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Mayor's Column

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We continue our commitment to explore all advantageous shared service opportunities.

This Spring, Allendale joined a consortium of Northwest Bergen communities for the repaving of a number of our streets. The resultant cost was more than 28% below prices received by individual towns. Because the cost was well below the budgeted figure, we were able to add several streets scheduled for next year. The additional unused budget remains, as we were restricted legally to 25% over the original quantity.

An Interlocal services agreement was recently signed with Ho-Ho-Kus which provides for the sharing of their Municipal Court Administrator between our two communities. Both Allendale and Ho-Ho-Kus will experience significant savings in salaries and benefits as well as incidental expenses.

The formalization of an interlocal structure between all thirteen Northwest Bergen communities has been slowed by summer vacations, but I have high hopes that the Administrators and Mayors will get back to work on the project now that September is here.

The other area of potential savings lies within our community between the schools and the municipal government. I look forward to working with Northern Highlands' new Superintendent Dr. Robert McGuire in exploring areas of mutual benefit both in services and savings.

Allendale has always been blessed by residents who believe in volunteering for the good of the community. In the future, I would like this newsletter to regularly recognize those individuals whose actions contribute to the well being of our borough. The balance of this report was already full, so I will use this column to recognize six high school students: Justin Jung, Hannah and Jimmy Song of Allendale and Northern Highlands; Ram Narayanan and John Koster of Glen Rock High School, and Sang Joon Yim of Ridgewood High School, who spent many hours, under the guidance of Stiles Thomas, dredging and cleaning up the Wood Duckling Pond at the Celery Farm.

Working from December 14th through the summer heat, they bought their own waders, broke the ice in the cold of winter and successfully completed this important project. They have also volunteered to help maintain the pond on a regular basis.

I anticipate a number of vacancies in our various Boards over the next several months. The list of interested residents which was developed from a four year old questionnaire has shrunk due to appointments, as well as people leaving town or changing their minds about serving. If you are interested in participating on one of our Boards, please call me at home (327-3079), or at the Borough Hall (818-4400).

Available at this time are positions on the Board of Health, Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, Shade Tree Commission, the Library Board and the Historic Preservation Commission. If you are unable to commit on a regular basis, but are available for special projects, please let us know.

Allendale Water Restrictions Answers to Your Questions

Q. How does Allendale get its water?

A. From underground aquifers tapped by wells. Like all the municipalities in Northwest Bergen County, Allendale is supplied by water from the Brunswick and Ramapo aquifers and not from reservoirs. Because the water in these aquifers is a finite quantity and must be shared by the region, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has oversight over the water supply. By issuing permits, the DEP has allocated specific amounts to municipalities that include requirements for water conservation measures. Under our DEP allocation, Allendale has potential use of five existing Borough wells supplemented by purchase of water from the Borough of Ramsey, who in turn, purchases some of its water needs from the Township of Mahwah.

The distinction between sources of water is important. Wells can pump only a certain volume of water in a given time frame. Each well has a maximum capacity with its own rate of recharging. A community relying on well water is limited by the total pumping capacity of all its wells. Water is stored in tanks that provide the water into the lines at a proper pressure.

Q. What wells do we use?

A. Wells from Allendale, Ramsey, and Mahwah (and Ridgewood in an emergency). At one point in history the Borough had several operating wells, but over time these became infiltrated by volatile organics affecting water quality. For a number of years, Allendale has relied on only two remaining wells, #11 and #17 to produce water year-round. With improved water treatment technology, a third well #15 has been temporarily treated and brought on line in the summertime for the last four years. However, there is not yet a permanent treatment facility for year-round use for this well or the two other allocated wells, #2 and #4.

Allendale has a contract to purchase water from Ramsey, who in turn has a contract with Mahwah to buy 1.4 million gallons a day. Our Borough must buy a minimum of 341,000 gallons per day and can use up to a maximum of 682,000 from Ramsey. Should there be a problem in supply from Mahwah, that Township might reduce to Ramsey, who might send less to Allendale. Such an occurrence is rare if all the towns are on restrictions during periods of peak use and is more likely in the event of a water main break or serious equipment failure.

Q. What about the well-remediation? Is that completed?

A. Last fall the Mayor and Council voted to begin a well-remediation project that - using the recent technology - will permanently restore wells #15, #2, and #4. The vote authorized the Borough's water consulting engineer to begin the actual design of the facility and to obtain the necessary permits from the DEP. This spring the Borough advertised for bids for construction. The contract was recently awarded, and this

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The Allendale Fire Department is in need of volunteers. Please call 934-7015, or stop by the Fire House

Water Restrictions

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\$873,000 project will break ground this fall at the base of New St.

