

The Borough Hall Report

WE APPOINT A BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs. Norma E. Colburn is now our "Borough Administrator," filling a post and function that was recommended some time ago in a State study of our government.

Our new "chief of operations" was officially appointed May 1st, by Borough ordinance. But many of us knew that long before that, she had capably directed the daily business of our town, whose 6,000 - plus population belies the number of decisions and details involved in running it successfully.

Norma understudied the position for several years as Borough Clerk, handling many administrative tasks and heading an "inside" staff while serving the business needs of our departments "outside" the Borough Hall.

We're pleased that Norma will be serving Allendale in this new capacity and are sure that all residents will join us in wishing her success and giving her our cooperation.

WELCOME ABOARD !

John Morton has returned to the Borough Council table after three years off for good behavior. John moves in where our present Mayor, Norman S. Lane, used to sit, and will handle the same responsibilities as Norm did -- mainly roads, sewers and street lighting. We welcome John back and wish him well in his resumed responsibilities.

There's a new face on the Board of Health, too. Thomas J. Sweeney, 87 New Street, joins Pete Widmer's organization June 1st. Congratulations, Tom.

GORAB TO LIBRARY BOARD

Robert Gorab has been appointed to the Board of Trustees, Allendale Free Public Library. He succeeds Bob Norman, who found it necessary to resign. Bob held the post for more than 3 years, and during them, sparked the drive to build a new library structure.

CRESTWOOD SWIM CLUB

We're off to a racing start: membership registration includes more than half the entire population of the Borough -- a goal that was hoped for but never actually anticipated. So the first order of business is to extend our sincere thanks to everyone involved: the joiners and workers.

Since the Crestwood brochure was mailed early in March, a broader membership policy has been adopted. So that you get the complete picture, we'd like to summarize the entire policy, minus all the rate information. Here is how it goes:

Resident Family: Parents (husband and wife together, single parent or guardian. Children (under 21, single, living at home, and 2 years old by July 1st), applicable only to first three children in family; no charge for additional children.

Individuals: Residents, older than 12 years.

Senior Citizens: Residents, 65 years plus.

Daily Guests: Non-members accompanied by season member at all times.

One-Parent Family: Resident single head of household and one child are considered same as parent couple in Resident Family category.

House Guests: A non-resident who regularly stays in home of a resident member. Guest need not be accompanied by host.

Season Guests: Non-resident relatives of resident family member, (defined as father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister) together with their spouses and immediate offspring, and in addition, a resident member can sponsor and bring in one non-related family or individual; in the latter case, no daily guests (of the season guests) are permitted.

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CRESTWOOD SWIM CLUB (Continued)

Borough Employees: Full-time Borough employees, together with immediate families, as if they were residents.

RULES TO SWIM BY

The Borough's swimming hole is bigger this year--and so is the list of swimming "do's and don'ts." If you're a member of the Crestwood Swim Club and somehow missed getting the complete RULES AND REGULATIONS at the Gatehouse, here's a summary of them:

General

Lake Director is in complete charge. Borough takes no responsibility for members' property at the Club. Borough is not responsible for accidents or injuries from members' use of Club. Violation of Club rules can mean membership cancellation and badge recall.

Admission

Only members and guests use Club facilities. Under-nines must be with over-18's. Nines and older: OK alone if swim OK. 25 guests per season for family members. 5 guests per season for individual members. One may be daily guest maximum of 5 times. Members must register their guests. House-guest registration available for resident members. No limit, no fee, for "We Care" kids and others like them.

Identification

Members, guests wear valid badges at Club. Badges not transferable. Daily guests buy daily badges, including non-swimming chaperones of children.

Swim, Dive Rules (Lake Director interprets)

Swim, dive in designated areas only. No "wild" or "stunt" diving. No tubes, snorkels, etc. beyond shallows. No big beach items within 12 feet of water. Respectable bathing attire required.

Landlubber Rules (Lake Director interprets)

All games subject to OK by Lake Director. All Club appurtenances stay put.

Cleanliness

No litter, contaminants or human wastes in any body of water or stream. Litter and solid refuse go into wastebins. No animals at Club, including water.

No person at Club with diseased skin or other parts, including inflamed eyes.

Food and Drink

No glass containers or objects on beach or waterways.

No one at Club to be under influence of drugs or excessive alcohol.

General Rules

No fires of any kind unless OK'd. No powered model craft to be operated. Discharge of firearms is prohibited. No explosives or pyrotechnics. No long pointed objects, B-B guns, etc. No loud music or sounds. No disorderly conduct. No gambling. No selling or soliciting sales. Registered autos only, and in designated areas only. Top speed:15 MPH.

Now, with these few rules in mind, we hope all members will enjoy their visits to the Club. If anyone has questions on these rules, they can consult a complete set of them at the Club gatehouse. Or contact the Borough Hall.

P. S. Our Playground Program will start soon, details at the Club gatehouse. No fee for children of Swim Club members, \$5.00 for others. Open to kids from 6 thru 12.

