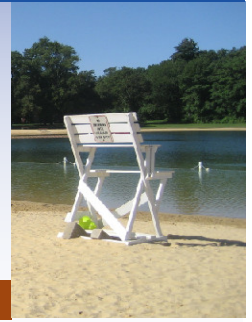




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# Allendale



SPRING NEWSLETTER 2015

## *From the Mayor's Desk*

On January 6, 2015 it was my honor to be sworn in as the 33<sup>rd</sup> Mayor of Allendale by Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno. Alongside me were Amy Wilczynski, Jackie McSwigan and Liz Homan who were sworn in as members of the Council. We are delighted to welcome Liz Homan to the Council. Liz's corporate experience as well as her many years of volunteer service to the Allendale community will serve her well on the Council. My sincere thanks to my dear friend and mentor, Mayor Emeritus Vince Barra, who has been an invaluable source of support and guidance. I also want to thank the dedicated members of this Council, and my wonderful family, friends and neighbors for being a part of such a memorable evening. It was an historic night for Allendale and I am so grateful for all the support, trust, enthusiasm and good wishes I've received since taking office.

My goal is to make certain Allendale retains its charm, character and excellent services while working to ensure our residents can afford to live here. With that said, I am pleased to announce that our 2015 municipal budget will provide for a ZERO municipal tax increase for the FIFTH year in a row. This budget will be introduced at our March 26<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. On March 14th we approved a capital budget of \$750,000 which does not deficit spend. We adopted this model nine years ago and plan to continue with this fiscal discipline. We continue to aggressively manage our debt as it continues to be the second largest item in our budget. This year we plan to re-finance bonds from 2005 to reduce our



dedication in developing a fiscally sound budget.

Our infrastructure must continue to be improved and upgraded. This year we have numerous projects including the ongoing street paving program through which we expect to pave approximately ten streets this year, bringing the total streets paved to ninety in the past nine years. In the fall, we will be refurbishing one of the major pieces of our water infrastructure, the 400,000 gallon elevated water tank. Additionally, we will commence upgrades to our New Street water treatment facility. In addition, a high speed pump for our Fairhaven water tank will be installed. The Allendale Fire department building will receive upgrades and their new truck should be arriving this spring. We remain committed to the quality of our sports fields and to one of our jewels, Crestwood Lake. We will continue to improve drainage in various areas of the Borough as well as upgrade our sidewalks to insure our children have safer routes to walk to school. Recycling is an important program in Allendale, please refer to the recycling section of this newsletter to see the increased services of recycling the Borough is offering in the ever changing recycling world.

I am pleased to announce that Allendale was recently awarded a

grant of \$220,000 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Aid Infrastructure Fund for the resurfacing of Boroline Road. Special thanks to Senator O'Toole for his support of our grant application. This funding will allow us to upgrade the commercial infrastructure without taking funds from our municipal street paving program.

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We welcome two new members of management, Ron Kistner as our Director of Operations and Mike Vreeland as our Borough Engineer. Ron and Mike both bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to our team. In addition, we are pleased to have Tatiana Marquis join us as the new administrative assistant in our Department of Public Works.

As the members of our Department of Public Works get ready to prepare our facilities for spring, I'd like to thank them for the countless hours they have spent these past four months dealing with difficult winter we have had. Their professionalism and commitment were evident during every storm.

I hope to meet more of our residents through "Meet the Mayor Mornings" which I plan to schedule throughout the coming months. I welcome resident's ideas and feedback. Please check the Borough website for more information.

These past 100 days have been both rewarding and challenging. I look forward to working with our residents and this great Council to ensure a continued bright future for Allendale.

Let's enjoy the warmer months ahead!

Liz White

# ALLENDALE VOLUNTEER SERVICES

## Allendale Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

FEMA's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates average citizens about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as:

- Fire safety
- Light search and rescue
- Team organization
- Disaster medical operations
- Disaster psychology

2015 promises to be filled with opportunities, adding new skills and enhancing those already established. With the support and collaboration of other area CERTs, we have already had classes on:

- Ebola and virus awareness
- Bergen County Police Bomb Tech presentation

Upcoming CERT classes include:

- Disaster Psychology for Humans & Animals
- Red Cross Sheltering Fundamentals
- Sykwarn Spotter
- Emergency Radio Communications training

Do you want to learn some valuable skills to better prepare yourself to help family, friends and neighbors during emergencies? Don't have a lot of time to commit to volunteering but still want to learn and do something to help? Consider joining Allendale's Community Emergency Response Team. For any questions about the CERT's training and mission, send an email to: [allendalecertcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:allendalecertcoordinator@gmail.com)

## Allendale Volunteer Ambulance Corps

During 2014 our volunteer Corps completed over 375 emergency, stand-by and community event calls. As always, our emergency service is free with patients never being charged for treatment or transport.