Q. What about the water tanks?

A. The Borough has two water tanks for storage and pressure. The Fairhaven Tank, located off Fairhaven Drive, is a newly refurbished million-gallon tank linked by a large main with Ramsey. By a series of valves and pipes the water can be sent directly into the Borough system, stored in the tank, or sent to the 400,000 gallon elevated tank on the hill above Biscayne Drive in Ramsey. A balance in the water level between these two tanks is maintained to ensure available water supply under the proper pressure. Some residents in the area of East Crescent Avenue may recall a drop in water pressure last August when a windstorm knocked out electric power throughout the region and stopped the pumps from maintaining the level in the elevated tank.

Q. What do the numbers tell us?

A. Wells supply water at rates that differ from well to well. In a 24 hour cycle, with no rest, Well #11 can pump a maximum of 240 gallons per minute or 345,600 gallons per day while Well #17 produces 144 gallons per minute or 207,360 gallons per day without resting.

Well #15 produces 188 gallons per minute or 270,720 gallons per day. Well #2 and Well #4 should produce 100 gallons per minute and 144,000 gallons per day each.

With the completion of the remediation project next spring, Allendale's wells should have the ability to produce over 1 million gallons each day. This capacity is enough to supply the Borough in the winter months but not always during the summer lawn-watering season.

Q. How much water do we use?

A. In the winter months Borough residents and businesses use an average of 626,000 gallons of water per day. With the warm weather and outdoor watering, consumption rapidly increases to over 1 million gallons per day.

On July 13, 1998 Allendale residents and businesses set a new record of 1,522,000 gallons used in one day! The Borough's three wells pumped several days straight without rest as water levels dropped. On that single day, the Water Department took 773,000 gallons from Ramsey and was forced to buy 132,000 from Ridgewood. Fortunately both municipalities were able to help out. Such help is not always possible when their own supplies are stretched by hot and dry conditions. With an emergency watering ban in place, by Friday of that week, usage was reduced to 981,000 gallons - a difference of 541,000 gallons, almost enough for one winter day!

Conclusion

Allendale has restrictions because without them the summer-time demand exceeds the capacity of the system to supply water.

Homeowners and businesses are urged to think of restrictions as *conservation* of a precious natural resource that must be managed and preserved if it is to be available in the future.

Red Barn Reservations
for 1999
See Pam at the Borough Hall
beginning October 1



Japanese Students Visit Allendale

On July 30, 8 students, a town official and the school superintendent arrived from Omachi, our Japanese Friendship City. Their visit to our area included a trip to Manhattan and Ellis island as well as a shopping spree, barbecue at the Red Barn and a complete tour of Allendale.

A special thanks is extended to the families who made them feel so welcome.



Thank you Garden Club!

A special "thank you" is extended to the Garden Club for planting and maintaining the flower gardens at the Borough Hall and around the town clock.

The flowers were beautiful during the entire summer, and they were enjoyed by all our residents.

Volunteers Needed for Cable TV Advisory Committee

The Mayor and Council have asked for volunteers to serve on Allendale's Cable Television Advisory Committee. This group will meet between September and December to oversee our cable renewal process and make recommendations concerning cable television for the future.

Members of the Committee will learn about cable television issues, and analyze the performance and service that can be expected of a cable operator. The Committee will also evaluate the responses of the community survey which is included with this newsletter, and conduct a public hearing.

All of this information will be included in a municipal report which will be filed with the State in January.

Please contact Gwen Gabbert at the Borough Hall at 818-4401 if you are interested in working on this worthwhile project.

Annual Flu/Pneumonia Clinic, Oct. 15

Allendale adults should mark their calendars for the annual Flu Clinic to be held on October 15. Scheduled from 1 to 3 p.m., the clinic will be held on the second floor of the Allendale Municipal Building.

Adults over age 65 are required to bring their Medicare card. Adults under age 65 who have a chronic disease (such as Diabetes, Anemia, Bronchitis, Emphysema, Asthma and Kidney Disease); those under immuno-suppressive therapy or having malignancies must have a prescription from their medical doctor ordering the influenza injection in order to receive the vaccine.

People who are allergic to eggs or any component of the influenza vaccine will not be given the vaccine.

Everyone receiving the vaccine must sign a consent form. For further information, call the Board of Health at 818-4418.

Numbers That Can Save Your Life

In an emergency, the difference of a second may be all that is needed to save a life. With that in mind, take a few moments and walk outside to the other side of the street. Look at your house. Are the numbers clearly visible? Are they painted the same color as the house? Are they still there?

