping district was installed in the traffic island that intersects Myrtle and West Allendale Avenues. During 2020–2021, aided by \$662,000 in Department of Transportation streetscape grants, the business district was refreshed with new, richly colored pavers, trees, and traditional-style light posts, all chosen to create a classic and timeless look.



1906 postcard of West Allendale Avenue, looking west.

1938 NJ Archives photo of West Allendale Avenue, looking west.





Allendale Circle of Support distributed holiday gift bags to nearly 200 senior members of our community in December. The initiative aims to show appreciation and bring joy to during the festive holiday season to this valuable population. Responses from the recipients attest to the success!

Sponsors of the bags included the Borough of Allendale, Allendale Dental, *Autumn Years* Magazine and Bergen County Department of Health.

What is the Allendale Circle of Support?

Allendale Circle of Support (ACOS) is a local charity that plays a crucial role in fostering a compassionate community by extending temporary assistance to Allendale residents facing financial difficulties. The need may be invisible, yet it is present...even in Allendale.

How does ACOS help?

ACOS provides gift cards for essentials like food, health and hygiene, and clothing, to offer immediate relief to Allendale residents facing significant financial need. One recent recipient gratefully stated, "Now my kids won't have to have cereal for dinner!" Requests are handled with absolute confidentiality, ensuring that those seeking assistance can do so without fear or stigma. If you know of someone in town or if you yourself are in need, please visit the <u>ACOS website</u>.

If you are able to help build a more compassionate community, please scan the QR below or visit our website to donate.



We invite you to visit the ACOS website or email us for further information.

Allendale Circle of Support is a 501(c)(3). Your donation is tax-deductible.



DONATIONS REQUESTED

All donated goods and services are greatly appreciated Business and Individual donations are welcomed

- Gift Cards
- Event Tickets
- Designer Handbags
- Sports Memorabilia
- · Wine/Liquor

- Jewelry
- Spa Services
- Home/Kitchen
- Getaways
- Professional Services

To arrange for a donation pick-up, contact Liz at 201-914-1106 or Diana at 201-788-5822 or email awcfashionshow@gmail.com

DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 3/22/24

AWC IS A 501C3 CHARITY EIN #52-1822476

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!



Lee Memorial Library NEWS!





Earn 1 raffle ticket for every 200 pages read for a chance to win the raffle prize:

Cozy Reading Gift Basket!

Fleece Blanket

Ceramic Mug

Tea Assortment



Allendale residents only.

Slipper Socks

Book Light

Bedside Book Caddy

Click here to Register

Or scan this QR code:







Quick Notes...

REMINDER

1st Quarter 2024 Property Taxes are due February 1, 2024 The Grace Period ends February 12, 2024

Payments can be made online at allendalenj.gov

Or

Checks can be mailed or dropped off at:
Borough of Allendale
500 W. Crescent Avenue
Allendale, NJ 07401

If paying by check, **please make sure your check is signed and dated correctly**. We **DO NOT** accept post-dated checks!



CET YOUR SNOW SHOVELS OUT AND READY

The town code requires that sidewalks be maintained by the property owner abutting the sidewalk. Snow and ice must be removed within 24 hours so your neighbors and fellow residents can safely use the sidewalks.

NO PARKING WHEN ROAD IS SNOW COVERED Just a friendly reminder:

There is a borough ordinance in place to let the plows and clean up crews have access to the roadways to do their jobs. Vehicles/owners in violation of this will be issued a summons.



GARBAGE & RECYCLING REMINDERS

- All items should be put out *starting at 6pm the night before* the scheduled collection.
- Building materials and 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 move-out pickup with <u>info@AllendaleNJ.gov</u> at <u>least</u> 4 WEEKS in advance. No metal, electronics, or recyclable materials collected.

Remember to make sure that the lids are securely on top of your cans, especially garbage. This

will help keep wildlife at bay.

- Collection containers can be no larger than 30 gallons.
- Bulk Trash must be placed on the curb and **not placed** in the road.
- Food containers being recycled need to be rinsed and cleaned before you dispose.
- Soiled pizza boxes are garbage and NOT recyclable.

