

# HILLSIDE and BROOKSIDE

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## AN INTRODUCTION . . .

Judging from the favorable comments we've heard about the newsletters prepared by the Regional Board of Education and the Borough Council, Allendale's residents are very interested in what is going on in town.

In an effort to supplement, rather than imitate or duplicate, their efforts, your District Board of Education has prepared this letter. Its intent is to inform, and to promote better understanding through better communications.

## ONLY ONE CHANCE TO VOTE ON SCHOOL BUDGET

When residents express themselves on the school budget on February 9th, it will be the only time they'll be able to do so. A new state law provides that a defeated budget shall go directly to the Borough Council, without a second opportunity for voters to express themselves.

## PUBLIC HEARING IS SCHEDULED

The public hearing on the 1971-72 district budget will be held in the auditorium at Brookside at 8 p.m., Tuesday, January 26.

## TIME AND PLACE OF ELECTION

Voting for the Board of Education and for the 1971-72 budget will take place at Brookside School, between the hours of 4 and 9 p.m. on February 9th.

## MOVING AHEAD . . .

The new gym Rain and snow hit before roofing was completed, causing some delay in construction. However, work is progressing, and occupancy is expected by the end of May.

Negotiations Salary negotiations between the Board of Education and the Allendale Education Association continue to progress. In response to rather

strong expressions by townspeople regarding present economic conditions, the Board is holding firm against undue increases in salary, as well as in other budget items.

**Plantings** Good planting weather this past fall prompted the Board to do a little renovating of plantings at both Brookside and Hillside.

You may have noticed the replacement of gangly, overgrown shrubs in front of Brookside with more appropriate plantings. At Hillside, the new plantings are in line with original landscape plans which are only now being implemented.

**Plaudits to staff** Sometimes the Board and Parents take things too much for granted. One example is the opportunity Frank DeLuise's Special Education class had to view Rockefeller Center and New York's Christmas lights.

It all came about through Mr. DeLuise's personal efforts. This is but one of the many extras that Allendale children benefit from, because of the interest and special efforts made by members of the staff.

## **TWO BOARD MEMBERS FILE FOR REELECTION**

When the deadline rolled around for filing petitions for the Allendale School Board elections, only two had been received by Board Secretary Al Grossmann.

Candidates for the two openings on the Board for three-year terms are incumbents Howard F. Newett and Richard T. Claycomb. Newett is seeking his third term, while Claycomb seeks his second.

## **NATURE AREA AT HILLSIDE IS PROGRESSING**

That low-lying area that lies between Hillside School and Donny Brook Drive is gradually being transformed into a nature area, for the primary use of Hillside students.

The area is part of the parcel that was purchased for the Hillside School. If or when expansion of facilities is required, additional classrooms will probably be added at the rear of Hillside. (There is nothing at the moment that suggests any need for expansion; in fact, elementary school-age population has dropped slightly.)

Paths have been laid out in the nature area, and an outdoor classroom is being developed. Following plans developed in discussions with the Soil Conservation Service personnel, members of Boy Scout Troop 59 have done most of the work involved. The troop has volunteered to continue in its development and to maintain the area, as their major service and conservation project for the future.

Paths and classroom area are being covered with wood chips, and this winter, the scouts plan to construct elevated

walkways over low areas, to provide dry access in wet weather. Plant life and interesting natural phenomena will be marked, and eventually, trees and shrubs providing cover and food for wildlife will be planted.

Allendale Girl Scouts and the Allendale Garden Club have also volunteered their services in the development of the nature area.

Picnic tables have been obtained to provide seating in the classroom area. Other facilities will be added later.



### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT PLAYS TO PACKED AUDITORIUM**

Brookside's now traditional Christmas concert was held on December 18th. The various vocal and instrumental groups performed under the direction of Miss Jackie Randon and Mr. Joseph DiGrazia.

This is the second year that Miss Randon has directed the 5th and 6th grade choir. She also teaches vocal music in grades 4 to 6 at Brookside.

Mr. DiGrazia is in his first year in Allendale. He is in charge of the 7th and 8th grade chorus and all instrumental music.

The concert is presented under the auspices of the Brookside School Music Assn., which handles planning, decorations, and supervision.

### **AN AUDIENCE FOR A BOARD MEETING: A WELCOME SURPRISE**

When 30 residents suddenly appear for a Board of Education meeting, it could be cause for pause. When it happened at the Board's November meeting, it turned out to be parents of dance band members who were taking part in Mr. DiGrazia's discussion of Brookside's music program.

A regular part of Board meetings are informal presentations by staff members. This is just one way the Board keeps up with curriculum, staff, and students.

Public attendance is welcomed and encouraged at regular Board meetings. They are held on the third Monday of the month in the Brookside School library.



### **RESTRICTED PARKING FOR CIRCULAR DRIVE**

Parking at Brookside has been a problem for years, and it seems to be getting worse, as activities increase. In the interest of safety and accessibility, the Board has found it necessary to restrict parking in the circular drive for official school business. For everyone's benefit, please honor the no parking signs.

PLEASE CLIP AND SAVE THIS CALENDAR FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

CALENDAR

The public is invited to all events listed below.

- Jan. 26 -Public Hearing on the 1971-72 elementary school budget. Brookside auditorium, 8 p.m.
- Feb. 6 -"The Clown and His Circus" presented by the Northern Highlands Regional High School drama group, under the auspices of the PTO. High School auditorium, 1:30 p.m.
- Feb. 9 -Election of Allendale Board of Education and vote on elementary school budget. Brookside School, 4 till 9 p.m.
- Feb. 15 -Regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education. Brookside Library, 8 p.m.
- Feb. 15 -Winter vacation. Mon., Feb. 15th through Fri., Feb. 19th.
- Mar. 10 -"Impact" program on Poetry Now, Brookside Auditorium, 10:00 a.m.
- Mar. 15 -Regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education. Brookside Library, 8 p.m.
- Mar. 17 -PTO Meeting. Fashion Show with music and French dialogue, presented by Brookside students. Election of PTO officers. Brookside Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- Mar. 17 -"Impact" program on American Indians, Hillside Auditorium, 10:00 a.m.
- Apr. 12 -Spring Vacation. Mon., April 12th through Fri., April 16th.
- Apr. 19 -Regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education. Brookside Library, 8 p.m.
- Apr. 23 -Spring Concert. Brookside Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.
- Apr. 27 -"Impact" program by Little Theater of the Deaf. Hillside Auditorium, 10:30 a.m.
- May 13 -Exhibit Night, Hillside School, 7:00 p.m.
- May 17 -Regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education. Brookside Library, 8 p.m.
- May 21 -Exhibit Night, Brookside School, 7:00 p.m.

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