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# Allendale

SPRING 2018



After a challenging winter, spring is FINALLY here! I'd like to thank our first responders, many of whom are volunteers, for their efforts during the recent winter storms. Our Volunteer Fire Department responded to 42 calls in 24 hours, our Volunteer Ambulance Corps responded to 15 calls in 36 hours, 12 CERT Team volunteers staffed warming and charging stations over a 3-day period. Our Police Department received 370 calls over a 48-hour period and DPW Team worked for 48 hours straight clearing roads and moving debris. Special thanks to Ron Kistner, Chief Scherb, and the members of the governing body along with their entire teams for the countless hours they spent coordinating the Borough's response on the local, County, and State levels.

I'm thrilled that Standard & Poors has just affirmed the Borough's "AAA" bond rating and assigned a rating of "SP-1+" for Notes. S&P commented "that they continue to be very impressed with the Borough and its operations." The Borough will continue to reap huge financial benefits and savings due to this favorable rating. This did not happen "overnight". It happened as a result of 12 years of prudent fiscal governance.

The 2018 Municipal Budget was introduced with a minimal increase of 0.5% which equates to approximately \$38 for an average home assessed at \$658,873. Approximately 25% of each tax dollar goes to municipal services, 65% to schools and 10% to the County. The Finance Committee, chaired by Council President Ari Bernstein and co-chaired by Councilwoman Amy Wilczynski

worked for months to craft this fiscally sound and financially prudent budget. We want to thank our CFO Alissa Mayer, our department heads, and committee chairs who started with a zero-based budget and spent months going line by line through the budget. The Finance Advisory Committee, a group of residents with financial expertise, reviewed the budget. As in past years, they provided meaningful contribution to the budget process. The development of the annual budget is truly a collaborative effort.

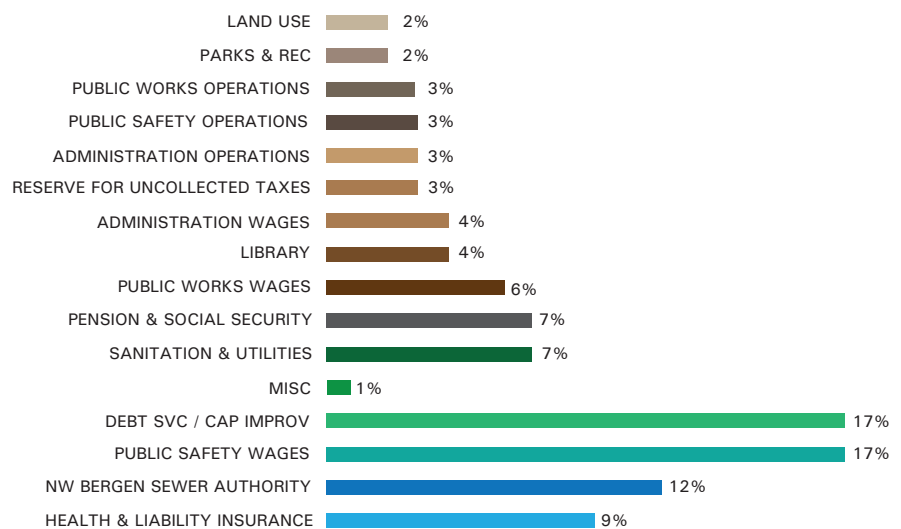
We are committed to ongoing investment in infrastructure, and this year we will have paved 120 streets over the past 12 years. Investments in services, facilities, and equipment continue to be made in a fiscally prudent manner. Our Volunteer Fire Department received a ladder truck purchased from a town in Texas. Purchasing this "gently used" truck compared to buying a new one saved the Borough over



\$1,000,000. Our enthusiastic thanks to the members of the AFD, Chief Shute, Assistant Chief Rubino and Captain Smith for the countless hours they spent researching and acquiring this much needed truck. We've also received a grant from the NJDOT for \$220,000 for Downtown Streetscape and will be upgrading the floor and tables at the Van Houten Pavilion, with funds received from the County Open Space grant program.

We have spent months working with the residents who volunteered for the Vision Committee. This committee, which was open to all residents who expressed interest, was charged with reviewing the options for the use of 220 and 230 West Crescent Avenue. We shared creative ideas and exchanged helpful information. We plan to provide affordable senior rental units, community space, which would include a Senior Cen-

## HOW YOUR 2018 MUNICIPAL TAX DOLLAR IS SPENT



ter, moving Borough Hall offices, as well as the possibility of indoor recreation space. We anticipate presenting these plans to our residents in the very near future.

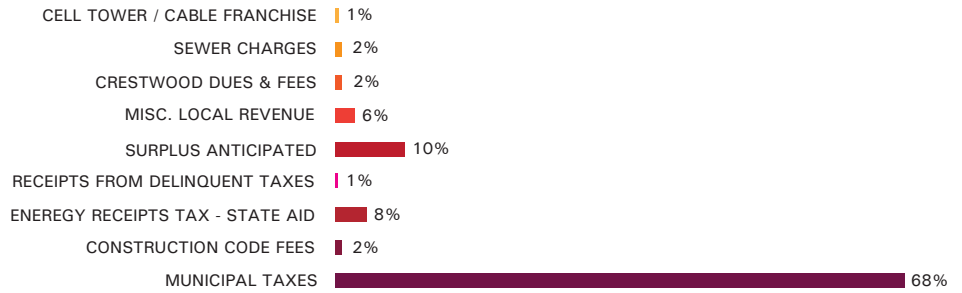
I'd like to welcome Ed O'Connell to our Council. Ed has valuable experience in government as a former Councilman and Freeholder. Ed has already shown that he is a team player and is ready to work for the residents of Allendale. We would also like to thank former Councilwoman Jackie McSwiggan for her years of service to Allendale. I also want to thank the rest of the Allendale Council. There is no better team of forward thinking, hardworking people who work

together for the betterment of Allendale.

