

The Borough Hall Report

WELCOME, NEWCOMERS !

The start of the school year finds new faces among us and, regrettably, some absences in the ranks. For those of you who have chosen Allendale as "home," a hearty welcome and our sincere wishes for years of enjoyable and rewarding experiences as you participate in the town's community and social life. There are many opportunities, as you are undoubtedly discovering, and some of the best can be found right here at Borough Hall. Drop by and see us, won't you? A meeting calendar is included herein for your convenience.

PICK-UP TIME

The Council recently expressed its intention to ban the burning of leaves. While the mechanics of such a ban may require some time, residents are asked to cooperate now. For those who do not compost the leaves on their property there are two alternatives: (1) Take them to the borough leaf dump (follow directions on the signs) behind the New St. Garage. (2) Put bagged leaves at the curb during specified weeks for pick-up by the borough. (See schedule recently sent to everyone.) If either of these procedures is a hardship, call 327-1695; volunteers, led by Mr. Bud Finley, will pick up your bagged leaves.

Boy Scout Troop 59's next newspaper drive is on Dec. 12th. Please tie your discarded papers securely, in manageable bundles and put them at or near the curb. (Sorry, no magazines this time, so dump them in trash cans.) Do your scouts a good turn!

A container pick-up campaign gets underway even sooner. On Saturday morning, Oct. 24, any glass bottles or jars that you put at the curb will be gathered up by the scouts from Troop 252. Please rinse out the containers, remove metal caps and other parts and place them in secure bags or cartons. Co-sponsored by Allendale's Junior Woman's Club and the troop, this drive is expected

to yield funds for the scouts' activities and the club's various charities. Its main purpose, however, is to heighten public awareness of the need to conserve resources and to preserve our environment. Mrs. S.P. Jennings, U.S.R., is in charge.

The trash and litter problem has another dimension, too: Abandoned autos and diapidated structures are not unknown here, as well as misplaced brush and other debris. Will you help eliminate such conditions by removing any that are on your property--or calling our attention to any you know of?

As a result of numerous requests, borough pick-up of garbage and trash will soon be available to commercial and industrial establishments wanting such service. They'll be able to dispose of a "normal" amount (average residential quantity) on a twice-per-week basis at no cost. Additional quantities will be subject to a charge.

HEADLINE CREDIT

Our newsletter "masthead" is the contribution of Dave Quackenbush, Elbrook Drive, and will hold the lead-off spot in all future issues. Thanks, Dave, for a great job.

CRESTWOOD LAKE

We hope that present efforts to secure a portion of this property for the borough will come to a successful conclusion. Presently owned by S.T. Van Houten & Sons, it consists of about 24 acres, of which eight are water, and is the southern part of the overall 70-acre tract stretching northward from Crescent Ave. According to established guidelines, Allendale has a minimum of borough-owned land. Even if Crestwood becomes a borough park, the ratio will be inadequate--although certainly improved. The lake area would be a most desirable

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CRESTWOOD LAKE (continued)

property for Allendale, as many of you have indicated. The Mayor and Council unanimously agree on this and are gratified that so many residents, including the children, expressed themselves on "petitions." We want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Winter for initiating these forms at their hardware store and the boys of Scout Troop 59, who prepared realistic "before" and "after" model layouts of the lake area. These were prominently displayed in the hardware store window.

We also have a nod of approval from N.J.'s Bureau of Recreation, whose representatives inspected the lake area at our request. They indicated that funds might be available later on--but not presently--to assist in the acquisition and development of such a property. Accordingly, we have sent inquiries to the authorities to take advantage of such a possibility.

POLICE ROADBLOCKS

The Police Dept. has been very successful in its "roadblock" programs to purge our streets of unsafe vehicles and drivers. With the accident rate up sharply from last year, such traffic inspections--although they may irritate some of those on the receiving end--are considered to be very necessary and worthwhile.

HALLOWEEN'S HERE

The annual spook and goblin jamboree--our Holiday Observers' fifty-first Halloween treat for the kiddies--gets underway this weekend. For the traditional window-decorating contest, children will assemble in front of Winter Bros. Hardware Store at 8 AM Sat., Oct. 24 in painting attire and ready to wield brushes and paints supplied by the Holiday Observers. About noon, the judges start looking for the classiest and creepiest creations. (Professionals don't stand a ghost of a chance.) A week later there's the Costume Parade, a full dress party in Brookside School auditorium, with prizes for the best and refreshments for all. That's on Sat., Oct. 31st, 7:30 PM.

SEWER WIND-UP

Basic plans for the balance of Allendale's sewer system are now complete except for tie-in locations at each home. This month our consulting engineer's field man, Mr. Eid--who is a native of Egypt and a N.J.-licensed professional engineer--will start canvassing all homes that are still unsewered to obtain this data. He'll need full cooperation from everyone so a smoothly-functioning system can be provided at the least cost to you and the borough.

