



BOROUGH HALL REPORT

Borough of Allendale, NJ

LEE MEMORIAL LIBRARY
500 W. CRESCENT AVE.
ALLENDALE, NJ 07401

Spring 1996

MAYOR'S COLUMN

Albert H. Klomburg, Mayor

Allendale residents have always demonstrated a high level of volunteerism. Whether fire & emergency services, town athletics, school organizations, clubs & civic groups or boards & commissions, a large contingent have been willing and eager to participate and serve the needs of their community. This continually refreshed pool of volunteers has made it fiscally possible to provide a high level of services to all residents.

Both the current and future budgets dictate the need to utilize every possible cost-saving tactic. Allendale is unique in the diversity of its population's demographics. Our residents possess a wide range of abilities and professional skills: tradesmen, architects, insurance, financial, medical, computers & systems, personnel & business, etc. Name a profession, Allendale residents possess the expertise. Although coaching, presenting fireworks, serving on boards or in clubs is a rewarding diversion from the material side of our lives, bringing one's profession home to the community can be equally rewarding.

From time to time, we need help in specific skills. Rather than retain consultants at taxpayer expense, I

would like to call on residents with those skills to volunteer to serve individually or on a panel. The purpose would be to study the situations and make recommendations, not to manage or supervise the project. We are planning to study two areas: the municipal computer network and systems as well as medical and other employee benefits.

If you are able to spare a few hours to help the Borough in either of these two areas, please call the Borough Hall at 818-4400. Due to the normal reticence to proclaim oneself an expert, I urge friends and neighbors to work on those you know to come forward.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN 1996

Award of contract for a 70 ft. Aerial Pumper - cost \$459,690.

Application to Clean Communities for Grant -\$7,200.

LEE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Check Us Out!!

Allendale residents who have a personal computer and a modem now have access to the catalog of the Bergen County Cooperative Library System from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. weekdays, and from 6 p.m. until 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Also available during these time periods is the UMI Periodicals Research I

database which indexes approximately 1000 general interest periodical titles. Approximately 350 of these titles are now available on-line in ASCII full text format. A valid library card is needed to access these databases.

The generosity of the Friends of the Library has bought us Moody's Company Data on CD-ROM, Magazine Express with coverage from 1988 to the present on CD-ROM, the Record on-line, and the Rental collection.

The Children's Room is always a hub of activity. Three Story Time sessions have been scheduled. "Terrific Tots" is geared to children 18 months to age 3, "Thrilling Three Year Olds", and "Fantastic 4/5/K's". Registration for the Spring session will begin on March 11. For additional information, please call 327-4338.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

There is to be no glass brought into Crestwood Park, including the Red Barn area.

There is no parking within the designated Fire Zones, especially at the A & P.

Handicapped parking is only for those with the proper permit. All violators are subject to a \$100 fine.

All dogs must be leashed when within the Borough parks. No running at large.

The placing of signs on trees, street signs, utility poles, fences, etc. is prohibited.

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF WATER MAIN BREAK

Residents will be notified of break. After this, do not run any water until notified.

FINANCE NEWS

Please remember taxes are due May 1.

Delinquent properties (those owing 1995 taxes) will be subject to tax sale as of April 1, 1996. If you have any questions, please call the tax collector's office 818-4407.

THE BOROUGH WOULD LIKE TO THANK THOSE RESIDENTS WHO SHOVELED OUT HYDRANTS DURING THE PAST WINTER STORMS. A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE BOY SCOUTS FOR HELPING OUT.

1996 ELECTION INFORMATION

School Board Election - Tuesday, April 16 from 1 to 9 pm.

Primary Election - Tuesday, June 4 from 7am to 8 pm.

General Election - Tuesday, November 5 from 7am to 8 pm.

Please be advised that the School Board Elections now come under the auspices of the Municipal Clerk and residents will vote at their district polling place and no longer at Brookside School.

DISTRICT 1 - FIRE HOUSE
DISTRICT 2 - GUARDIAN ANGEL CHURCH AUDITORIUM
DISTRICT 3 - BOROUGH HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
DISTRICT 4 - CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

FROM THE TRUSTEES OF ALLENDALE
SENIOR HOUSING

Allendale's Senior Citizen low and moderate income homes are now being built at the modular factory in Pennsylvania. Delivery to the site in Allendale is planned in May. There will be eight buildings, each containing two residences. Fifteen will be rented and one used as a meeting place.

