

The Borough Hall Report

SPECIAL EDITION

THE WATER'S DEEPER NOW

Last year, your Borough's provisions for recreation were substantially greater than they had ever been before. The reason, as you know, was the acquisition of Crestwood Park, lake and all.

Amid the bustle of running a swimming club, making hurried improvements to park facilities, reserving space for group outings, and planning for the near--and far--future of this property, your Mayor and Council, together with the newly formed Recreation Committee, faced the challenge of managing the finances of these expanded operations, for which all the numbers were larger and yet the constraints were tighter. In the latter respect, we were bound to a policy that we and the Recreation Committee had unanimously agreed upon: The Swim Club shall be self-sustaining.

In 1972, the Crestwood Swim Club was more than that, as you probably know. The anticipated revenue figure in our municipal budget, \$29,000 (for which we had to get State approval to include) was exceeded by a wide margin.

We had an extraordinary season in 1972. Our gross revenue totaled almost \$52,000, much of it received before April 30th, the last day that registrants could take advantage of the lower, pre-season rates. As a result, we were able to plan efficiently for the season ahead. (Reliance on revenue from a policy of daily admission fees would have severely crippled our effort and, at worst, could have collapsed the entire swimming program.)

The \$52,000 covered our operating expenses and gave us a surplus of \$12,000, which has

been carried over to 1973 and applied toward Swim Club capital improvements. Furthermore, after completion of this year's municipal budget, we expect there will be a surplus of about \$10,000 that can be combined with the 1972 carryover.

On this basis, we are starting to plan our capital improvements. The first project is an improvement in our lake-water chlorination system. It got us through the 1972 season, but the experts tell us that for continued reliability, certain things need to be done. So engineering studies are now underway, and later there will be some equipment purchases, a new chlorination building, and some piping and electricals.

Second on the priority list is a new bath house, incorporating restrooms, first-aid facilities, and lifeguard quarters. Preliminary plans are complete and definitive work on final plans and specifications is now in process. However, since this project is second in line, actual construction must wait until we can see the end of the chlorination project and the accumulation of enough funds--from Club revenues--to do any substantial amount of work.

In conclusion, we'd greatly appreciate your interest and comments on these programs. Of course, you're always welcome at Council meeting. And with advance notice, our Recreation Committee will be glad to discuss these matters with you. Right, now, however, there's a chance for you to express yourself: Included in this mailing is a survey prepared by the Allendale Jr. Woman's Club. It's another service project of this active organization. Please take a minute to fill it out and then take or send it to the Borough Hall.

GET YOUR MONEY BACK

Revenue sharing is a reality! For 1972, our Borough received approximately \$28,000 in Federal Revenue Sharing Funds. A similar amount is anticipated for 1973. The funds for 1972 have been applied to the municipal budget for 1973 as a reduction in overall municipal expenditures. Its effect was to reduce the Borough's tax rate by about \$.07 per \$100 evaluation.

The revenue sharing allocation to all municipalities is based on various factors, such as population and personal income taxes. In this respect, the U. S. Treasury has become the disbursing agent and must allocate funds based on the factors just mentioned. Accordingly, the 1972 Individual Federal Income Tax return contains a section designed to gather the necessary data.

Since information required in this section will be used in determining the portion of revenue-sharing allocated to each community, and this includes Allendale, it is very important that you give careful attention to the completion of this section when you prepare your income tax return. In preparing Federal income tax form 1040, indicate the following for line 33(a): New Jersey; 33(b) Bergen; 33(c): Borough of Allendale.

Help Allendale get its fair share!

SPOT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Glass Collection is Mar. 17, 9AM, Crestwood Park entrance. Remove neck rings, caps. The Jr. Woman's Club sponsors this project.

Newspaper Collection is Mar. 31, 9 AM, at your curb (or put small bundle there and note telling where the big pile is). No magazines. Tied bundles are appreciated. Project of Boy Scout Troop 59, Allendale.

Egg Hunt is April 14, 10 AM, West Slope of Crestwood Park. Kiddies only. Conducted by Allendale's Holiday Observers.

Take-All Trash Collection starts again, last week in March, whatever your neighborhood's day is. The usual "major junk" but no stumps, logs, nor building materials. Curbside!

Budget Hearing at Borough Hall, Mar. 8th, 8:30 PM. This is the regular public hearing, and if all goes well, the 1973 municipal budget will be formally adopted.

Robert E. Schenk, Mayor
Frederick W. Lankering, Councilman
G. Fred Brackett, Councilman
Anthony J. Ward, Councilman
John T. Winship, Councilman
John Morton, Councilman
Thomas D. Smith, Councilman

P. S. : There have been several reports of property owners discharging water from their properties onto Borough streets. This, during the cold winter months, results in an ice build-up which is detrimental to the safety of pedestrians and operators of motor vehicles. Our Street Department has made a concerted effort to keep this problem under control--but we need your help. Please refrain from continuing this practice. Many thanks for your assistance in solving this problem.