GARBAGE

- Household kitchen, office and bathroom Container One: trash
- Styrofoam

BULKY TRASH

- Furniture
- Carpeting
- Non-metal items
- Windows/mirrors/pane glass must be taped with an "X'

METAL

- Anything that is least 75% metal
- Artificial Holiday Trees





RECYCLING

- Newspapers and inserts
- Junk mail, envelopes, office, notebook, construction paper
- Smooth and corrugated cardboard
- Glossy magazines and catalogs
- Soft covered books and telephone books
- Non-metallic wrapping paper and greeting
- Shredded paper
- Brown grocery bags

Container Two:

- Food and beverage containers
- Plastic containers with a recycling code 1, 2, 5, 7
- Aluminum cans, foil
- Aseptic packaging (ex: soup, milk containers)
- Metal cans and empty aerosol cans
- Green, clear and brown glass bottles and jars
- ** Please note that there are 2 separate trucks that pick up recyclables.



Recycling Center



Saturdays 9am to 2pm **Compost Site - Closed Regular Hours Start - April 7, 2024**

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

Take your hazardous waste to a safer place!

PARAMUS

Bergen Community College 400 Paramus Road (Entry via Paramus Rd. ONLY)

SUNDAY

April 7
June 9
October 20

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

MAHWAH

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation 200 Campgaw Road *(Ski Area)*

SATURDAY

May 11 July 20 September 7

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

MOONACHIE

Bergen County
Utilities Authority
Foot of Empire Blvd.
(Entry via Empire Blvd. ONLY)

SATURDAY

March 9 November 16

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

All collection sites open (rain or shine) at 9:00 a.m. and close promptly at 3:00 p.m.

FREE OF CHARGE FOR BERGEN COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY - ID REQUIRED!

NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ALLOWED.

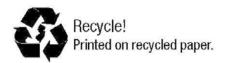
Absolutely no business or commercial waste will be accepted.

DO NOT BRING

electronics, paper for shredding, or tires to hazardous waste collections!!

Visit www.bcua.org for additional information.





NO RETURNS. This includes gasoline and motor oil containers. Please plan accordingly.

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS FOR WASTE COLLECTIONS

- Aerosol Cans
- Anti-Freeze
- Batteries (vehicle & rechargeable only)
- Blacktop sealers
- Bug spray
- Disinfectants
- Drain Cleaners
- Fertilizer
- Fire Extinguishers
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Gasoline
- Glue
- Herbicides
- Insecticides

- Kerosene
- Lighter Fluid
- Mercury Switches
- · Oil Filters (used)
- Paints & Varnishes- All Types
- Pesticides
- Photographic Chemicals
- Propane Gas Cylinders (1 lb. and 20 lb. only)
- · Solvents & Thinners
- Thermostats
- Thermometers
- Used Motor Oil

For a complete listing go to www.bcua.org
Materials not in original containers must be labeled.

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS FOR WASTE COLLECTIONS

- Any business or commercial generated waste
- · Empty containers or hardened paint cans are garbage
- Alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V) dispose in normal trash
- Unlabeled waste or containers with unknown contents
- Regulated medical waste, sharps, radioactive materials, and explosives
- · Containers larger than five (5) gallons
- Any compressed cylinders (e.g. oxygen or acetylene)
- · Pressure-treated lumber or railroad ties
- Computers, electronics, and tires are NOT accepted at waste collections.
- Smoke Detectors
- Construction/demolition debris

If you need help in the disposal of unacceptable waste, please call 201-807-5825 or visit us at www.bcua.org

Directions to Collection Sites

Directions to BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE: 400 Paramus Rd., Paramus, NJ (Entry via Paramus Rd. ONLY)

From the North (via Route 17)

Turn right off Route 17 South onto Ridgewood Avenue (West) to Paramus Road. Turn left onto Paramus Road and continue approximately two miles to college; proceed around jug handle to main entrance.

From the East

Take Route 4 West to Paramus Road (Paramus Road is ¾ miles past Route 17 intersection.) Turn right onto Paramus Road and proceed north approximately two miles to Bergen Community College entrance on right.

From the South (via Route 17)

Take Route 17 North to Century Road exit, second exit to the right, proceed around cloverleaf over Route 17 onto Century Road (West). Continue to Paramus Road and turn right onto Paramus Road to college entrance on right.

From the West

Take Route 4 East to Paramus Road (exit under overpass). Turn right onto Paramus Road and proceed north for approximately two miles to college entrance on right.

