A message from Mayor Bernstein. . .

The Fall season has begun. Soon the weather will cool and the leaves will be turning. From the Holiday Observers’ Halloween Poster Painting contest, pumpkin carving events, soccer games, football games, and so much more, it truly is a great time of year to live in Allendale.

In this issue of the Allendale Happenings, there is a slew of important information on an array of topics impacting our residents. I encourage everyone to read through this issue.

First and foremost, we have the General Election coming up on November 2nd. If you have not registered to vote, you can do so at the link HERE. Our Clerk’s Office will be open until 9pm on October 12th to accept voter registration applications and handle any other services you may need from their office.

As you may already know, Allendale has an important vote on the ballot this November. Residents will have the opportunity to vote on a Referendum on the sale of the Allendale Water System to SUEZ. To give a little background, at the July 22nd Mayor and Council meeting, the Council unanimously voted to move forward with a bid from SUEZ for $18 million to purchase our water system. I, and each member of the Council, have expressed unanimous support for this sale. Now, the decision is in your hands. We have provided information on our website such as a background informational video done by our Water Committee Chair Councilwoman Liz Homan and an in-depth Question and Answer Guide. There will also be some in-person events in the borough where you can learn more. The dates for those events are listed in this Newsletter. I encourage everyone to speak to me, Councilwoman Liz Homan, and any Council member with any questions you may have.

On behalf of the Council, we wish you continued good health and a great October here in Allendale.
Allendale Water Sale Information

The Sale of the Allendale Water System to SUEZ for $18 Million will be put to referendum on the November 2, 2021 General Election Ballot.

Informational Video:
Councilwoman Liz Homan Chair of the Allendale Water, Sewer and Public Utilities Committee speaks to the facts and the importance of this sale in the video linked below.

CLICK HERE to view the Video.

Allendale Water System Sale FAQ:
CLICK HERE to read the Allendale Water System Proposal Questions and Answers.

To Learn More Join SUEZ:

Please join us to learn about the sale of the Allendale Water System
Drop in at any time to speak directly to the SUEZ team, including our water quality experts, project engineers, system operators and customer service representatives.

When
October 12: 2:00pm to 4:00pm & 6:00pm to 8:00pm
October 20: 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Where
The Red Barn: 360 W. Crescent Avenue | Allendale

Visit us at www.mySUEZwater.com/allendale

Have Comments or Questions:
Should you have questions or comments please email Councilwoman Liz Homan at lizhoman@allendalenj.gov
Where on the Ballot Do I Vote?

**Vote By Mail Ballot**

**In Person Machine**
Ballot on Nov. 2\(^{nd}\)

**Early Voting Ballot**
Oct. 23 - Oct. 31

*ALLENDALE WATER SYSTEM QUESTION*
Important Notice from your Bergen County Elections Offices

Bergen County Clerk’s Elections Division • 201-336-7020
Superintendent of Elections • 201-336-6109
Board of Elections • 201-336-6230

3 WAYS TO VOTE!

FOR THE NOVEMBER 2, 2021 GENERAL ELECTION

Choose one of the following:

1. Go to your regular polling location on Election Day, Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021.
   • The polls are open from 6am to 8pm.
   • Check your sample ballot for your polling location or visit vote.nj.gov

2. Vote by Mail.
   • If you are not set up to receive one already, applications must be received by October 26th. To check your status contact the Bergen County Clerk’s Office at 201-336-7020 or electionsclerk@co.bergen.nj.us
   • You may cast your vote by mail ballot by:
     – Mailing it in as soon as possible. Your ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day.
     – Deposit in a Secure Ballot Drop Box no later than 8pm on Election Day.
     – Drop box locations can be found at www.bergencountyvotes.com
     – Deliver your Vote by Mail ballot in person to the Board of Elections located at 1 Bergen County Plaza - Room 310 by 8pm on Election Day.

3. Vote at any In-Person Early Voting Location.
   • Early Voting Locations will be open Saturday, October 23rd through Sunday, October 31st.
   • Hours will be Monday-Saturday, 10am to 8pm and Sunday, 10am to 6pm.

