THE BOROUGH OF LLENDALE

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A message from Mayor Bernstein...

While Summer has come to an end, I always think of September as a new beginning. First, I want to thank everyone involved with Crestwood Lake! We had a phenomenal season and that is due to the hard work of our Lake management team, DPW, and Borough employees who make the Lake a true jewel here in Allendale.

September 2022 is National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Throughout the Borough of Allendale, you will notice teal ribbons around trees as part of "Turn the Towns Teal", a campaign to raise awareness of ovarian cancer. I want to thank the Allendale Woman's Club for all their efforts to raise awareness of this disease.

Each September, Allendale, along with our nation, comes together to remember those we lost on September 11th. This year was no different. While the weather was gloomy, it was heartwarming to see so many come in the rain to never forget that day. Thank you to Council President Amy Wilczynski for putting together a moving ceremony.

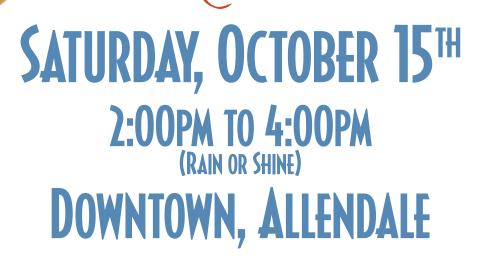
I mentioned new beginnings in September and what could showcase that more than back to school. It's an exciting time, starting a new chapter in our kids' lives. With the increased traffic and pedestrians at the start of the new school year, I want to take a moment and remind everyone to be more vigilant and aware as they drive. In this edition of the Happenings, Chief Dillon has some good tips on how to make this school year a safe one for everyone. I want to wish our kids and their parent's good luck as they all start the new academic year!





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Allendale Chamber of Commerce 07401

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FELL HOUSE BARN SALE *Intiques - Furniture - Collectibles - Fun* **Vendors there are two ways to participate:** 1. Purchase a lot to sell your treasures for a \$40 tax exempt donation.

2. Donate items to the Fell House Sale

October 1, 2022 - 10AM to 4PM Shoppers: \$5 Early Bird Entry fee for 9-10am After 10am admittance is free

Contact: thefellhouse@gmail.com Venmo: @John-FellHouse

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I hope you and your family had an enjoyable summer. School is back in session and your police department is working diligently with staff at all borough educational facilities to ensure a safe and secure learning environment. Thank you to Superintendent Dr. Michael Barcadepone and Superintendent Dr. Scot Beckerman for their collaboration and communication in all aspects of school safety. Traffic safety is a constant concern, amplified by vehicles and pedestrians traveling to and from the schools. I can list many safe driving habits, but many crashes and "near misses" can be avoided by the effective use of time. By giving yourself a few extra minutes of travel time means more time to react to a pedestrian or other vehicle action. Perception-reaction is the total time it takes a driver to begin an appropriate response to an impending hazard. Typically, a 1.5 second perception-reaction time applies during daytime lighting conditions, and a longer time applies for nighttime lighting conditions. This 1.5 second time is during perfect conditions absent of any other factors. We must factor in how responsive your vehicle is, driver skill, reaction distance, stopping distance, visibility, other factors, and that 1.5 seconds become longer. The easiest non-scientific way to keep everyone safe is time. Leaving the house a few minutes earlier, obeying speed limits, being aware of pedestrians, and recognizing conditions where slower than posted speed is appropriate (inclement weather, traffic, emergency vehicles in the roadway, etc.) will undoubtedly save lives. Life is busy; it seems like time is a commodity that may be hard to balance. That text message or email can wait until you aren't driving. Don't rush driving; time is important, but when crashes can be easily avoidable time becomes a matter of life and death. Be aware, and move with care.

Michael T. Dillon Chief of Police, Allendale Police Department





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

PRE SAFETY NIGHT @ THE FIRE HOUSE THURSDAY 10/13, 6PM-9PM

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

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WEST SIDE: Week of October 3rd Week of October 17th Week of October 31st Week of November 14th Week of November 28th

EAST SIDE:

Week of October 10th Week of October 24th Week of November 7th Week of November 21st Week of December 5th

COMPOST SITE 300 W. Crescent Ave.