On a simple, one-page form he will leave with you, mark where you want the tie-in along the curb or street edge; dimension it from a fixed object like a light pole or hydrant. Next, estimate how far below the street the tie-in should be, based on the location of the lowest drain and/or toilet outlet in your house. Figure slope at 1/4 inch per running foot of line. If you're in doubt, check with a plumber.

The sewer consultant will tell you where the main sewer is to be installed (in the street or in an easement), also the highest and the lowest tie-in points he can tolerate. Important: Each homeowner's primarily responsible for the functioning of his tie-in connection. This is dependent on the data submitted by him to the sewer consultant. Therefore, contact a reliable plumber. For those who are interested, sewer design data can be found in the borough's sewer ordinance or obtained from either the Plumbing Inspector or the Supt. of the Board of Public Works.

REPORT ON SUMMER RECREATION

The summer pool and playground programs were carried out successfully although attendance and receipts were off slightly from last year ('69 data in parentheses). At the pool, 398 children (470) and 137 adults (160); average daily attendance of 200 (250). Lessons were given to 178 (180) and about 20 children in the "We Care" Program enjoyed the water.

This year's staff: Charles Bookstaver, Director, assisted by Chris de Vinck and

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REPORT ON SUMMER RECREATION (continued)

Relief Guards Paul Vasquez, Rick Cauwenberghs and Brian Murphy. Linda Scharff was Head Counselor on the playground, aided by Murphy. About 50 children attended daily. Activities included ball games with Midland Park and Ho Ho Kus, Olympics Day and a trip to Bear Mountain.

SOON YOU'LL SEE THE LIGHT

Plans and cost estimates for the Franklin Turnpike-Crescent intersection are now being submitted. The corner will be revamped, along with other Turnpike crossings, by the County. It's all part of a master plan to widen the Turnpike to 36 ft. at these intersections to accommodate a turning lane (like Lake St. crossing, Ramsey). Of course, our big concern is the traffic light that is to be installed at the revamped crossing. (It can't be put in until the roadwork is done, they tell us--one of the reasons for the nine-year wait.) The crossing is the biggest accident-prone corner in town; see the Police Dept. map. Best timetable: work on site to start next spring. Another Turnpike crossing will get a face-lifting, too: The Allendale Ave. corner is also on the list. A large part of these projects' costs are borne by the County.

FOR EVEN BETTER SERVICE

Very soon we expect to receive a report on our administrative procedures. It will be provided, for a small charge, by the N.J. Dept. of Community Affairs and is a consulting service for boroughs requesting it, taking into account their special problems and conditions. We hope it will help us provide improved service for the borough's residents and taxpayers.

INTERCEPTOR SEWER

The Allendale-Ramsey Interceptor Sewer is basically complete. Electrical connections to the metering station on the Ramsey line (near Allendale Nursing Home) will soon

be made and then the Sewer Authority will know how to pro rate its charges to the two boroughs.

DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM

The drug problem will be dealt a hard-hitting blow by your local Drug Abuse Council on Oct. 29, 8 PM, at the high school. The featured speaker will be Lederle Labs' Mr. James Oss, a young man with a powerful outreach that spans the generation gap. Young people and parents are urged to be at this important meeting, the first in a series of six and planned in cooperation with the Drug Council at the high school. Details are in the enclosed notice.

DRUG ABUSE "HOT LINE"

The Hot Line numbers to call for personal help with this problem are: 327-5516 weekdays, 327-5551 or 652-0955 evenings and on weekends. When this "early warning signal" is sounded there is no police involvement.

U.N. DAY OBSERVANCE

A program honoring the United Nations and its purpose will be presented at the high school auditorium Sat. evening, Oct. 24, 8 PM. Sponsored by the XYZ Club and led by its president, Mrs. Charles Sparling, the event will feature music by the N.H.R.H.S. band, vocal numbers and presentations by local groups. Although admission is free, donations for UNICEF will be appreciated.

CURBSIDE GREENERY?

Landscaping near the curb, despite good intentions, can create problems--especially interference with visibility. Please note that on borough streets there is an easement along the curb (usually 10 feet wide) that gives the borough the right to control what is put in that area and to remove--or order removed--whatever is a

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CURBSIDE GREENERY (continued)

safety hazard. So please revise all plans for walls, banks of shrubs, trees, etc. accordingly. If you have any questions, drop a note to the Borough Clerk.

AMBULANCE VOLUNTEERS?

Allendale's Ambulance Corps needs volunteers and isn't restricting its search to men. (Three ladies are now on the roster.) Call its Secretary, Ethel Tellefsen, 327-7561, if you'd like to help in this vital service.

NEW LIBRARY PLANS

We anticipate that in the planning for Crestwood Lake there will be a site allocated for a new library.

ALLENDALE "GLOSSARY"

Dunn's Corners: Two-stage bend in E. Allendale Ave. One of town's attractive wooded

entries. Keep a light toe on the gas pedal.

Trolley Right-of-Way: Where an electric interurban line cut through our town en route from Paterson to Suffern. Crosses Myrtle Ave. near Post Office and West Crescent just east of Carriage House.