QUESTIONS

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT, please contact the BERGEN COUNTY CLERK’S ELECTIONS DIVISION at electionsclerk@co.bergen.nj.us OR (201) 336-7020

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR POLLING PLACE, OR LOCATIONS OF SECURE DROP BOXES, please contact the BERGEN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS at elections@co.bergen.nj.us OR (201) 336-6230

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTER REGISTRATION, OR TO REPORT A POTENTIAL ELECTION VIOLATION, please contact the OFFICE OF THE BERGEN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF ELECTIONS at soe@co.bergen.nj.us OR (201) 336-6109

TO TRACK YOUR VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT, LOCATE YOUR POLLING LOCATION or SECURE BALLOT DROP BOXES, or CHECK THE STATUS OF YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION, please visit vote.nj.gov
EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS
Open: October 23 - October 31; Monday-Saturday: 10am-8pm; Sunday: 10am-6pm

FORT LEE
Jack Alter Community Center
1355 Inwood Terrace

GARFIELD
Rescue Engine Company #3
159 Gaston Ave.

HACKENSACK
One Bergen County Plaza

MAHWAH
Senior Center
475 Corporate Drive

PARAMUS
Bergen Community College IT building
400 Paramus Road

RIVER VALE
River Vale Community Center
628 River Vale Road

RUTHERFORD
The Williams Center
15 Sylvan Street

TEANECK
Richard Rodda Center
250 Colonial Court

WOODCLIFF LAKE
Tico Senior Center
411 Chestnut Ridge Road

BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS

BERGENFIELD
Behind Borough Hall
198 N. Washington Ave.

CARLSTADT
Borough Hall
500 Madison St.

DEMAREST
Borough Hall
118 Serpentine Rd.

DUMONT
Right Side Of Library
180 Washington Ave.

ENGLEWOOD
City Hall
2-10 North Van Brunt St.

EMERSON
Borough Hall
1 Municipal Place

FAIR LAWN
Behind Borough Hall
8-01 Fair Lawn Ave.

FAIRVIEW
Library
213 Anderson Ave.

FORT LEE
Jack Alter Community Center
1355 Inwood Terr./Anderson Ave./Circular Dr.

FRANKLIN LAKES
Borough Hall
480 Dekorte Dr.

GARFIELD
Behind City Hall
111 Outwater Lane

HACKENSACK
County Administration Building Parking Lot
One Bergen County Plaza

HASBROUCK HEIGHTS
Behind Borough Hall
320 Boulevard

HILLSDALE
Borough Hall Parking Lot
380 Hillsdale Ave.

LODI
Library
1 Memorial Dr.

MAHWAH
Library
100 Ridge Rd.

NORTH ARLINGTON
Borough Hall
214 Ridge Rd.

NORWOOD
Borough Hall
455 Broadway

OAKLAND
Borough Hall Across From Library
One Municipal Plaza

OLD TAPPAN
Borough Hall
227 Old Tappan Rd.

PARAMUS
Borough Hall
1 Jockish Square

RAMSEY
Behind Library
30 Wyckoff Ave.

RIDGEWOOD
Village Hall
131 N. Maple Ave.

RIDGEFIELD
Community Center
725 Slocum Ave.

RIVER VALE
Borough Hall
406 Rivervale Rd.

RUTHERFORD
Borough Hall
176 Park Ave.

SADDLE BROOK
Library (Congress Ave. Parking Lot)
340 Mayhill St.

TEANECK
Municipal Building, (N. Entrance)
818 Teaneck Rd.

WALDWICK
Behind Municipal Building
15 East Prospect St.

WESTWOOD
Community Center
55 Jefferson Ave.

WYCKOFF
Municipal Building
340 Franklin Ave.
Quick Notes...

**XYZ Seniors Club**

XYZ Seniors Club meets the first Friday of the month in the quilt room at Borough Hall. Coffee and snacks are provided. The next meeting will be November 5th. Dues are $10.00 for the year. We are working on our next trip, Christmas luncheon, and new speakers. All Allendale seniors 55 years and older are welcome to join.