PERMIT REQUIRED* Open through December 18th 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

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



Reminder:

During the construction, alteration or renovation of a building or driveway or during property landscaping in any zone, temporary signs advertising the names of contractors, subcontractors or professionals are not be permitted.

<u>Code 270-20 G (d)</u>



PLEASE BE ADVISED OCTOBER 18,2022 IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8,2022.

THE MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 500 WEST CRESCENT AVE, ALLENDALE, NJ WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 9:00 P.M. ON OCTOBER 18, 2022 FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTER REGISTRATION ONLY.

2022 Final/2023 Preliminary Tax Bills were mailed out on September 6, 2022!

4th Quarter 2022 Final Tax Bill is due November 1, 2022. Grace period ends November 10, 2022.

Call the Tax Office at 201-818-4400 Ext 206 if you have not received your bill.

*Please allow time for delivery before requesting a duplicate bill.

Thank you, Gina Wittmaack Tax Collector



2022 Upcoming Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Bergen Community College 400 Paramus Rd.

Sunday, October 16, 2022 HHW event collection hours are 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (rain or shine)

2022 Upcoming Document Shredding, Electronics Recycling and Tire Recycling

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation 200 Campgaw Rd., Mahwah

Sunday, October 2, 2022 Collection Hours 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (rain or shine)

Get Applications and Registration Forms ONLINE at

www.allendalenj.gov

- Dog & Cat Licenses
- Construction Permits
- Garage Sale Permits
- Report a Concern & Property Maintenance Complaints
- Open Public Records Requests
- No Knock Permits

Storm Drains & 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.

Reminder - Stream Clearing Guidance

Recently, the question has been asked, is the Borough of Allendale responsible for the clearance of streams that flow through the Borough on private property or within legal easements?

The answer is no. The Borough of Allendale is not responsible for the clearance of streams that flow through the Borough on private property or easements. Property owners are the parties responsible for the maintenance and cleaning of waterways, which can be undertaken privately, under certain limited circumstances, without the issuance of an NJ DEP permit.

Stream cleaning entails desilting or de-snagging a channel or removing accumulated garbage or debris from an active waterway. It does not entail making a channel deeper or wider than it previously was, as this could result in worsened flooding on properties located downstream of the area to be cleaned. Stream cleaning is a regulated activity under NJ Flood Hazard Area Control Act Rules. These Rules (NJAC 7: 13-7.1 et seq.) generally authorize property owners, under defined circumstances, to remove accumulated debris when such removal can be done without securing an actual DEP Permit. In most instances, debris can be removed without a permit if it does not require the use of heavy machinery.

Recently, the County of Bergen has also issued updated guidance on stream clearing. The County has indicated that certain stream clearing activities may be undertaken by County Mosquito Control agencies only when necessary to control mosquito infestation. To that end, the County will only undertake such operations to prevent the accumulation of stagnant water, thus reducing the need for regular mosquito treatments. Such County assistance is provided only at the written request of municipalities, which must be accompanied by a multitude of engineering and legal requirements, including indemnity and hold harmless provisions.

If you have any questions on this issue please contact the Borough at 201-818-4400 x200 or email info@ allendalenj.gov

With great pride, the Borough of Allendale congratulates the following members of the Allendale Boy Scout Troop 59 who recently received their Eagle Award, the highest achievement in Boy Scouts.



James Krause Jack Krause



GARBAGE & RECYCLING REMINDERS

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- 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 info@AllendaleNJ.gov at least 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 cards
- 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.

2022 CONPOST PERMIT

THE 2022 COMPOST PERMITS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

PERMITS COST \$30.00. APPLICATIONS CAN BE FILLED OUT ONLINE AT

COMPOST SITE 2022 SEASON APRIL 2ND TO DECEMBER 18TH

SATURDAYS - 9AM TO 3PM SUNDAYS - 9AM TO 1PM



Phase 2 Water Restrictions in Effect As of Tuesday, July 12, 2022

There is a great demand for water because of the heat and lack of rain. One of the Borough's wells is temporarily out of service. To ensure water availability for drinking and emergency services, such as fighting fires, we ask that residents follow the restrictions outlined below:

In-Ground Lawn Sprinklers from 12:00am to 4:00am only!

