



VF Allendale

BOROUGH HALL REPORT

Borough of Allendale, NJ

Winter, 1994

IMPROVEMENTS AT THE RECREATION FIELDS

The Borough, with the cooperation of the Allendale Recreation Commission, has renovated and upgraded the baseball/softball diamonds at Recreation Park and at Crestwood Park. Also, the soccer field at Recreation Park, which also serves as the outfield for three baseball fields, has been upgraded.

Field #1 at Recreation Park has new infield clay, a newly sodded infield, and a new backstop. Field #2, which was upgraded in the Spring, received a new "skinned" infield and a new backstop. All of the improvements to Field #2 were paid for by the Recreation Commission. Field #3, which is closest to West Crescent Avenue, was realigned so that the first base line was moved away from the roadway. It also received a new backstop, new infield clay and a sod infield. Field #4, located at the entrance to Crestwood Park, was completely reconstructed. The field was realigned to take the first base line out of our neighbors' backyards, a new backstop, new infield clay and a sodded infield were installed. The outfield was completely regraded, seeded, and an irrigation system installed. Field #5, behind the Red Barn at Crestwood Park, received a new "skinned" infield, compliments of the Recreation Commission. Finally, Field #6, the Grandstand Field at Recreation Park, was

redesigned so that both 80 foot and 90 foot basepaths can be accommodated, to increase use of that field. The infield was upgraded with new clay and sod. Finally, at Recreation Park, the baseball outfield/soccer field was regraded, and drainage installed. The Recreation Commission donated \$6000 for the raking and seeding of the field.

Special thanks to newly elected Councilman Rich Furfaro, Modeste Sobolta, and Jerry Scott of Azzolina and Feury Engineers for donating many hours of their time in designing the fields and supervising the construction. Also, thanks goes to the Allendale Recreation Commission for their financial support and for the members who volunteered their time in preparing the fields.

SKATING RINKS TO RECEIVE LIGHTS

Plans are underway to install lights at the skating rinks at Crestwood Park. Four street lights salvaged from the Downtown improvement will be installed to provide skaters with night skating. Also, shrubs will be planted around the perimeter of the rinks for a visual barrier in the summer.

TAXES DUE: Residents are reminded that property taxes are due on the first day of February, May, August and November.

MAYOR'S COLUMN

Albert H. Klomburg, Mayor

This issue of the Borough Hall Report contains a resident questionnaire, and we urge all households to complete the questions and return it using the postage paid mailer. Although there are a number of topics I would like to cover, the first item pertains to the just ended fall season. Over the past several years, I have received letters, phone calls and in-person requests for the Borough to collect loose leaves at curbside. The governing body has reviewed the pros and cons a number of times and each time concluded that the negatives far outweigh the positives. Although the convenience of simply raking your leaves into the street makes the service extremely attractive, there are significant logistic, mechanical and financial reasons not to supply the service. For those of you who have driven through Ramsey or Ridgewood as late as December 14th, the waist high piles of leaves raked in October and November were still lining most streets, which attests to the inability of local municipalities to afford sufficient manpower and equipment to clear the streets in a timely manner. Problems generated by large quantities of leaves in the gutters for any period of time include: clogged storm drains with flooded streets, auto fires from catalytic converters parked over leaves, injury to playing children unseen by cars, buses and trucks, and leaves blowing back into yards. Four men are needed on each collection crew which includes a driver, vacuum operator, and two workers to loosen wet and often frozen leaves from the roadbed. It is a time consuming process which our limited resources can not handle. The additional volume of leaves can not be composted at the Compost site, and the Borough will have to pay to truck them to another site. We review the potential for this service periodically, and will consider offering it if it can be done at no additional cost to the taxpayer.

On a completely different topic, over the past year or two, you have been hearing the catch phrase "State Mandate/State Pay." This refers to the penchant of our legislators in Trenton for passing hundreds of laws each year mandating action by local governments with significant compliance costs in legal, engineering and employee salaries. State funding seldom accompanies this steady stream of new mandates with resultant pressure on local budgets. Two years ago, the in-coming legislative majority promised support for the concept of State pay for State mandates. The subject died in committee. In a major speech on November 28, Governor-elect Whitman announced her unequivocal support. This is the first time in history that the highest elected official in New Jersey has supported the issue. We must take advantage of this opportunity to get a State Pay for State Mandates question on the November 1994 Ballot. Write or phone our District 39 representatives: Senator Gerald Cardinale, 350 Madison Ave., Cresskill 07626, 567-2324; Assemblyman John E. Rooney, 466 Old Hook Rd., Emerson 07630, 967-8910 and Assemblywoman Charlotte Vandervalk, 220 Kinderkamack Rd., Westwood 07675, 666-0881. A successful campaign should result in fewer State mandates and fiscal relief for the property taxpayer.

GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Residents are reminded that garbage is collected once each week except in June, July and August. The west side is collected on Monday, and the east side is collected on Tuesday. Garbage must be out by 6:30 a.m. Four holidays effect the 1994 collection: Memorial Day (5/30), Independence Day (7/4), Labor Day (9/5), and the Christmas holiday (12/26). On those weeks, the garbage, trash, and scrap metal collections will be one day later for the entire holiday week.