Those numbers are crucial when an officer is responding to you in an emergency. Imagine how difficult it would be to answer a call in the middle of the night when the exact location of the family in need is not easily determined.

Take a few moments to make sure that your house numbers are clearly visible and if necessary, make a change. It will most certainly be worth the effort.

1998 Fall Leaf Pickup Schedule

Bagged Leaves Only Place at Curb on Sundays of Your



West of the Railroad Tracks

East of the Railroad Tracks

October 18 to October 24	October 11 to October 17
November 1 to November 7	October 25 to October 31
November 15 to November 21	November 8 to November 14
November 29 to December 5	November 22 to November 28

Please use biodegradable plastic or paper bags.

Please do not rake leaves into the street. It is against the law.

The leaf disposal area is located on West Crescent Avenue, north of Crestwood Lake. It is open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. through December 21st. A permit is required to use the composting facility, and is available at the Borough Hall for \$25.00

Free Rabies Clinic, Saturday, November 7

The Allendale Board of Health will be sponsoring a free Rabies Clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, November 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Ambulance Building on the corner of Arcadia and Franklin Turnpike. A veterinarian from the Allendale Animal Hospital has agreed to provide this service. Dogs should be on leashes accompanied by someone capable of controlling them, and cats should be in carriers.

Registration of Burglar and Fire Alarms

Burglar and fire alarms are very important life saving tools that every house should have and use. Having an alarm will give you the peace of mind that when you are sleeping or out of the house and the alarm goes off, that the police and other departments will be there to check on you.

Any houses which are equipped with an alarm are required to register it annually with the Police Department at a charge of \$10. When you register the alarm you are asked to provide important information to the Police which will be helpful in case of an emergency.

Residents should be aware that there are also charges for false or accidental activations of your alarm. Currently, registrants are allowed 3 false alarms per year. In the event that the Police continue to get false alarm activations, there are charges for each subsequent alarm. To avoid these charges, please make sure that your alarm is set and adjusted properly. Should you activate your alarm accidentally, call the Police Department and tell them your code. This will tell the Police everything is okay and there is no need for them to respond. If you have any questions about alarms, please contact the Police Department to talk to an officer. They would be more than happy to assist you.

Caution Urged With Wild Animals

Due to the possibility of exposure to rabies, residents are urged to avoid direct contact with all wild animals, especially during the summer months.

Several reports of bites and scratches have been referred to the Allendale Board of Health this summer. Animals such as bats, skunks and raccoons are nocturnal, and it is unusual for any of them to be active during daylight hours. Avoid all human or animal contact, and notify the Allendale Police Department immediately. The Police Department will contact the proper agency to handle the situation.

Rabies post-exposure treatment should be considered for any physical exposure with a wild animal when there has been a bite, scratch or contact with mucous membranes. If you have had such contact with a wild animal, it is important to follow these steps:

- Try to confine and isolate the animal, without damage to its head, to restrict additional exposure.
- Immediately cleanse the wound thoroughly with soap and water and promptly seek medical attention from a physician or emergency room.
- Report the bite or exposure to your local health department as soon as possible.
- Arrange with the local health department for delivery and testing of the animal.

If your dog or cat is exposed to a wild animal, follow the same procedures for capturing the animal and arranging for rabies testing. The best preventive measure against rabies is to have your pet vaccinated against rabies before any exposure.

Flashing Traffic Signal Prompts Questions

The flashing traffic light located at the intersection of Franklin Turnpike and Orchard Street, just south of Police Headquarters, was installed in late 1995 as part of a Bergen County road improvement program. Three years later, the blinking light still prompts questions and complaints from area residents, many who feel there should be a fully operational light, and others who feel there should be no light at all.

During a four year evaluation period prior to 1995, there were 20 accidents in the intersection serious enough to mandate a State Traffic Accident Report. Most of the accidents occurred during daylight hours, with clear and dry weather and road conditions. From the 20 reported accidents, a total of 15 persons were injured and transported to the hospital or trauma centers. Two persons died of their injuries at the scene.

Investigations revealed that disregard of the West Orchard Street Stop sign was the cause for 16 of the accidents, including the two fatalities. Some of the drivers who disregarded the stop sign were area residents who were familiar with the intersection. Once the light was activated however, all injury accident activity at the intersection ceased. The addition of the light has made a difference to the safety of the public. Any resident with a question concerning a traffic control device within the Borough should contact Traffic Sergeant Griffith at Police Headquarters.