Hose Supplied Lawn Sprinklers from 7:00am to 9:00am and 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Even House Numbers: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Odd House Numbers: Wednesday, Friday, Sunday

Monday is a system recharge day. No Watering Permitted*

- *Hand-watering is permitted for gardens, shrubs, and new plantings
- · No washing of buildings or cars is permitted
- Use of water for other household purposes is not restricted.

Restrictions will be enforced: 1 warning, followed by a court summons. Fines up to \$1,000.00

By order of Ari Bernstein, Mayor

Thank you for your perseverance as we work together to preserve our water and keep our borough safe. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Councilwoman Liz Homan, Water Committee Chair. Lizhoman@allendalenj.gov

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: COVID-19 RATEPAYER RELIEF MEASURES

This notice announces relief measures for residential ratepayers experiencing economic hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please review this message in its entirety. For more information, please go to our website at <u>www.allendale.gov</u> or Alissa Mayer, Water Collector at 201-818-4400 ext. 205 or <u>alissamayer@allendalenj.gov</u>.

INSTALLMENT PLAN AVAILABILITY

BE ADVISED that State law requires residential customers to be offered an installment plan for any water arrearages accruing between March 9, 2020 and March 15, 2022. To maintain the installment plan, a residential customer must make timely payments on all current charges. More information is available by calling VIOLIA/ Allendale customer service at 855-367-6708.

LATE FEES, CHARGES AND PENALTIES

BE ADVISED that P.L. 2021, c. 317 prohibits local governments from charging residential customers interest, fees, or charges for late payment of water charges accruing between March 9, 2020 and March 15, 2022 until after March 15, 2022 at which time interest and penalties may begin to accrue. Late interest, fees or charges may be enforced against arrearages accruing before March 9, 2020 and after March 15, 2022.

BILL ASSISTANCE AND ARREARAGE FORGIVENESS PROGRAMS

The application period for the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' Low Income Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is now open. This federally funded program will provide financial assistance to low-income households to reduce the balances on their residential water bills. LIHWAP will provide benefits directly to water service providers on behalf of residential customers. The assistance can be used, in order of priority, to:

- restore services where services have been terminated and pay reconnection fees and other charges accrued due to a disconnection;
- avoid service disruption for those residential customers who are in danger of disconnection (i.e., received shut off notices or have past due balances) and to help them afford bill payment going forward; and
- support those household customers who are current in their bills but might be in danger of falling behind in the near future.

Priority will also be given to families with elderly or disabled household members and/or with children under the age of five, no matter which category they fall into.

To be eligible for LIHWAP assistance, applicants must be water bill holders who are responsible for paying their water bills directly to the water provider. Also, applicants' total gross household income must be at or below 60% of the state median Income (\$6,439 a month for a family of four). The LIHWAP frequently asked questions webpage, available at https://njdca-housing.dynamics365portals.us/lihwapfaq has additional information about maximum income limits and other items.

Participants in the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) are automatically eligible for LIHWAP assistance so long as they are water bill holders.

People can apply online through the DCAid application portal at <u>https://njdca-housing.dynamics365portals.us/</u><u>en-US/dcaid-services/</u>.

Those without computer or internet access can call 1-800-510-3102 to be directed to one of the community action agencies to assist them with starting, completing, and submitting an application online.

ADMINISTRATION, CLERK'S OFFICE, BOARD OF HEALTH, & TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Ron Kistner, Administrative Officer

RonKistner@AllendaleNJ.gov OR Ext. 501

Linda L. Cervino, Clerk LindaCervino@AllendaleNJ.gov OR Ext. 216

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

Health Department HealthDept@AllendaleNJ.gov OR Ext. 211

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Charlotte Zinn, Technical Assistant CharlotteZinn@AllendaleNJ.gov OR Ext. 201

Anthony Hackett, Construction Official CodeOfficial@AllendaleNJ.gov OR Ext. 208

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> Mike Limatola, PMO mikelimatola@allendalenj.gov

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Gina Wittmaack, Tax Collector GinaWittmaack@AllendaleNJ.gov OR Ext. 206

ALLENDALE MUNICIPAL COURT Rose Novelli-Salyer, Court Administrator novellir@ho-ho-kusboro.com OR 201-652-0699

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