

The Allendale Crescent

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News from Borough Hall

Mayor's Message Albert H. Klomburg

Last summer I traveled to Omachi-Cho in the Prefecture of Saga, Japan to sign a Friendship City Agreement on August 2 between our two communities. The signing was the culmination of an alliance started six years earlier when Allendale resident Daniel Moss became an English instructor at Omachi Junior High School following his college graduation. After knowing Dan, his students and their town officials decided to explore a sister-city relationship with his hometown by arranging an exchange of visitors in alternate years. The first group of students and officials from Omachi arrived in August of 1992 and visitors came each following year. In 1995, Mayor Hiromasa Takemura arrived in Allendale to seek a ceremonial agreement. We decided to have a Friendship City arrangement formalized by our delegation in 1996.

Accompanying me were Daniel, and eight Allendale students; Angela and Rosanne Botha, Chapman and Elizabeth Grumbles, Kristen Henny, Takashi Kousaka, Alisa and Amy Protano. During our visit we experienced first-hand the lifestyle of the Omachi students who had stolen our hearts during their visits here; staying with host families, touring the Fukuoka region, and receiving an audience with the Governor of Saga. Our Allendale young people were tremendous ambassadors, winning over everyone they met from Tokyo and Kyoto, to host families, town officials and residents of Omachi.

All of us shared a memorable experience together, further cementing the five-year bond between our two communities half-a-world apart.

Municipal Taxes Down 1% This Year

The 1997 municipal budget falls just under the line at a minus 1% in municipal taxes. The Mayor and Borough Council anticipate a stable phase of municipal operations in the next three years with the restoration of State aid and a conservative management of fund balance.

What does this mean in dollars?

On a house assessed at the Borough average of \$313,358, the *municipal* portion of your 1997 tax bill will decrease by \$19 from last year.

By State Law the Borough Council, County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and two School Boards must adopt annual budgets to support their operations. These budgets determine the amount of money to be raised by

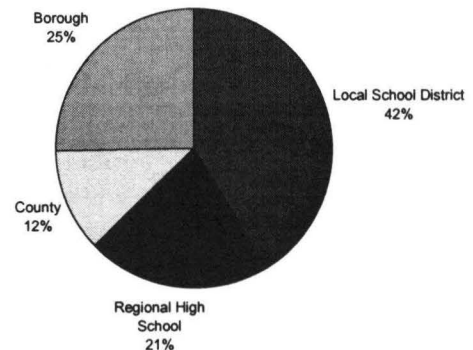


About Your Tax Bill

taxes. Your *total* property tax pays for Bergen County, Allendale Borough, Northern Highlands Regional High School, and Allendale Public Schools.

Each municipal tax office is the collecting agency for the entire local tax bill. The Borough must pay the respective portions to school boards monthly and the county on a quarterly basis.

1997 Tax Bill Summary



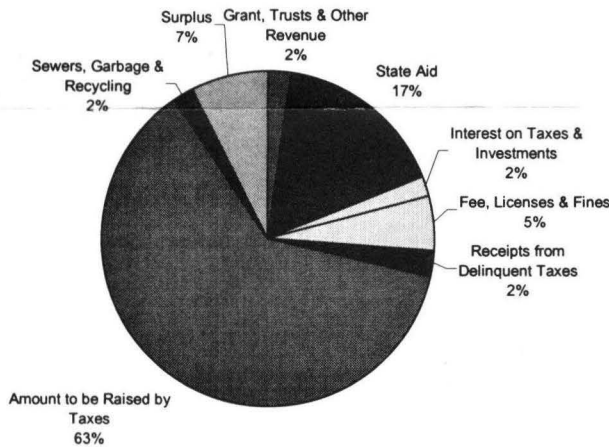
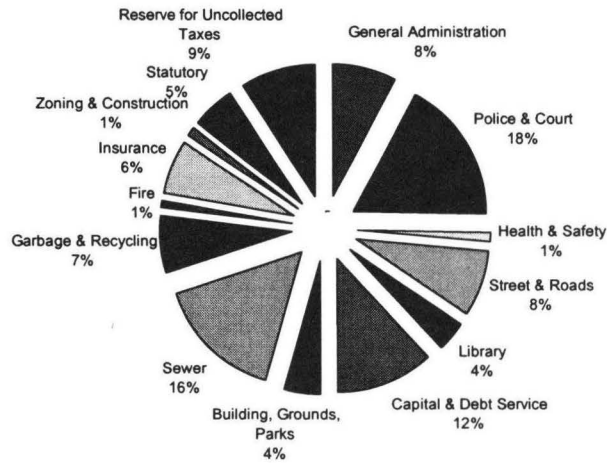
About the Borough Budget