Directions to BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY:

Foot of Empire Blvd., Moonachie, NJ (Entry via Empire Blvd., Moonachie ONLY. NO entry via Mehrhof Rd., Little Ferry)

Traveling Route 17 North

Exit at Moonachie/Wood-Ridge exit. Make right at light onto Moonachie Ave. Pass Teterboro Airport (on your left) and continue going straight until road ends into BCUA facilities.

Traveling Route 17 South

Exit at Moonachie/Wood-Ridge exit. (Exit is by The Fiesta.) Make left at light onto Moonachie Avenue. Pass Teterboro Airport (on your left) and continue going straight until road ends into BCUA facilities.

Directions to BERGEN COUNTY CAMPGAW MOUNTAIN RESERVATION:

200 Campgaw Rd., Mahwah, NJ (Ski Area)

Traveling Route 17 North

Take Route 202 (Morristown/Suffern) exit. Make left at stop sign. Pass Ramapo College on left. Make left onto Darlington Avenue; bear right at fork onto Campgaw Road. The Reservation is approximately 1.5 miles on the right.

Traveling Route 208 West

Take Rt. 202/Ramapo Valley Road North. Right onto Darlington Avenue, bear right at fork onto Campgaw Road. The Reservation is on the right.

RECYCLING EVENTS FOR BERGEN COUNTY RESIDENTS

PARAMUS

Bergen Community College 400 Paramus Road (Entry via Paramus Rd. ONLY)

> SUNDAY SATURDAY

> April 21 August 10

9:00 am - 2:00 pm • Rain or Shine

MAHWAH

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation 200 Campgaw Road (Ski Area)

> SATURDAY **SUNDAY**

June 1 Oct. 6

9:00 am - 2:00 pm • Rain or Shine

MOBILE PAPER SHREDDING



Give your paper a safe retirement - shred it!

Recycle your confidential documents such as, bills, receipts, tax returns, medical records, legal documents, etc. safely by shredding them. (Recycle magazines and non-confidential paper at curbside.)

In an effort to accommodate everyone, there is a limit of four (4) bags/boxes, weighing no more than 10 lbs. each.

Paper clips and staples are acceptable. Please remove binder clips.

Shredding performed immediately on-site.

***Shredding program will end prior to 2pm in the event the shredding trucks reach capacity.

ELECTRONICS & COMPUTERS



Recycle one "byte" at a time - bring us your electronics and computers!

Recycle laptops, monitors, cables, wires, speakers, computers, televisions, stereos, printers, and more!

TIRE RECYCLING



Give your tires one last spin - recycle them!

Four (4) tire limit, per delivery. Tires with or without rims accepted.

UNWANTED MEDICATION



Discard your unwanted and expired overthe-counter and prescription medications in a secured Project Medicine Drop box.

Bring medication in original containers or a sealed bag. Sharps and liquids will not be accepted.

You can also dispose of unused and expired medications anonymously, seven days a week, 365 days a year, at "prescription drug drop boxes" located within the headquarters of participating police departments. For a listing of participating police departments please visit: www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/ meddrop/Pages/Locations.aspx



Safe and free collections for Bergen County residents. Proof of residency is required. No business/commercial waste will be accepted.

FREE...NO COST

Wellness Program for Adults



You're Invited to Join Us
On Any One
of the Dates Listed!

WHERE: Allendale

Municipal Building 500 Crescent Ave.

WHEN: 1st Friday of Every

Month.

TIME: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm DATES FOR 2024:

 Jan. 5
 Apr. 5
 Sept. 6

 Feb. 2
 May. 3
 Oct. 4

 Mar. 1
 Jun. 7
 Nov. 1

Dec. 6

No program in July and August

For more information call:

201-818-4400

SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Health History Evaluation
- Blood Pressure Measurement
- Height and Weight
- Individualized Counseling and Education
- Referral and Follow-up
- Confidential Consultation with a Public Health Nurse

This program is made possible by the contract your local
Board of Health holds with the Bergen County
Department of Health Services for programs and services
like these that are designed to meet the needs of
residents.

ADMINISTRATION, CLERK'S OFFICE, BOARD OF HEALTH

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(MARRIAGE LICENSES, DEATH AND BIRTH CERTIFICATES)

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