**Allendale Green Team**

The Allendale Green Team continues to focus on sustainable and responsible methods to reduce waste and promote energy efficiency in our community. Please send your questions regarding these topics to AllendaleGreenTeam@gmail.com. We can also assist in identification of ways to recycle items that are not collected through the municipal recycling program. Your suggestions and participation are always welcome.

The Clerk’s Office will be open until 9PM on Oct. 12th to process Pet Licenses, Compost Permits, and Voter Registration Drop Off

**Playground Update**

Phase II of the playground was ordered last month. Thank you to the families who helped us pick it out!

Unfortunately, we experienced severe damage to our parks and bridges with the last 2 storms so we have been juggling budgets and schedules to get everything done so the mulch and new fence are delayed a bit. Please be patient, it will be beautiful when it’s completed. Stay tuned for more updates.
Please be a good neighbor

Clean up after your dog

Click here for ordinance

**Moving Out?**
For your final water bill contact SUEZ at 855-367-6708

Bergen County Addiction Support
201-589-2976 | #StoptheODs

Bergen County Mental Health & Community Support Resources

**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.

**Report a Street Light Outage**

If you wish to request a streetlight repair or request a new light, please call O&R at 1-877-434-4100 or fill out the form on-line by clicking here.

To help us guarantee timely repair, please provide detailed information. The best detail you can give us? The 10-digit number on the yellow metal tags on the utility pole. Can’t do that? Tell us the names of cross streets and intersections. Or give the location of a pole in relation to a house number or landmark.

**For Emergency Notifications** please register to receive updates from SWIFTREACH

_Orange & Rockland_
**REMINDER**

4th Quarter 2021 Property Taxes are due **November 1, 2021**
The Grace Period ends November 10, 2021

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!

**2020 Senior Freeze (Property Tax Reimbursement) Program**

While nobody likes tax increases, Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens who meet the following qualifications can apply for the NJ Property Tax Reimbursement Senior Freeze Program. This program reimburses the property owner for the increase in taxes calculated from the base tax year. The base tax year is the first year you apply for and are eligible for the program. While the Senior Citizen must still pay their taxes, the net effect is a zero increase once their reimbursement check is received. This is a very valuable program. The deadline is November 1, 2021. So, if you are a Senior or Disabled Citizen not already participating in the program, please call the State at 800-882-6597 for further information.

- You must have been age 65 or older as of December 31, 2019 OR receiving Federal Social Security disability benefits on or before December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2020; and
- You must have lived in NJ continuously since December 31, 2009 as either a homeowner or a renter; and
- You must have owned and lived in your current home on or before December 31, 2016 and you must still own and live in your home on December 31, 2020; and
- You paid the full amount of the 2019 property taxes due on your home by June 1, 2020, and paid the 2020 property taxes by June 1, 2021; and
- Your total annual income must have been less than $91,505 for 2019 and $92,969 or less for 2020

For more information about State Property Tax Relief Programs, including eligibility criterion and potential deduction or credit amounts, please visit the Division of Taxation’s website: https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation_PTR/index.shtml or call 800-882-6597.

**2018 Homestead Benefit**

Applications for the 2018 Homestead Rebate Program were mailed by the State with an anticipated delivery date of September 17th. The deadline for filing the application is November 30, 2021. With few exceptions, all applications must be filed online or by phone. Checkout https://www.nj.gov/taxation and select Property Tax Relief Programs or call 877-658-2972 for additional information.
2021 CURBSIDE FALL LEAF PICK-UP

PLACE CURBSIDE AFTER 6PM THE NIGHT BEFORE THE SCHEDULED PICK-UP WEEK FOR YOUR SIDE OF TOWN

LEAVES MUST BE IN BROWN BIODEGRADABLE PAPER BAGS ONLY

*No leaf piles can be left in the street

SCHEDULE

WEST SIDE:
- Week of October 4th
- Week of October 18th
- Week of November 1st
- Week of November 15th
- Week of November 29th