Celery Farm: Wetlands bordered by Franklin Turnpike and E. Allendale Ave. A source of wildlife, peat and celery--years ago--and much speculation as to its future use.

More facts, current and ancient, may turn up in the next issue. Meanwhile, look into "A History of Allendale," available at the Lee Memorial Library.

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- Councilmen

BOROUGH CALENDAR

The current schedule for Allendale government functions is as follows: (All meetings are held in the Municipal Building unless noted otherwise.)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1st				Board of Health 8:30 PM	
2nd	N.H.R.H.S. Bd. of Ed. (High School) 8:00 PM	Court 7:30 PM	Bd. of Public Works 8:30 PM	Mayor and Council 8:30 PM	
3rd	Brookside Bd. of Ed. (Bkside Sch.) 8:00 PM			Planning Board 8:00 PM	
4th		Court 7:30 PM	Board of Adjustment 8:30 PM	Mayor and Council 8:30 PM	Shade Tree Commission 8:30 PM

Allendale Pool and Recreation Program

SCHEDULES AND FEES

Pool

Opens June 13 - 14, weekend only, then continually from June 20 through Labor Day, Sept. 7. Also open Sept. 12 - 13, weather permitting. Noon to 8 PM daily.

Swimming lessons: weekdays 9 AM - Noon, July 6 - 17. Life saving instruction: weekdays 9 AM - Noon, July 13 - 24, Crestwood Lake. No fee. Two groups: Juniors (age 12 - 15), and Seniors (16 and older). Sponsor: Red Cross Ramapo Valley Ch.

Registration for all activities to be at pool. Minors (younger than 18) must have parent or guardian sign the registration card. Separate cards required for Swim Lessons and for Life Saving Instruction.

Season fees: Adults: \$7.50 Children: \$5.00 Swim Lessons: \$2.00

Daily fees: Adult Guest: 75¢ Child Guests: 50¢

Replacement of lost tag: 25¢

Playground

Summer Recreation Program, for children age 6 - 12, operates from June 22 - July 31 (six weeks) weekdays, 9 AM - Noon and continuing from 1 - 4 PM. Held at Brookside Park ball field. Supervised games, arts, crafts, nature study, special events. Limited to Allendale children and their guests. No fee; nominal expenses for craft materials.

Supervision

The pool and recreation programs are under the direction of Mr. Charles Bookstaver. Assisting him will be a staff of competent guards and counselors.

SUMMER RECREATION CALENDAR

June (Mondays)				July				August				Sept.		
8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31	7	14
13-14	20					SWIMMING	POOL						7	12-13
				6	17	SWIM LESSONS								?
				13	24	LIFE SAVING INSTRUCTION								
	22	PLAYGROUND PROGRAM				31	3		14	P.T.O. PROGRAM				

-and don't forget:

P.T.O. Summer Activities Program

John T. Winship, Councilman
Parks and Recreation

This worthwhile program, put on by the P.T.O. of Allendale's elementary schools, picks up where the borough's Recreation Program leaves off. Two weeks: Monday, Aug. 3 - 14. Brochure to be issued shortly, through schools. Contact Mrs. Anita Miller, 825-0896, if you have questions.

Allendale Pool and Recreation Program

REGULATIONS

SWIMMING POOLAttendance Requirements

1. All persons who use the pool facilities must be registered members and Allendale residents. Exceptions: guests, or children not yet 3 years old.
2. All persons who have not become 18 yrs. old by June 1 will be classified as children; others are considered as adults.
3. Children under age 3 must be accompanied at all times by an adult member or a Guest Baby Sitter. Children of age 4 and 5 must be accompanied by a parent.
4. Baby sitters must either be registered as pool members or they must buy a Guest Baby Sitter tag.
5. Guests must be accompanied by a member (Guest Baby Sitters excepted) and must purchase tags from the Life Guard.

Cleanliness

6. Foreign objects, litter and human wastes shall not be permitted to contaminate the pool water; anyone who deliberately violates this rule will be subject to immediate disciplinary action.
7. All refuse, including paper and plastic material, containers, lids and "sucker sticks", shall be deposited in waste containers provided.

Conduct

8. The Life Guard at the pool will be in complete charge at all times. His instructions MUST be observed.
9. Identification tags must be worn by the persons to whom they were issued when they are using the pool; they are not transferable.
10. Diving is prohibited, as well as ball playing, running, pushing, tag games or other rough play in or around the pool.
11. No one shall sit on top of the pool ladders or on the railing at the overflow area. Safety rules for use of the slide shall be strictly observed.
12. Everyone in the pool area is expected to conduct himself in a safe and well-behaved manner; anyone who has had his badge taken away for violation of the above rules or for any other infraction, must appear with a parent at a hearing with the Swimming Pool Committee, which will decide whether or not the badge will be restored. Parent must contact the Committee for this hearing.

RECREATION PROGRAM

All participants are expected to behave in an orderly manner and to obey all instructions of the persons in charge.