Our contractor, VMH Construction of Mahwah, will begin constructing foundations on site this month. Construction schedules call for completion not later than August 1.

Operation of the rental housing will be handled by Presbyterian Homes Foundation, operators of Senior Housing in Ramsey. Presbyterian Homes will begin reviewing applications in May of this year for occupancy in September.

If you are 62 years old, with an income of not more than approximately \$25,000 for one or \$28,000 for two persons, you may be eligible. Rents are expected to be about \$600 a month, plus utilities. Non-residents may apply.

Contact Lorraine Stark, Borough Clerk, at 818-4401 to add your name to the list of those interested in renting.

TIS' THE SEASON FOR WATER IN THE
CELLAR

Allendale, like all other towns in the NBCUA sewer district, is billed by fluid flow through meters. If you and your neighbors pump rain water into the sewer line, it adds a tremendous volume of flow and we all have to pay higher charges. Your tax rate goes up, up, up.... Put the water on your lawn. It will love it!!!

BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE

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1996 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

TOTAL TAX RATE MAY INCREASE 5% FOR 1996.

MUNICIPAL RATE MAY BE UP 10%

The recently introduced Allendale municipal budget for 1996 calls for a 10% increase in the municipal tax rate. When combined with increases for schools and a reduction in the County rate, the increase in tax rate paid by Allendale taxpayers is expected to be less than 5%. A 1996 rate of \$2.37 would increase taxes by \$110 for each hundred thousand dollars of assessed value.

The tax increase is entirely due to an unexpected \$900,000 reduction in State Aid. The \$900,000 loss, when reduced by a \$26,000 saving in budgeted expenditures and by the use of an additional \$325,000 of Surplus, leaves a planned tax increase of \$563,500.

The Borough will apply for 1996 Discretionary Aid. Any Aid granted will be used to reduce this year's tax increase.

Salary and wages cut \$86,000.

An \$86,000 reduction in salary and wages will come from:

- not replacing two policemen, reducing the uniformed patrol force to ten officers. Elimination of two school crossing guards is also expected.
- holding salary increase for full-time staff to 3% while eliminating increases for part timers.

Operating Expenses increase \$66,000.

- Northwest Bergen Sewer Authority charges are up \$77,500.
- \$20,000 for sewer engineering to reduce NWBSA charges.
- Snow removal is up \$24,000 because of recent storms.

To reduce the impact of these increases, we have cut:

- the contribution to the Library by \$21,000.
- the contribution to the Ambulance Corps by \$15,000.
- \$25,000 for the repair of the upper dam at the lake.
- \$7,800 from the budget of the Fire Department.
- \$10,000 in contributions to Visiting Nurses, Drug Addiction and Aid to Health Care programs.
- \$13,700 from the departmental operation budgets.

Improvements not funded in 1996

We will use \$60,000 left in the Capital Improvement fund to provide the down payment on \$600,000 of 1996 expenditures for paving roads, purchase of equipment, repair of dams at Crestwood and improvements to recreational facilities including repair of the Ballpark Grandstand.

Reserve for Uncollected Taxes

If it were possible to budget this Reserve at normal levels, we could hold the increase in the Municipal rate for 1996 to less than 5% and the increase in the overall rate to 3.5%.

Future discussions of the budget

The budget will be discussed in detail during the budget hearing, before adoption, now scheduled for the Borough Council meeting to be held on Thursday, March 28. A summary was published in the Ridgewood News on March 14th. The full budget is available from the Borough Clerk.

Please come out for the March 28 meeting. The Council welcomes your suggestions for reduction in expenses and your comment on the reductions that are planned.

DID YOU KNOW?

A change in the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Law (R.S. 39:3-46 & R.S. 39:3-47) now requires head lamps "whenever rain, mist, snow or other precipitation or atmospheric moisture requires the use of windshield wipers by motorists".

Failure to use lighted lamps when lights are required may result in a fine not to exceed \$50.00.