EAST SIDE:
- Week of October 11th
- Week of October 25th
- Week of November 8th
- Week of November 22nd
- Week of December 6th

COMPOST SITE

300 W. Crescent Ave.
PERMIT REQUIRED*

Open through December 12th
Saturdays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Sundays 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

*PERMITS COST $30.00 APPLICATIONS CAN BE FILLED OUT ONLINE AT WWW.ALLENDALENJ.GOV

The Clerk’s Office will contact you to coordinate payment & pickup of your permit

Note: On Tuesday, October 12th
Borough Hall will be open until 9:00 pm for permit purchase

Should you have any questions, please call the Clerk’s Office at: 201-818-4400 x200 Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
**Garbage & Recycling Reminders**

- All items should be put out **starting at 6pm the night before** the scheduled collection.

- 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 TatianaMarquis@AllendaleNJ.gov at least 3 WEEKS in advance.

- 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**.

**Click Here for the 2021 Allendale Garbage and Recycling Guide**

**Recycling Center**

- **Saturdays** from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm
- **Sundays** from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm

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**Garbage**

- Household kitchen, office and bathroom trash
- Styrofoam

**Bulky Trash**

- Furniture
- Carpentry
- Non-metal items
- Windows/mirrors/pane glass must be taped with an “X”
- Artificial Holiday Trees

**Metal**

- Anything that is least 75% metal

**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 cards
- Shredded paper
- Brown grocery bags

**Container One**

- 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

**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

**Click Here**

**Get In Touch, Stay Connected**

WWW.ALLENDALENJ.GOV  @AllendaleNJBorough

**Please note that there are 2 separate trucks that pick up recyclables.**
2021 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Bergen Community College
400 Paramus Rd., Paramus
Sunday, October 17, 2021
HHW event collection hours are 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (rain or shine)
THE 2021 COMPOST PERMITS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
PERMITS COST $30.00 APPLICATIONS CAN BE FILLED OUT ONLINE AT WWW.ALLENDALENJ.GOV
The Clerk’s Office will contact you to coordinate payment & pickup of your permit

HOURS: APRIL 10, 2021 - DECEMBER 12, 2021
SATURDAY: 9:00AM TO 3:00PM
SUNDAY: 9:00AM TO 1:00PM
STORMWATER POLLUTION: WHAT DO YOU THINK?

- You may think littering is no big deal (it is).
- You may think that whatever runs into the storm drains gets treated before it reaches local rivers and streams (it doesn’t).
- You may think motor oil and other hazardous materials don’t harm the water (they do).

Pollution seeps into the ground and is carried by stormwater (rain and snow) directly to our drinking water, streams, lakes and oceans. Contaminated stormwater is the #1 cause of water pollution in New Jersey. Simple things, like proper clean-up after oneself and careful use of chemicals in the home, office and yard, are helpful ways for businesses and residents to protect the water.

[Insert Municipality Name] has ordinances aimed at reducing pollution from litter, fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, animal waste, grass clippings and other debris. For details, see [insert municipal ordinance website link]. Thank you for keeping them in mind and doing your share.
In early 2020, COVID-19 became a household term. It dominated the news as well as our lives resulting in unexpected changes and profound loss.

This pandemic has impacted everyone in some way and it also reminds us of how lucky we are to live in a town like Allendale. Right now, many of our community members are in need while others are looking to lend a helping hand.

We are a group of Allendale citizens who came together to create Allendale Circle of Support, a non-profit organization. Our mission is simple: Help Allendale residents who are struggling financially while simultaneously supporting local businesses.

Donations are used to purchase gift cards from our local businesses and restaurants which are then distributed to residents in need.

*If you need help,* visit the [Allendale Circle of Support](https://www.allendalecos.org/) website. All requests are kept strictly confidential.

*If you are able to contribute* to the Circle of Support, please visit the website or the [GoFundMe](https://www.gofundme.com/f/AllendaleCOS) page to donate.