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 before the Tuesday evening before they are to be collected.

FROM YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

-Alarm registration renewals are due in January, and must be accompanied by updated key-holder information and the \$5.00 fee.

-**HOME ALONE?** Seniors residing alone temporarily or permanently may participate in our "Operation Reassurance" program, where their well-being is checked daily by police staff. Call Police Communications at 825-1900 for additional information.

-Residents are welcome to stop in at Police Headquarters, 290 Franklin Turnpike, at any time to request information or services, or to simply say hello and view our patch collection and lobby displays.

-Residents are reminded to travel at safe speeds in the Borough, particularly in school zones, in the Business District where many pedestrians are present, and on West Maple Avenue when going to Hillside School or Northern Highlands.

ADULT HEALTH CLINIC

The Allendale Board of Health holds a Walk-In Adult Health Clinic every 4th Thursday of the month in Borough Hall, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Services include screening for high blood pressure, consultation with a health nurse, social worker or nutritionist, if desired. Any Allendale resident 18 years of age or older is invited to the Clinic. For more information call the Board of Health at 818-4418.

CHILD HEALTH CLINIC

The Allendale Board of Health holds a Child Health Clinic bi-monthly at Borough Hall. This service provides continuous health supervision for the children of the community from birth to school age. This preventative program is free to Allendale residents. Children are given physical examinations and immunizations which are required. Developmental and nutritional assessments are also given. Appointments may be made by calling Bergen Community Health Care Nurses, Inc., at 358-2666. Ask for Cheryl.

FIRE HYDRANTS - The Borough would appreciate your assistance by removing snow from any fire hydrant located in front of your house after a heavy snowfall. This will greatly assist the Fire Department in case of an emergency.

BOROUGH ORDINANCES

727 - Bond ordinance for \$645,000 for Regional Contribution Agreement

728 - Interlocal Agreement with Mahwah for 911 services.

729 - Revise the recycling ordinance

730 - Authorize study for Mahwah water interconnection.

731 - Special emergency appropriation for revaluation (\$200,000)

DOG AND CAT LICENSE RENEWAL

Dog and cat licenses must be renewed each January. Any animal seven months old or older must be licensed. A current rabies certificate expiring no earlier than 10/31/94 must be presented if it is not on file. Please complete this form and mail it with the correct fee to Borough Hall, 500 West Crescent Avenue, Allendale, NJ, or come to Borough Hall between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. For more information please call 818-4401.

NOTE: Licenses **must** be received by January 31, 1994. Any application received after that time will be charged a \$5.00 late fee per animal.

TYPE OF ANIMAL: _____ DOG _____ CAT

Owner's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Animal's Name: _____

Animal's Sex: _____ Age: _____ Hair: S M L

Breed: _____ Color: _____

Spayed or Neutered: YES NO

<u>LICENSE FEES</u>	<u>DOGS</u>	<u>CATS</u>
Spayed or neutered	\$ 8.20	\$ 8.00*
NOT Spayed or Neutered	\$11.20	\$11.00*
Late fee (after 1/31/94)	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00

*The fee for each additional cat is \$5.00 spayed or neutered and \$8.00 for not spayed or neutered.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

Periodically, we will enclose a questionnaire in the Borough Hall Report. To serve its purpose, we must receive a response from the majority of Allendale households. Please do not set this aside to be completed later only to be forgotten.

One of the several events being planned for Allendale's centennial celebration is a Centennial Ball scheduled for November 12, 1994. The Committee wishes to make this event as inclusive as possible. We would appreciate your thoughts as to format and cost.

1) Will you be interested in attending Yes ___ No ___

2) Will you attend at a cost per person of: \$50 ___
\$40 ___
Other _____

3) Number in your household willing to attend _____

4) Would you like the ball to be Black Tie _____
Semi-formal/Black Tie Optional _____
Tie and jacket required _____

5) Are you interested in working on the Ball committee? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, do you have any special skills or talents? _____

6) Are there high school age members of your household who could bus or wait tables, etc.
Yes ___ No ___.

Note: This is an informal survey for planning purposes only. We are not asking for your commitment at this time. Thank you for time in completing this questionnaire.

Name _____

Address _____

Tel # _____

(Refold with "Business Reply Mail" on outside, fasten with tape and mail.)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Small towns such as Allendale count heavily on volunteers to provide the necessary services and ensure the quality of life we all want. Over the years Allendale has been extremely fortunate to have a large percentage of it's residents actively participate. We invite you to continue this tradition by submitting your name for consideration on any (or all) of our boards and committees.

Board of Adjustment ____, Board of Health ____, Library Board ____

Local Assistance Board ____, Planning Board ____, Shade Tree ____,

Landmarks Advisory ____

My background is _____
and I would be available for special committees or study groups.

Name _____

Address _____

Tel # _____

BOROUGH QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

This Borough Hall Report allows your Borough government to communicate directly to you, the residents of Allendale. In an effort to improve that communication, we would like to feature questions from residents about the Borough government, services or policies, and answers to those questions. You are urged to submit questions, and we will answer as many as possible in this newsletter. Mail questions to Borough Hall Q&A, 500 West Crescent Avenue, Allendale, New Jersey 07401. You may also enclose them with this response to our surveys.



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