General Election Day, Nov. 3

The last day to register to vote is October 5.
The deadline for an absentee ballot application to be received by mail at the County Clerk's Office is Oct. 27

Household Hazardous Waste Day

The Bergen County Utility Authority's final 1998 Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held on September 13 in the parking lot of Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Road in Paramus. The collection will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In general, the following items are acceptable for collection: paints, pesticides, aerosols, solvents, automotive fluids, batteries and propane gas cylinders.

Children's Halloween Safety Tips

Since Halloween is just around the corner, the Allendale Board of Health wants your children to be aware of the following safety tips.

1. Always Trick or Treat with a friend.
2. Have your parents check your treats.
3. Only go to houses you know.
4. Stay in areas that are well lit.



Crestwood Lake Concludes Another Wonderful Summer Season

Mr. Harry Comiskey, Director of Crestwood Lake, reports that the excellent water conditions at the lake made this summer particularly memorable. Swimming lessons were very successful, and participants may still pick up their swimming cards at the Lake Office. The swim team enjoyed another great season and competed in the County swim tournament. Students in the gifted and talented program, as well as those in the AleOop program participated in free swimming.

The staff at Crestwood Lake looks forward to offering Allendale residents another summer of sand and sun next year.



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From Your Borough Government

Office of Cable Television
Cable Television Survey

1. Are you presently a subscriber to cable television? yes no not available
If yes, number of sets connected to cable. _____
If no, have you ever subscribed to cable within the municipality? yes no
2. Have you changed your cable service since your cable was installed (i.e. level of service)? yes no If yes, why _____
What changes did you make? _____
3. Have you changed your cable service since your cable was installed (i.e. level of service)?
 yes no
If yes, how does the local cable company compare to the other system?
 better worse same
Comments on the other cable company _____
4. Why do you subscribe to cable television? no reception or poor reception without it
 movies variety of programs sports other (specify) _____
5. Are you satisfied with the local cable company service? yes no
6. Have you had any problems with your cable service in the past six months? yes no
7. Which, if any, of these problems have you had in the past six months? complete loss of cable for several hours (outage) picture quality poor on all stations picture quality poor on specific stations equipment problems other (specify) _____
8. Would you say these outages occur frequently only during bad weather
 occasionally hardly ever
9. Has the local cable company field technician/representative made a service call to your home in the past six months? yes no If yes, for what reason? _____
10. How many days did you wait for a service appointment? less than one day 1 to 2 days 3 to 5 days 6 to 10 days over 10 days
If longer than three days, was it for a specific appointment (i.e. Saturday, at your special request) yes no
11. Have you contacted the local cable company with complaints or questions by telephone?
 yes no
12. Have you had any billing problems with your local cable company? yes no

13. Please rate the local cable company's service in the following areas (G=good; S=satisfactory; P=poor; NA=not applicable).
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| a. Reception | G | S | P | NA |
| b. Routine service response including installation | G | S | P | NA |
| c. Emergency service response | G | S | P | NA |
| d. Telephone accessibility | G | S | P | NA |
| e. Billing adjustments | G | S | P | NA |
| f. Courtesy of employees | G | S | P | NA |
| g. Basic programming selection | G | S | P | NA |
| h. Premium programming selection | G | S | P | NA |
14. Have you ever watched locally originated programming? yes no
 Have you ever watched public, educational and governmental programming? yes no
15. Would you be interested in seeing more municipality specific programming? yes no
16. Rank local programming in order of importance to you.
 5=very important 1=not important
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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| a. local news _____ | e. children's programming _____ |
| b. Board of Education _____ | f. local sports _____ |
| c. local public opinion _____ | g. educational programs _____ |
| d. senior citizens program _____ | h. Council meetings _____ |
| | i. other (specify) _____ |
17. How important are the following to you?
 5=very important 1=not important
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|---|----------------------|
| a. expansion of channel capacity/programs _____ | d. local programming |
| b. quality of service _____ | Educational _____ |
| c. cost _____ | Governmental _____ |
| | Public _____ |
18. What types of additional programming services would you like to see?
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| a. sports programming _____ | d. children's programming _____ |
| b. informational/educational programming _____ | e. first run popular movies _____ |
| c. cultural programming _____ | f. music programming _____ |
19. Do you own a television that has stereo sound capability? yes no
20. Would you like your local cable company to provide stereo programming? yes no
21. Do you have the ability to purchase pay-per-view events? yes no
 If not, is this important to you? yes no

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE BOROUGH HALL AT 500 WEST CRESCENT AVENUE BY OCTOBER 1, 1998. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!