Contact us: AllendaleCOS@gmail.com
Website: [https://www.allendalecos.org/](https://www.allendalecos.org/)
GoFundMe: [https://www.gofundme.com/f/AllendaleCOS](https://www.gofundme.com/f/AllendaleCOS)

*Allendale Circle of Support is a 501c(3). All donations are tax deductible.*
Storm survivors should be aware that con artists and criminals may try to obtain money or steal personal information through fraud, scams or identity theft. In some cases, thieves try to register with FEMA using names, addresses and Social Security numbers they have stolen from survivors.

**Phony Property Inspections:**
- Be on alert if somebody asks for your nine-digit registration number. FEMA inspectors will never ask for this information. They already have it in their records.
- No government disaster assistance official will call you to ask for your financial account information.
- Housing inspectors never charge a fee to inspect your property.
- If you doubt a FEMA representative is legitimate call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 to report the incident.

**Phony Building Contractors:**
- FEMA does not hire or endorse specific contractors to fix homes or recommend repairs. A FEMA housing inspector’s job is to verify damage.
- Always hire a reputable engineer, architect or building official to inspect your home. An unethical contractor may create damage to get work.
- When in doubt, report any suspicious behavior to your local authorities.

**FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance:**
- Federal and local disaster workers do not solicit or accept money. Don’t trust anyone who offers financial help and then asks for money or personal information.
- Do not disclose information to any unsolicited telephone calls and e-mails from individuals claiming to be FEMA or federal employees. FEMA will not contact you unless you have called FEMA first or applied for assistance.
- FEMA representatives will ask for social security and bank account numbers when you apply and may ask for it again after you apply. Be cautious when giving this information to others who ask for it. Scam artists may pose as government officials, aid workers, or insurance company employees.
- Ask to see ID badges. All FEMA representatives carry an identification badge with a photograph. A FEMA shirt or jacket is not proof of identity.

For further information, please contact Michael T. Dillon, Emergency Management Coordinator at oemdirector@allendalenj.gov
Everyone who lives, works or studies in New Jersey, ages 12+, is now eligible to be vaccinated.

- Only the Pfizer vaccine is authorized for individuals 12-17
- Minors must be accompanied by an adult and have parent/guardian consent

COVID-19 Vaccine Locations for Eligible Recipients

List of Vaccine Locations & Registration Links - CLICK HERE
NJ COVID-19 Find Vaccine Appointments (BETA) - CLICK HERE

Staying up to date:
Stay up to date with the latest information on COVID-19:
Bergen County’s COVID-19 Information: https://www.co.bergen.nj.us/health-promotion/2019-novel-corona-virus

The Allendale Fire Department is always looking for new members!
We are in need of members to continue to serve the community!

If you are between the ages of 16 and 18, you are eligible to join as a Junior Member.
Anyone 18 years or older is eligible to join the active department.

Anyone interested in joining Email: firechief@allendalenj.gov
Administrative offices have reopened to the public. Please reach out if we can be of assistance. Borough Phone No. (201) 818-4400

**ADMINISTRATION, CLERK’S OFFICE, BOARD OF HEALTH, & TAX ASSESSOR’S OFFICE**

Ron Kistner, Administrative Officer
RonKistner@AllendaleNJ.gov OR Ext. 501

**Michelle Ryan, Acting Clerk**
MichelleRyan@AllendaleNJ.gov OR Ext. 216 & 200

**Tatiana Marquis, Deputy Clerk**
TatianaMarquis@AllendaleNJ.gov OR Ext. 218

**John Gil, Director of Communication**
JohnGil@AllendaleNJ.gov OR Ext. 211

**Angela Mattiace, Tax Assessor**
AngelaMattiace@AllendaleNJ.gov OR Ext. 210

**VITAL STATISTICS RECORDS**
Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission 201-445-7217

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT**
Technical Assistant 201-818-4400 x201

**Anthony Hackett, Construction Official**
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Alissa Mayer, CFO & Water Collector
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**Gina Wittmaack, Tax Clerk**
GinaWittmaack@AllendaleNJ.gov OR Ext. 206

**LEE MEMORIAL LIBRARY**
aldlcirc@bccls.org OR 201-327-4338

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