The municipal budget *must* be balanced between revenues and appropriations (expenditures). The sums required annually for Borough operations is determined by experience and needs analyses performed by Department Heads, the Borough Administrator, and Mayor and Council during many meetings.

Total 1997 Budget = \$7,403,360 with \$4,575,695 to be raised as revenue by taxes
Municipal Tax Rate = 61.8 cents per \$100 of assessed value

Municipal Appropriations

Operating Expenses and Salaries



Sources of Municipal Revenue

1997 Borough Government

Mayor: Albert H. Klomburg '98

Committee Responsibilities

Council: Robert E. Paterson '98
 Bryan Berndt '97
 David L. Duffy '99
 Stephen F. Howe '97
 Lawrence Pinck '98
 Robert T. Schoepflin '99

Finance, Sanitation
 Police, Fire, Streets
 Parks, Buildings & Grounds
 Streets, Zoning
 Police, Sanitation
 Zoning, Fire, Buildings & Grounds

Borough Council Meetings

Business Meetings on Second and Fourth Thursday – Public Comment Heard
 Work Session on Second Monday – Council Discussion

For Your Information

Borough Hall 500 West Crescent Avenue 9:00 – 4:30 Weekdays		
Administrator	Susan Stanbury	818-4404
Clerk	Richard Kachmar	818-4401
Chief Financial Officer	Paula Favata	818-4408
Tax Assessor	Angela Whiteley	818-4419
Administrative Secretary	Barbara Knapp	818-4403
Construction Control	Kathy Forkins	818-4416
Registrar, Board of Health	Tina Strauss	818-4418
Court Administrator	Jane Kostka	818-4406
Public Works New Street 7:30 – 3:30 Weekdays		
Superintendent	George Higbie	818-4410
Asst. Superintendent	Keith Cauwenberghs	818-4411
Water Department New Street 7:30 – 3:30 Weekdays		
Superintendent	Wally Kuenzel	818-4414
Water Collector	Janice Blide	818-4413
Police 290 Franklin Turnpike		
Chief	Robert Herndon	825-1900
Code Enforcement Borough Hall 4:30 – 6:30 T, Th		
Construction Code Official	Gary Montroy	818-4416
Plumbing Inspector	George Duemmer	818-4416
Fire Inspector	John McHugh	818-4416
Electrical Inspections	Garden State	818-4416
Zoning Official	Terry Coletta	818-4416

NEW IN BOROUGH ADMINISTRATION

Susan S. Stanbury, Borough Administrator, came to Allendale in October, after serving as Assistant Administrator for 4 years in Morristown and 2 years in Princeton Township. She holds a Master of Public Administration (MPA) and a diverse background in computer software development and English and writing instruction.

Melissa Hughes, Library Director, began in November. Before coming to Allendale, she served as Director of the Wyckoff Library and also worked in Hunterdon County Library. She holds a Master's degree in Library Science.

Richard M. Kachmar, Borough Clerk has been in Allendale since late June, coming from Englishtown where he was also Clerk. Ricky has a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration.

PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS

Adult:

Last Thursday of the Month

June 26, July 24,
Aug. 28, Sept. 25,
Oct. 23 (Flu Clinic),
Nov. 20, Dec. 18.

Child: Bi-Monthly,

Last Thursday

8:30 – 10:30

July 22, Sept. 23, Nov. 25

XYZ Senior Citizens Club of Allendale meets at 11 AM on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month, (except in July and August) at the Calvary Lutheran Church on West Crescent Avenue. Please bring a sandwich. Coffee or tea and dessert are provided.

