



BOROUGH HALL REPORT

Borough of Allendale, NJ

Spring 1994

1994 BUDGET

The 1994 municipal budget is \$6,485,284, up \$220,884 (3.5%) from 1993. The budget meets the State-imposed 2.5% spending CAP. Major increases were in Snow Removal materials and overtime (\$50,000), Workers Compensation Insurance (\$11,956), Public Employees Pension (\$5,306), Social Security (\$9,853), Police and Fire Pensions (\$20,265), Sewer Authority (\$66,621), Yardwaste and Leaf Disposal (\$17,500), and the first year payment on the Revaluation (\$40,000). The Reserve for Uncollected Taxes increased by \$20,000 of which over \$15,000 is to fully fund the schools and County tax payments. Salaries for Borough employees increased by \$63,433, after applying the reimbursement from the Borough of Ramsey for the joint use of our Tax Assessor.

Reductions in the budget include Capital Improvements (\$27,000), Group Insurance (\$6,400), Debt Service (\$15,917), and Scavenger Services (\$13,372).

Non-tax revenues have decreased in 1994 by \$126,425, the most noticeable being the loss of the Supplemental Franchise and Gross Receipts tax. This \$124,322, which had been promised to municipalities, is now being held by the State to balance its budget. This revenue is worth 2.5 tax points to property owners in Allendale.

Following a 2.5 tax point decrease in 1993, Municipal taxes in 1994 increase 5.6 tax points or 7.7%. This is an increase of \$116.57 for the average home assessed at \$210,000. This does not include school or county taxes, which the Borough collects and pays to these other governmental units.

The Borough Council worked hard on this budget, trying to maintain services and the tax rate while dealing with increases in costs over which there is no control. Programs and services are continually monitored so that the Borough government provides the best possible service for the least cost.

	1993	1994	+/-
Municipal	.714	.770	.056
Local School	1.166	1.235	.069
Reg. H.S.	.630	.698	.068
County	.410	.412	.002
TOTAL	2.920	3.115	.195

PARK & RIDE PERMITS AVAILABLE

Parking permits for the Allendale train station are available at Police Headquarters, 290 Franklin Turnpike. The annual fee is \$45 for residents and \$110 for non-residents. For those who use the train occasionally, meter parking is available at \$2.00 per day.

MAYOR'S COLUMN

Albert H. Klomburg, Mayor

This special centennial edition of the Borough Hall Report details the activities planned by Allendale's Centennial Committee. The Committee has been meeting for the past sixteen months and has developed an exceptional schedule of events. There are more than one hundred and sixty volunteers working on projects ranging from researching and editing material for the Centennial Journal to deciding on the type and quantity of food for the Family Picnic Day. The June 21st Golf Outing and Dinner, the sale of tee shirts, sweatshirts, and mugs, as well as the ads and sponsors in the Journal are all enjoyable and rewarding ways for you to help fund the Journal, parade, picnic and band concerts. If you have not taken part to date, contribute to any or all of the above fund raising vehicles and insure a successful celebration. In this Borough Hall Report, the Committee puts out a call for additional volunteers. Although many have stepped forward, there is a need for many more. We want all residents to enjoy the planned activities, including those who have volunteered to work. The more hands available, the less work each one has to do. Whether you have lived in Allendale all of your life or moved in within the past year, you are an integral part of the community. Immerse yourself in the sense of community, become part of the tradition by marking your calendars for each one of the dates listed in the schedule of events. Take the extra step to make sure you do not plan something else for those days and whether you volunteer or not, make sure you join the rest of your neighbors at **EACH** event so we can truly say they were the events of the century.

GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Residents are reminded that garbage is collected twice each week during June, July and August. The west side is collected on Monday and Thursday, and the east side is collected on Tuesday and Friday. Garbage must be out by 6:30 a.m. During the weeks of Independence Day (7/4), Labor Day (9/5), and the Christmas holiday (12/26) the garbage, trash, and scrap metal collections will be one day later for the entire week. Once per week garbage collection will resume September 1st.

TRASH, CARDBOARD, SCRAP METAL SCHEDULES

So that you may have these items at the curb on the right day, please review this schedule for trash, cardboard and scrap metal collection:

TRASH - bulky items such as sofas, rugs, furniture: East Side is collected on the 1st Wednesday, and the West Side is collected on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

CARDBOARD - must be flattened and placed at the curb on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

SCRAP METAL - refrigerators, washers, air conditioners, etc. are collected at the curb on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Please do not put out any of these items until the Tuesday evening prior to the scheduled collection day.

Many residents are placing items at the curb on the weekend, for the Wednesday pick-up. Bulk pick-up and recycling should not be placed at the curb until the evening before the scheduled collection. You are subject to a fine for violating this regulation.

WATER CONSERVATION URGED

With the lawn watering season beginning, residents are again urged to follow a voluntary water conservation schedule.

Automatic sprinklers: 2 a.m. - 6 a.m. on the odd/even system.

Manual sprinklers: 7 a.m. - 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. on the odd/even system.

Odd/even determines your day to water. If your house number is odd, you may water on an odd day. An even house number allows you to water on an even day.

Hand held watering may be done at any time. If you have installed a new lawn, call the Water Department at 818-4413 to establish a schedule for more frequent watering.

WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

The Borough's Water Utility recently completed a \$65,000 program to replace 41 fire hydrants throughout the Borough, some of which dated back to 1914. These new hydrants are compatible with our fire equipment and will provide better fire protection to our residents. We would like to thank those residents who were inconvenienced by the water shutoffs required by this work for their patience and understanding.

Work is progressing on the installation of a temporary treatment facility on Well #15 on Park Avenue. Last year, minute traces of PCE, a dry cleaning chemical, were found in the well. The well has not been used since that time, and the installation of the treatment facility will allow it to be used this summer.

FROM YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Vacant House Checks - If you are going away, contact Police Headquarters and register your home for security checks and/or contact numbers in case of an emergency while you are away. Remember to put lights on timers, stop your mail and newspapers, and have someone mow your lawn, to give your house a lived-in appearance.

Police Officers Joseph Carey and Todd Griffith recently completed training and certification as D.A.R.E. officers and will join our D.A.R.E. training cadre in our schools this fall. We look forward to introducing these officers to our children.

Call Police Headquarters for an appointment to register your bicycle. This will help recover your bike if it is lost or stolen. Always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle. Look for the SNELL or ANSI ratings when you purchase a helmet.

CRESTWOOD LAKE SEASON BEGINS

Crestwood Lake is now open daily until Labor Day. If you have not yet joined, please call Borough Hall at 818-4402 for membership information.

ATTENTION VETERANS

The Allendale Memorial V.F.W. Post 10181 meets monthly on the second Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at the Ambulance Corps Building on Franklin Turnpike. The meetings begin at 8 p.m., and all Veterans of Foreign Wars are welcome.

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