Our new year started quietly with new officers being sworn in at the Borough of Allendale Reorganization Meeting on January 6th and our annual dinner on January 9th. Our officers are:

Captain - Ellen Hillman  
Assistant Captain - Scott Zieber  
1st Lieutenant - Alexa Policastro  
2nd Lieutenant - Matt Hillman  
3rd Lieutenant - Patrick Donahue (Emily Davis 1/1-2/8/2015)  
President - Karen Clark  
Vice President - Sue Zitolo  
Treasurer - Aris Escalona  
Recording Secretary - Barbara Keohane  
Corresponding Secretary - Patrick Donahue

January and February quickly picked up when we were asked to help the Bergen County Office of Emergency Management by deploying to Edgewater to support the fire fighting efforts at the massive Avalon Bay apartment complex on January 21st. Our crew reported to duty at midnight to join approximately 13 other Bergen & Essex County EMS units.

February 5th brought a unique opportunity to work alongside the AFD to do a night time ice rescue at the pond at Crestwood Park. Our crews braved 15 degree temperatures to practice rescue skills late into the night.

We are looking forward to welcoming special needs children & families to an open house at AVAC in March or April. This is part of our effort to reach out to our community members. Additionally we regularly host Girl Scout, Cub Scout & Boy Scout groups and introduce them to Emergency Medical Services.

Check out our new website at [www.allendale-ems.org](http://www.allendale-ems.org) (also [www.allendaleambulance.org](http://www.allendaleambulance.org)) for helpful health information in addition to information how you can support our volunteer organization. New this year is our participation in the Amazon Smile program. Sign up on Amazon using the link on our "Donate" page and a percentage of your Amazon purchase price will be donated to AVAC. It's an easy way to help your community. Here's the link to get you started: <http://smile.amazon.com/>

Look for us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/AllendaleVolunteerAmbulance](https://www.facebook.com/AllendaleVolunteerAmbulance) and visit our website for upcoming dates for "Family & Friends CPR Instruction". This is non-certification program where you can learn the life-saving skill of CPR.

Do you think you'd like to help your community by becoming a member of AVAC? It's easy! Contact Captain Ellen Hillman at [avaccaptain@gmail.com](mailto:avaccaptain@gmail.com) or Assistant Captain Scott Zieber at [avacst.capt@gmail.com](mailto:avacst.capt@gmail.com) or leave a phone message at 201.327.3274.

### HELP WANTED - DOG CENSUS WORKERS

There will be two part-time job opportunities this summer for dog census workers at Borough Hall. Dog census workers walk door to door in town to determine if pets are licensed and current on their rabies vaccinations. These positions pay \$12.50 an hour. For more information please call the Clerk's office at Borough Hall at 201-818-4400, ext 200.

### FREE QUARTERLY ADULT HEALTH CLINICS

On the last Thursday of the month, the borough holds a free adult health clinic. It runs from 9:30am - 11am. Services include blood pressure readings, height/weight measurements, and more. For more information, please contact the Board of Health at 201-818-4400, ext. 211.

### BOROUGH HALL NEWS

After hours drop box for Tax and Water payments ONLY is located on the back or north door to Borough Hall

Visit [www.allendalenj.gov](http://www.allendalenj.gov) for additional updates on town news

# ALLENDALE DPW

## Recycling Center - 300 West Crescent Ave.

The Allendale Recycling drop-off site is open on Saturdays from 9am-3:30pm now through Saturday, March 28th. Starting Saturday, April 4th the Spring/Summer hours for the Recycling/Mulch area will be Saturdays from 9am-5pm and Sundays 1pm-5pm. Please note that it will be closed on Sunday, April 5th and Saturday, July 4th.

Disposal of brush only, at the mulch site, is allowed at the following times: Saturdays from 9am to 5pm and the last Sunday of each month from 1pm to 5pm only. No plastic bags allowed, please use brown biodegradable bags or place in a container to transport grass and leaves. NO LANDSCAPERS OR CONTRACTORS are allowed.

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection

9am-3pm, rain or shine

- Sunday 4/26 at Bergen Community College
- Saturday 5/16 \*Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation

### Computer/Electronic, Tire Recycling, Paper Shredding

- 9am-2pm, rain or shine
- Saturday 4/18 at Bergen Community College
- Saturday 6/6 \*Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation

\*Call the BCUA Environmental Program Hotline at 201-807-5825 or go to [www.bcu.org](http://www.bcu.org) for additional information.

### Paper Shred Day in the Borough

- Saturday, May 30 from 9am-1pm, rain or shine, at Borough Hall

### NHRHS is hosting an E-Waste Collection

- Saturday, May 16th from 8am-12 noon
- The front parking lot of the high school. Contact Joseph Occhino at 201-327-8700 for further information.

## Second Garbage Collection Begins 4th week in May

### Borough Holiday

Memorial Day 5/25

\*If your regular collection is on a Borough holiday, your collection day will be the next day. Monday collection will be Tuesday, Tuesday will be Wednesday, and it will continue as such throughout the week with the Friday collection being on Saturday.