THE BUDGET -- AND YOUR TAXES

Allendale's 1972 Budget is \$363,634 higher than last year, with 85% of the increase due to voter-approved raises in budgets for schools. Here's the way it looks:

	'71	'72
Borough needs:	\$ 516,395.	\$ 563,861.
	Up 9.2%	
County needs:	290,400	297,544
	Up 2.5%	
High school needs:	775,630	940,309
	Up 21.2%	
Elem. school needs:	1,073,002	1,217,347
	Up 13.5%	
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Total needs:	\$2,655,427	\$3,019,061
		Up 13.7%

For the high school, the big jump was the debt service, up 111%: \$95,362 in '71 up

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THE BUDGET -- AND YOUR TAXES (continued)

to \$201,107 in '72. Capital outlays at the elementary school pushed up 69%: \$32,000 in '71 vs. \$54,000 in '72, and debt service increase of 39% (\$75,412 up to \$105,014) was the other big contributor to the 13.5% boost noted above.

To pay for it all, the rate of taxation per \$100 valuation had to jump from \$4.21 to \$4.81 (a 14.3% rise that differs from the budget rise because of a slight decrease in ratables, mainly the removal of Crestwood Lake from the tax rolls). Thus, a home valued at \$40,000 will reflect a tax increase of about \$240. A home valued at \$25,000 would be taxed \$150 higher.

WATCHING THE PREMIUM DOLLAR

For the last two years, Allendale's insurance coverage has been greatly improved through the efforts of a two-man, volunteer group consisting of Stiles Thomas and Ed Berggren. They have given much of their time to review the Borough's insurance coverage, bolstering up the weak spots and suggesting such money-saving changes as the combining of coverage for the two school systems.

We'd like to express our appreciation of this work. It's another example of how the volunteer efforts of our residents make Allendale a well-run Borough.

SPOT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next glass collection will again be sponsored by the Junior Women's Club. The date will be announced in the near future.

Your old newspapers, but not magazines, will be picked up on June 17th by the scouts of Troop 59. Tie the papers, put the easily handled bundles at curb by 9 A. M., or leave curbside note on one small bundle, telling where the rest of the papers are.

Our Plumbing Inspector, Joe Wolons, now has regular hours at Borough Hall: Thursday mornings, from 6 to 8 P.M. Telephone: 327-3505.

SUMMER RECREATION SCHEDULE

By the time this newsletter reaches you, Allendale's Crestwood Swim Club will have been in operation at least a week. But there are other "openings" ahead, so here is the schedule for the summer as we see it now:

Crestwood Swim Club

Early season is from May 27 thru June 22, and hours are 10 to 7 weekends, 1 to 5 on weekdays. Regular season lasts till Sept. 10th, and weekend hours are 10 to 8. On weekdays the club opens one hour later.

Crestwood Swim Club Lessons

Swim lessons: July 10-21, wkdays betw. 9-12, age 6 & up, \$3. Register at gate. Red Cross Lifesav'g: 9-12 wkdays, wks of Jul 17 & 24 (or July 3 or 10 by special arr'ment), free.

Crestwood Playground Program

Five weeks again this year, from Monday, June 26th thru Friday, July 28th, with a modified schedule on the Independence Day four-day weekend. Hours are 9 to 12 and 1 to 4, weekdays. Register at Swim Club gatehouse.

P.T.O. SUMMER ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

Sponsored by the P.T.O. of Allendale's elementary schools, this worthwhile program starts the Monday following the end of Playground Program. Watch for the brochure that the schools distribute to the children every year about this time.

OUR JUNIOR FIREMEN

Fourteen young men are now members of our Junior Fire Dept., formed several months ago to provide assistance to Allendale's regular fire-eaters and at the same time, provide on-the-job training for future responsibilities. In a ceremony at the Swiss Chalet last March, they all received their badges and an official send-off.

Captain of the organization is Jack Holloway, Jr., assisted by 1st Lt. Keith Cauwenberghs and 2nd Lt. Kevin Murphy. Treasurer

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OUR JUNIOR FIREMEN (Continued)

is Jim Osborne, whose Dad and Grand-Dad also served in the Borough Fire Dept. Other members of the group are Dave Carr, John Russo, Tom Scott, Larry Wilckens, Bill Finley, Cliff Wheeler, Colin Till, Rich Cauwenberghs, John Murphy and Bob Patterson.

TAX STUDY COMMITTEE

What will the proposed changes in New Jersey's taxation structure mean to residents of Allendale?

We're sure that everyone, particularly the homeowners, would like clear answers to that question, so we appointed a Tax Study Committee.

Here is the committee roster: Thomas Smith, 195 East Allendale Ave.; James Gillen, 3 Wehner Place; James Thomas, 30 Arlton; Eugene

Rumpel, 6 Wehner Place; Dante Leodori, 191 Mac Intyre Lane.

Among these citizens are a secretary of the Bergen County Board of Assessors, a lawyer, and the other three are tax experts in their own fields. We believe they intend to submit a report in the next few months. When it comes, we hope to summarize it for you in the subsequent issue of this newsletter.

CLERK'S OFFICE OPEN THURSDAY EVENINGS

Effective immediately, the Borough Clerk's office will be open between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 P.M. on Thursday evenings. Also available during these hours is the building inspector.

- Norman S. Lane, Mayor
- G. Fred Brackett, Councilman
- Robert E. Schenk, Councilman
- Frederick W. Lankering, Councilman
- Anthony J. Ward, Councilman
- John T. Winship, Councilman
- John Morton, Councilman

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