The primary purpose of the club is to offer fellowship for seniors. Membership is open to all Allendale residents over the age of sixty. For more information, call John Tillinghast, President, at 327-4423.

OTHER NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Kathy Forkins, Construction Control Person.

Tina Strauss, Secretary to the Board of Health, Assessing Clerk, and Registrar of Vital Statistics.

Dan Davis, Laborer in the Department of Public Works.

Janina Callari, Bookkeeper in Finance & Tax.

Kellie Wittmann, Tax Clerk.

Scott Chervan, Police Officer, starting in May, after completing Police Academy training.

Fourth of July Celebrations

Allendale will again honor Independence Day with traditional events all day long.

Morning: Brookside School Fields

8:00 AM to Noon - All-American Races for children in 1st through 6th grades, featuring running, jumping, hoops, waterworks, and potato sack. All ages may compete in the rolling pin contest.

Sign up children in advance on Saturday, June 28 or early morning July 4.

Afternoon: Grandstand Field

Baseball Game

All Day: Food Stand will operate until about 4 PM.

Enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, and soft drinks at once-a-year prices.

Evening: Crestwood Park

Band concert followed by fireworks display at dark. Tickets are required.

Holiday Observer representatives will ring doorbells around town during June, selling tickets for the annual fireworks. Sales fund the cost of the fireworks. If they miss you, call ticket managers Matt Baratz at 934-5453 or Perry Boggia at 934-0229.



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1997 SPRING NEWSLETTER
FROM YOUR BOROUGH GOVERNMENT

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SENIOR HOUSING COMPLETED AT CEBAK COURT RIBBON CUTTING ON JUNE 5

On Thursday, June 5, 1997, Allendale will celebrate the completion of the first affordable housing for senior citizens with an official ceremony beginning at 1:00 PM. State, county, and local officials will attend. All Borough residents and other interested persons are welcome.

Several years in planning, the development consists of eight duplex one-bedroom homes yielding fifteen rental units and one community center. The new occupants moved in after the first of the year, and the final touches in paving and landscaping were finished in May. The managing agency for the project is Presbyterian Homes, a non profit corporation with many years of experience in running such facilities. For information, call Marge Diefert at 818-0230.

Cebak Court is named in honor and memory of John Cebak, a long-time resident of Allendale.

COMING SOON! POLICE BIKE PATROLS

The Police Department will inaugurate Bike Patrols late this spring. Officers volunteering for this duty must complete formal bike patrol training before their switch to fresh air patrols.

To improve security, mobility, and accessibility, bikes will be used as patrol schedules permit--especially during special events

These patrols are a reality because of the generous donation of two mountain bikes, courtesy of Prestige BMW in Ramsey. The Police Department is grateful to them for their true community spirit.



Be Our Eyes and Ears



Allendale Police urge residents to call immediately—anytime day or night—upon observing any suspicious activity. Such activity can be unknown cars or unmarked vans driving around the neighborhood or parked in a driveway; strangers next door or across the street; and unusual activity at an odd hour.

Don't worry about feeling foolish if you call and police find nothing wrong. Police Departments are open 24 hours a day. Officers are there to respond, and you may prevent a crime.

Fire House News

The Allendale Fire Department will soon begin construction of an addition to the fire station. This needed space will provide room for all fire engines and all other equipment. The Fire Association is funding this expansion.

Congratulations To...

...*Firefighter of the Year* Bernard "Bud" Blide, active firefighter and former Council President. New life members of A.F.D. after 20 years of service are Richard C. Cauwenberghs and Steven Talarico.



Can your house number be seen from the road?

What if you need emergency help fast? Can a driver of an ambulance or fire truck read your house number? A large, reflective house number by the road is your best protection.

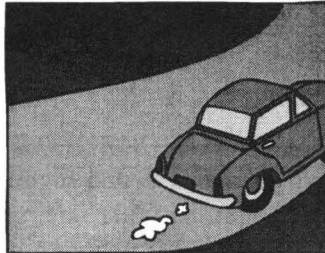
Around the Town – Projects '97

STREETS PROGRAM

In order to achieve better pricing, the 1997 road repaving program is a cooperative effort with several neighboring communities.