COMPOST SITE

The site will open on Saturday, April 6th, close on Easter Sunday, and reopen for the season on April 13th. New applications for permits will be mailed to residents in March. The fee for the 1996 permit will once again be \$25. These permits are required for grass clippings and yard waste such as leaves and brush. For more information, contact Keith Cauwenberghs, Recycling Coordinator, 818-4411.

COUNCIL TO DECIDE ON ALLENDALE'S FUTURE WATER SUPPLY

The Council is currently discussing solutions to Allendale's water problems. We urge you to attend our meetings to learn about the alternatives considered in our efforts to insure Allendale of an adequate supply of water in future years.

There are members of the Council who consider this is the most important decision the Council will make during their term as a Councilman.

Questions about whether to fully develop all of Allendale's wells or to buy more water from other towns instead, the quality of the water, quantities of water, and relative cost must be resolved. Join us to help make the decision.

WATER RESTRICTION SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE MAY 1ST

In order to assure sufficient water for domestic use, fire fighting, and lawn watering, the Borough has established a three-phase restriction program. Phase I is being instituted on May 1st. Should water demand exceed production capabilities, you will be notified of Phase II restrictions. In the event of excessively high demand, and a reduction of supply from the Borough of Ramsey and Mahwah Township, residents will be notified when Phase III will be implemented. Water conservation is important for all of our residents. Your cooperation is essential to prevent further restrictions.

PHASE I - Odd/even lawn watering. Those with an odd number street address may water at any time during an odd numbered day. Those with an even number street address may water at any time on an even numbered day.

Hand-held hose watering or car washing is allowed at any time.

VETERANS SELL FLAGS

VFW Post 1081 and American Legion Post 204 are selling American flags as a fund raiser. For information, call 327-8893. Flyers will also be available at the Post Office community table.

ALLENDALE GARDEN CLUB

The 1995 Bergen Project Pride Environmental Enhancement & Beautification Award was presented to the Garden Club. This award is given by Bergen Project Pride to recognize organizations which have made significant contributions to the environmental enhancement and beautification of the county.

BOROUGH ORDINANCES

#765 - Amend Flood Plain Management.

#766 - Bond Ordinance for financing of new fire engine, pumper - \$500,000.

#767 - Amend Salary Ordinance 1995 for DPW employees.

#768 - Amend Shade Tree - increase the commission members by two.

#769 - Temporary Signs including "garage sales"; posting of, fees and fines. Public hearing scheduled for March 28th.

#770 - Treasurer - creating the office of Borough Treasurer. Public hearing scheduled for March 14th.

A SNOW SHOVELING ORDINANCE IS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL AND IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED THIS SPRING.

NEWS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department needs new members. Anyone interested please call David Walters at 934-7015.

The Fire Department needs everyone's help with our new fund raising program and the best part is, it will cost you nothing to participate. We have gift certificates from the four major supermarkets in our area redeemable for everything these stores sell. Certificates are available by calling 934-7015. Leave your name and number and we'll deliver them to your door. All funds raised by this effort will be used strictly for new equipment purchases and building maintenance. Thanks for your continued support.

SNOW REMOVAL

We know you don't throw snow onto Borough streets BUT your snow plow contractor frequently does. Just let him know that he is liable to be fined under an ordinance on our books. Thanks for your help.

FIRE SAFETY

Help us so we can help you and your neighborhood. How?? By clearing the snow from around the fire hydrant on or near your property. Thanks for your assistance.

SAVE A LIFE...YOURS, AND LOVED ONES

A simple thing such as a mandated house number can do just that. For that kind of protection, please install 4" visible numbers on your home that can be easily seen from the street. It's an ordinance, please observe it.

Your Borough Police, Firefighters and Ambulance Corps need this help to FIND YOU when you need them. Please help us so we can help you!!!

PARKING ON BOROUGH STREETS

We do have a Borough Ordinance that states, NO PARKING ON BORO STREETS BETWEEN 3 A.M. AND 5 A.M. This is especially important during a snow storm when your car becomes an obstruction to proper street plowing. Please help us out so we can help you and your neighbors with properly plowed streets. Thanks.

LITTER PATROL

The Community Litter Patrol will reactivate as soon as the weather permits. If YOU are interested in keeping the downtown area "litter free", please call Stiles Thomas at 827-3470 and he'll sign you up. No regimentation, you set the times you can serve. Thanks in advance!