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LIMITED LAWN WATERING REINSTATED

Limited lawn watering has been reinstated for Borough residents, following the schedule which was in place prior to the total ban - West side, Monday and Thursday; East side, Tuesday and Friday, from 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. There is no watering allowed on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday. The limited schedule replaces the total ban which was put into place on July 19th. The total ban was necessary due to record consumption, and the inability of the water system to keep up with the demand.

Allendale has two sources of water: three wells within the Borough, and a contract with Ramsey who purchases water from Mahwah. The water coming from Ramsey and Mahwah is also coming from wells. In addition, the Borough has two storage tanks which hold a combined 1.4 million gallons. The water storage tanks control water pressure, and supplement the supply when there is heavy demand. During this high use period, the reserves in the tanks were reduced to fifty percent, which affects both the water pressure, and in a worst case, the ability to fight a fire.

Many residents question why lawn watering cannot take place overnight, since it would seem that the demand would be low. The low use periods allow the Water Department to re-fill the storage tanks in preparation for the following day's demands.

STUDY OF WATER UTILITY UNDERWAY

The Mayor and Borough Council has authorized a study of the Allendale Water Utility, focusing on potential sources of additional water, and the operations of the Utility. The Water Committee interviewed six consulting firms, selecting the firm of Hazen and Sawyer, which is a recognized and experienced authority in water operations. The study, which began in June, and is to be completed in four months, will provide the Governing Body with options and costs for providing a sufficient supply of water to the residents of Allendale. It will also address the possible rehabilitation and treatment of three contaminated wells on New Street, and treatment options for complying with the proposed Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations for radon in the three operating wells.

HEALTH SERVICES REGIONALIZED

Sanitary inspections of restaurants and food stores are now being performed by an inspector from the Borough of Bergenfield, under an Inter-Local services agreement. The Borough will also use the Bergenfield Health Officer beginning in 1992. This new arrangement will result in a \$3400 savings in the 1992 budget.

ADDRESSING CONCERNS ABOUT RADON

Recently, an article appeared in The Sunday Record discussing radon in water. Radon is naturally-occurring, and unlike organic chemicals (gasoline, cleaning solvents, etc.) found in ground water, radon always has been in the water. It is only recently that water utilities around the country have begun to test for radon, and most ground water supplies are likely to find levels between 300 and 1,000 pCi/L. Certain areas of the country, New England, eastern Pennsylvania, western New Jersey, and the western mountain states, are likely to find levels of at least several thousand pCi/L and higher.

Radon in drinking water poses a risk when it enters the air, contributing to indoor radon levels, or when it is consumed. It is released from drinking water into indoor air through running tap water, clothes and dish washing, and showering. The transfer of radon from drinking water to indoor air results in very low indoor air levels for most ground water systems, including the Allendale system. It takes 10,000 pCi/L of radon in drinking water to release 1 pCi/L to indoor air. The EPA action level for indoor air radon is 4 pCi/L. Therefore, for the radon levels found in our water, the release to indoor air represents a very small contribution (less than 0.1 pCi/L) compared to acceptable indoor air levels.

When put into perspective, radon in drinking water is not something new. It represents one more drinking water item which EPA plans to regulate. The health risks associated with drinking our water are very low. EPA is seeking to reduce the risk to as low as is technically and economically feasible. The Allendale Water Department is working towards meeting this very low requirement for radon.

(Special thanks to John Dyksen, Director of Water Supply for the Middlesex Water Company, for contributing to this article.)

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

SUMMER SCHEDULE: The Library is open Monday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

UNDER THE BIG TOP: The Children's Summer Program is in full swing. This year over 145 youngsters have signed contracts to read books. Crafts, storytimes, games and fun are happening every day in the "Circus Tent" (the children's room). The colorful circus characters in both Library display cases have been loaned to us by many Allendale Library patrons. Also, a very special thank you to Marilyn Tether and Kathy Graff for sharing their talent and their time.

The party for children who have registered in the summer reading club will be held August 29th. Tickets will be available August 19. This year's entertainment features Bonabibi the Clown.

Registration for fall storytimes will begin September 10.

NEW RESIDENTS (and old-timers, too): A library card is yours for the asking. Just come to the library with proof of residency (driver's license, imprinted checks - anything that has your Allendale address on it) and the Library will issue a borrower's card immediately. The staff will be happy to give you a tour and demonstrate the public access catalog. You will be shown how easy it is to gain access to over 3.5 million books.

LIBRARY TELEPHONE NUMBER CORRECTION

The last Borough newsletter and the Bergen County Directory listed the wrong number for the Library.

The correct number is 327-4338.