Iroquois Avenue, Woodland Avenue, Conklin Court, Erie Plaza, and Park Avenue from West Orchard to Erie will be repaved this summer. Park Avenue work also includes curb and driveway apron replacements. In addition sections of curb along Donny Brook Drive and Forest Road will be replaced.

The Borough has reapplied to the State DOT for the total reconstruction of Ivers Road in 1998. In addition, the Borough is planning to do a full-road reconstruction of East Orchard Street.



PUBLIC WORKS

There should be a new street sweeper on the road by leaf collection season as well as a new front-end loader and lawn mowing equipment in use in the parks this summer.

FACILITIES

Work is planned to replace the bathroom stalls at Crestwood Lake shortly after the start of the season, install hot water and add pavilion lights at the Red Barn. A new roof and air conditioning is included for the police station, along with heat for the Public Works garage and new bay lights in the fire house. The Police Department will upgrade their radio system to a high band UHF frequency while Borough Hall is installing a computer network upgrade.

LITTER SQUAD

This sturdy group keeps the downtown and Celery Farm neat and clean from spring through fall. They are looking for people willing to donate about 2 hours once a month to help. If interested, please call Bud Blide at 327-7106.

NEW STREET WATER LINE

In order to provide for permanent use of Well 15 as a source of water for the Borough, the Mayor and Council have approved the installation of a water line to run from the Park Avenue location of the well down New Street to the water department property. The line will connect to a building that will house well-remediation equipment, constructed on that site. In order to have Well 15 available this summer, construction of the line will begin in early June, bringing the well on-line in mid June.

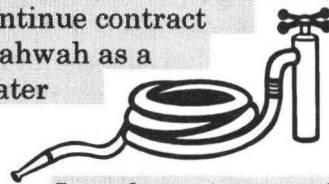
Water Department 1996 Report

During last year, the Allendale Water Department pumped over 245 million gallons of water. Test samples taken on a regular basis as required by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, confirm that the Borough continues to deliver good, potable water.

THE MILLION GALLON TANK AT FAIRHAVEN DRIVE WAS COMPLETELY REFURBISHED INSIDE AND OUT AT THE END OF 1996 TO MEET ALL DEP AND OSHA STANDARDS FOR SAFE DRINKING WATER.

Reminder - Water Restrictions in 1997

Currently Allendale receives 40% of its water from two local wells, with a third scheduled back on line temporarily this summer during the peak season, and the remaining water from aquifers owned by Mahwah Township, wheeled through the Borough of Ramsey. The Mayor and Council continue contract negotiations with Mahwah as a direct supplier of water through a pipeline interconnection.



In order to insure adequate water throughout the peak demand seasons, the water department has established a 3-phase restriction program based on rainfall and usage, with Phase I beginning on May 1st when peak watering begins. Residents will be formally notified if further restrictions are needed.

Water Conservation

Rain gauges on in-ground sprinkler systems will shut down sprinkler systems on rainy days. Installing a back flow protection device can protect a home against a chemical infiltration in the event of a reduction of water pressure.

Thank you, Volunteers...

The historic **Grandstand at Recreation Park** is receiving a needed uplift thanks to the generous donations of time and effort by the Holiday Observers and Allendale Recreation Commission. Members are replacing wooden supports and seats, installing new roofing, and repairing the storage area with materials purchased from funds approved by Borough Council last year. Time is tight, but work should be completed by July 4th.

Crestwood Park

Crestwood Lake

The season is here at Crestwood Lake. Harry Comiskey, Assistant Lake Director since 1988, is the Lake Director for this summer season. David Vassilowitch and Kim Cheman will serve as assistant directors. There will be 12 lifeguards and 3 gatekeepers. The Concession Stand will be under new management, serving the usual favorites.

Athletic Field

The final phase of the drainage work and landscaping around the new athletic field in Crestwood Park is planned for phased completion this summer and fall. Grading and seeding the adjacent slopes on the south and west sides will prevent continued erosion and provide an attractive backdrop to the field. The ditch by the service road will be graded into a swale and landscaped.