## Residential Mulch Permits Available

A residential mulch permit is required to dispose of grass, leaves, and brush at the mulch area on West Crescent Ave. Permits are available for \$30 at Boro Hall, Monday – Friday 9am - 4:30pm.

The mulch area opens on April 4th, the first Sunday in April. Disposal of grass and leaves is allowed on Saturdays from 9am - 5pm and Sundays from 1pm - 5pm. Disposal of brush only is allowed at the following times: Saturdays from 9am - 5pm, and the last Sunday of each month from 1pm - 5pm only.

## NEW CONTACT AT DPW

All recycling and garbage collection questions can be directed to Tatiana Marquis at [publicworks@allendalenj.gov](mailto:publicworks@allendalenj.gov) or 201-818-4410

## ELECTION INFORMATION FOR 2015

Primary Election: Tues., June 2, 2015  
Poll hours 6am - 8pm

General Election: Tues., Nov. 3, 2015  
Poll hours 6am - 8pm

District 1: Fire House  
District 2 & 4: Guardian Angel Church  
District 3: Borough Hall Council Chambers

## VOTER REGISTRATION:

The last day to register to vote in the Primary and General Election is 21 days before the election. You must be 18 years old by the date of the next election and have resided in Allendale for at least 30 days prior to the election. Mail-In Ballot applications may be obtained from the Borough Clerk or County Clerk and must be received no later than seven days prior to the election. For forms and applications needed for elections, please visit the Borough Website and click on the Forms/Licensing/Permits page.

Save your weekend for fun!  
No need to go the recycle center. Better for you, Better for Allendale!

### PAPER RECYCLING

- Newspapers & inserts
- Junk mail, coupons, envelopes
- Smooth & corrugated cardboard
- Office, notebook, construction paper, ledger & Envelopes
- Computer, fax, photo copy paper
- Soft covered and telephone books
- Brown grocery bags
- Non-metallic wrapping paper and greeting cards
- Shredded paper



PLACE WITH YOUR PAPER RECYCLING

## TO CLARIFY CURBSIDE RECYCLING...

Both Paper Recycling AND

Container Recycling are picked up on the SAME Day



### TWO TRUCK PICK-UPS

◀ One pickup for Paper Recycling

One pickup for ▶ Container Recycling



You are allowed to put out multiple containers of recycling material

TWO PICK-UPS A MONTH, MEANS LESS VISITS TO THE RECYCLING CENTER!! PLEASE USE CURBSIDE ONLY IF POSSIBLE.

### CONTAINER RECYCLING

- Food & beverage
- Plastic containers / recycling code 1-7
- Aluminum cans and foil
- Disposable aluminum products
- Metal cans & empty aerosol cans
- Glass bottles and jars

### NO PLASTIC BAGS

Please do not put your recycling in plastic bags



PLACE WITH YOUR CONTAINER RECYCLING

Please place your recycling in rigid containers!

# ALLENDALE FIRE DEPT.

## Message from the Fire Chief:

As you turned your clocks ahead, don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors to keep your family safe! A working detector greatly increases your chances of surviving a fire in your home or detecting a carbon monoxide leak. Here are some other important tips to consider:

- Dust or vacuum your smoke/CO detectors when changing the batteries.
- Test alarms once a month using the test button.
- Replace the entire alarm if it's more than 7 years old, or doesn't work properly when tested.
- Install smoke and CO alarms on every level of your home, including the basement, kitchen area, and outside of bedrooms.
- Make sure everyone in your home understands what the warning sounds of the alarms are.
- Develop an escape plan that includes where everyone will meet outside and what to bring in case of an emergency.
- If an alarm sounds, dial 911 immediately.

I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation. With these simple and easy tips, the Borough of Allendale will remain a safe place to live.

The Allendale Fire Department is 100% volunteer, and we are always looking for new members. It doesn't matter if you have experience or are brand new to the job; there is always room for you in our department. If you have ever thought about becoming a firefighter and want to help out in the community, now is your chance to make it happen. This is great way to support the local community, and even prepare for a paid career in the fire service. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me directly at [firechief@allendalnj.gov](mailto:firechief@allendalnj.gov). Thank you, and stay safe!



Thomas Smith, Chief of the Allendale Fire Department

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# LIBRARY NEWS

## Kindle Lending Service

Looking for a way to read on the go? Check out a Kindle Paperwhite, pre-loaded with over 50 recent best-sellers. Kindles go out for 2 weeks and are available to any adult with an Allendale library card.

## Children's Room Renovation

An exciting renovation of the library's Children's Room, brought to you by the Friends of the Library and the residents of Allendale, is almost here! Stay tuned for a grand opening this spring, featuring all new furniture, computers, and much more.

## Zinio: Magazines on Your Device

Love eBCCLS? Check out Zinio, our brand new database that allows you to check out hundreds of popular magazines on your computer, tablet, or smart phone. Visit [www.bccls.org/ebccls.shtml](http://www.bccls.org/ebccls.shtml) to get started.

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