100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE FORMING

Mayor Albert Klomburg has announced the formation of a committee to plan the 1994 Allendale Centennial Celebration. Residents are asked to volunteer to serve on this committee to plan the year-long festivities. Anyone wishing to serve on the committee is asked to contact the Borough Clerk's Office at 818-4401.

CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT RECEIVED

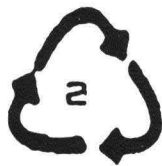
The Borough of Allendale had received a grant of \$8,103 from the State of New Jersey Clean Communities program. This program is funded by a tax on plastic bottles, and is designated for education, enforcement, and the clean up of litter. The Borough has hired three summer employees to help keep Allendale clean and litter free. In the coming months, the Borough will be sponsoring a "Clean Communities Day" where all residents and businesses will be asked to keep their properties free from litter.

PLASTIC RECYCLING

Residents are asked to remove all lids from plastic bottles and jugs and throw them in the trash. The company which recycles the plastic will not accept items with lids. Remember that we are only recycling #1 PETE and #2 HDPE plastic. Look for these symbols on the bottom of the container:



PETE



HDPE

A BANNER SEASON AT CRESTWOOD LAKE

Everyone is enjoying a great summer at Crestwood Park. Prompted by record high temperatures, Allendale residents and their guests are enjoying the sandy beach, clear blue water, and a relaxed atmosphere not found at the Jersey shore. The lake is open daily from 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. through Labor Day. Come and enjoy the rest of the summer with us!

RECREATION FIELDS BEING STUDIED

The Borough Council Parks and Recreation Committee, comprised of Councilmen Dominick Preziosi and David Duffy, have formed a committee of residents to review the Borough's recreational facilities. Members of the committee represent the various organizations which use these facilities. The Committee will be focusing on the present condition of fields and recreational areas, and what might be done to enhance and optimize their use. Once the information is compiled, a recreational facilities specialist will be called upon to map out a plan, and provide the Borough Council with a cost estimate for the improvements. The committee is scheduled to complete this phase by the end of October.

FREE FLU SHOTS

The Allendale Board of Health will be sponsoring a free flu shot clinic on Thursday, September 26th, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Borough Hall. Any resident 65 years of age or older may receive this free vaccination. Anyone under the age of 65 with a chronic disease may receive the free vaccine with written permission from their physician. For more information, contact the Board of Health at 818-4418.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

May 9, 1991

- Approval of 1991 Capital Program
- Award contract for landscaping for Downtown Improvements
- Award contract for upgrading Police and Fire Communications

May 23, 1991

- Award contract for a study of the Allendale Water Utility

June 27, 1991

- Approved ordinances establishing fines for unlicensed dogs and cats
- Approved ordinance establishing fine for unreturned library books
- Approved Inter-local services agreement with the Borough of Bergenfield for sanitarian and Health Officer services

July 11, 1991

- Award contracts for road resurfacing and curb and sidewalk replacement

July 25, 1991

- Approved contract with Borough of Ramsey for water supply
- Appointed George Martin as a Police Sergeant

August 6, 1991

- Appointed Councilman Robert Paterson and Borough Administrator Tom Carroll as Fund Commissioners to the Bergen County Joint Insurance Fund
- Renewed membership in the Bergen County Joint Insurance Fund for a three year period

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POLICE DEPARTMENT TIPS

Going on Vacation? If you will be out of town for a few days, have a neighbor or friend pick up your mail daily. Also, stop newspaper deliveries while you are away. Several newspapers lying in the driveway are an invitation to a thief or burglar. If you will be away for a long period, call Police Headquarters at 825-1900 and register your home. The Police Department maintains a list of vacant homes and emergency telephone numbers.

Seat belts are your best chance to survive a motor vehicle accident. Drivers and passengers are encouraged to buckle up. The Allendale Police Department is stepping up efforts to increase compliance - and save lives.

Motorists are reminded that the speed limit in the Business District is 25 M.P.H. Pedestrians are urged to use the crosswalks in the area, which have been paved to match the sidewalks. As always, motorists should yield to pedestrians in the crosswalks.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 9/2 Crestwood Lake closes
- 9/21 Newspaper Collection
- 9/26 Flu Clinic, Borough Hall
- 10/7 Last day for Voter Registration
- 10/26 Newspaper Collection
- 11/5 Election Day

CLOCK FUND UPDATE - Time is ticking away as we count down to the installation of the Town Clock. Donations are still needed to fully fund this Downtown Centerpiece. Donations may be mailed to: "Clock Fund, Borough Hall, 500 West Crescent Avenue, Allendale, NJ 07401." All contributions are tax deductible.

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