Crestwood Park Master Plan

The Council Parks and Recreation Committee has recommended postponing discussions about any future design of Crestwood Park until next fall. At that time, the Mayor and Council and the Planning Board intend to schedule meetings dedicated to a full public input and exchange of ideas about what, if any, changes might be desirable. Topics may include realigning the entrance road, improving the parking, relocating the ice-skating area, and possible lighting.

Reminder:

No Dogs are allowed in Crestwood Park

Borough is Named Tree City

Allendale Borough has been designated a Tree City for 1997. At the State Arbor Day celebration in Trenton on April 28th, Mayor Albert Klomburg and Chairman of the Shade Tree Commission Richard Warner accepted a plaque and a flag on behalf of all the residents of the borough, one of 13 towns so honored. School children who were winners of a state-wide poster competition received awards.



Tree City is an award granted by the National Arbor Day Foundation to communities across the nation who must meet four criteria:

- Have a municipal tree ordinance in place.
- Budget a forestry program with an annual amount of \$2 per capita minimum.
- Hold an Arbor Day observance with public proclamation.
- Charge a tree board or commission with the responsibility of maintaining an ongoing community tree management program.

The Members of the Allendale Garden Club...

...have planted their annual flower displays in the clock island downtown and along the sidewalk in front of the Library and Borough Hall.

LEE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

New Titles Based on Users' Survey

- More current videos
- Books on personal finance, legal concerns, college admissions, weddings, & travel
- Expanded magazine collection

REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS

Monday through Thursday - 10 AM to 9 PM

Friday, 10 AM to 5 PM

Saturday, 10 AM to 2 PM

SUMMER HOURS - JULY 1 TO LABOR DAY

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Close at 5 PM

Closed on Saturdays

The library's database is accessible 24 hours a day for dial-in computer searches, material requests, and full-text magazine article viewing.

1996 RECYCLING FACTS & FIGURES

Do you know Allendale residents recycled...



- 11.89 tons of Aluminum Cans. At 24 cans per pound = 570,720 individual cans.
 - 253.10 total tons of Glass. Clear 122.12, Green 85.94, Brown 45.04.
 - 29.24 tons of Tin Cans. At approximately 10-20 cans per pound = 877,200 individual cans.
 - 49.45 tons of Plastic Containers. Filling roughly 100 tractor trailers of uncompacted plastic containers.
 - 82.40 tons of Scrap Metal. This material consists of all types of scrap metal such as, washing machines, dryers, lawn mowers, pots, pans and other assorted metal items other than tin and aluminum cans.
 - Paper Products. 159.67 tons of magazines, junk mail, computer paper, etc; 379.68 tons of newspapers (collected by the Boy Scouts); 143.27 tons of cardboard
 - 8.12 tons of Car Tires. At approximately 100 car tires per ton = 812 tires collected at the Recycling Drop-off Site on West Crescent Avenue
- ♻️ Allendale residents kept 1,116.82 tons of materials out of the waste stream and realized a savings of \$103.38 per ton = \$115,457 of "Cost Avoidance"!
- ♻️ Revenue from the sale of these materials realized a return of \$21,000.



TOTAL COLLECTION RATE IS A SOLID 50+% FOR THESE MATERIALS!
WE CAN DO BETTER STILL TO REDUCE COSTS, INCREASE REVENUE,
AND PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT.

- 2,263.52 tons of leaves, grass, brush, logs and stumps were recycled at our Compost Site or at a Recycling Market approved by the NJ DEP. These materials are not considered garbage and the borough must pay for disposal. Prices are currently at an all time low with an average cost of \$4.50 per ton.

♻️ Contact Keith Cauwenberghs, Sr., Recycling Coordinator at 818-4411 with any questions. ♻️

BOROUGH COMPOST AREA

West Crescent Avenue,
North of Crestwood Park

Accepts: Grass Clippings, Leaves, & Brush

REQUIRES PERMIT AT \$25 FOR SEASON

Must be displayed to enter site
May be obtained at Borough Hall

Hours

Saturday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Sunday 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Reminder to Dog Owners,

"Pooper-Scooper" Law

Borough Ordinance requires dog owners to clean up after a pet on any road, sidewalk, lawn, or park and dispose of waste properly.

Please Respect Others

RABIES CLINIC
ON NOVEMBER 1.