We have lots of fun and exciting events planned in the upcoming weeks, including the VFW Memorial Day Parade and memorable events at Crestwood Lake. See you at the Lake!



## 2018 REVENUE SOURCES



**Please stay informed!** The Borough utilizes multiple social media accounts to distribute information. They are: Borough of Allendale and Allendale Police Facebook pages, AllendaleNJBoro Twitter account, Swift-reach notifications, and most importantly, the Borough's website [www.allendalenj.gov](http://www.allendalenj.gov). If you don't have a Facebook or Twitter account, our website lists all posts to these accounts. Information received via other sites may not have the correct information, therefore please use the Borough's sites. As always I, and the rest of the Council members, are happy to meet with residents, please contact the Borough Clerk, Anne Dodd, for an appointment.

## TICK-BORNE DISEASES

**With springtime approaching, the Allendale Board of Health wanted to give you some important information about tick-borne diseases and strategies for the prevention of these illnesses.**



### What are tick-borne diseases and how are they spread?

A tick-borne disease is a bacterial illness that is spread to humans through infected ticks. The most common tick-borne diseases in New Jersey are: Lyme disease, Ehrlichiosis, Anaplasmosis, Rocky Mt. Spotted Fever and Babesiosis. Ticks become infected by bacteria or protozoan parasites when feeding on small infected mammals such as mice. Anyone who is bitten by an infected tick may get a tick-borne disease. People who spend a lot of time outdoors have a greater risk of becoming infected.

### What are the symptoms of tick-borne diseases?

Skin rash, general tiredness, fever or chills, headache, stiff neck, muscle aches, joint pain, and dizziness. Symptoms can occur from 3 days to 50 days depending on the disease. Most tick-borne diseases are diagnosed through blood tests and by discussing symptoms with a healthcare provider. Tick-borne diseases caused by bacteria (Lyme, Ehrlichiosis, Anaplasmosis, Rocky Mt. Spotted Fever) can be treated with antibiotics. When bitten by a tick, early treatment is very effective.

### How can tick-borne diseases be prevented?

Avoid wooded areas with dense shrubs, high grass, and a lot of leaves. When hiking, stay in the center of the trail to avoid overgrown vegetation. Take extra precautions from May to July when the ticks that transmit disease are most active. Keep lawns mowed and free from brush. Apply EPS-registered insect repellent on exposed skin and clothing. DEET may be used on skin however products with permethrin should only be used on clothing and outdoor gear. Wear long, solid, and light colored clothing with pants tucked into socks. Perform tick checks after being outdoors, and remove ticks from clothing before going indoors. Wash clothing with hot water and dry them using high heat for one hour. Inspect all parts of your body especially your armpits, scalp, and groin.

### How do I remove a tick?

Use fine-tipped tweezers. Grab the tick close to the skin. Gently pull straight up until all of the parts of the tick are removed. After removing the tick, clean skin with soap and warm water. Do not use petroleum jelly, matches, or nail polish remover to remove a tick.

### For additional information:

NJDOH Communicable Disease Service <http://nj.gov/health/cd/>  
 CDC Tick-Borne Diseases <http://www.cdc.gov/ticks/diseases/>

## HOW TO DISPOSE OF MEDICAL WASTE

The following procedures have been recommended for the disposal of used medical and home used needles and syringes.

Needles and syringes must be placed in a rigid protective container that is made of metal, tin or hard plastic such as a coffee can, detergent or bleach bottle. The lid must be placed back on, taped and marked with a large label "Medical Waste/Sharps Container/DO NOT RECYCLE". This can be disposed of safely in your regular trash pickup.

Englewood Hospital offers a program that distributes sharps containers to individuals. When they are full they may be brought back and exchanged for empty ones. Or, you can ask your physician if she/he will take your used syringes once they are properly placed in a container. For more information, call (201) 894-3189.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please call (201) 818-4400, ext. 211.

# DPW UPDATE

## **WEST SIDE GARBAGE COLLECTION:**

Twice a week collection begins the week of May 21st, through the second week of September 10. Collection will be done Mondays & Thursdays

## **EAST SIDE GARBAGE COLLECTION:**

Twice a week collection begins the week of May 21st, through the second week of September 10. Collection will be done Tuesdays and Fridays.

## **NO COLLECTION WILL BE DONE ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:**

- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day

## **Compost Site opens Saturday, April 7th.**

Compost permits are available for purchase in the Clerk's Office at Borough Hall Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm. Permits are \$30 for the season and the application form can be found at:  
<http://www.allendalenj.gov/formslicensingpermits/>



## **PLEASE HELP REDUCE OUR SEWER SERVICE CHARGES!!**

Allendale's sewer service charges for the Northwest Bergen Utilities Authority account for almost 12% of our municipal budget. In part, our charges are based on water usage and sewage flow. You can help minimize this charge by being diligent in checking for water leaks in your sprinkler systems, faucets and toilets. Using low-flow toilets, aerators on shower heads and faucets and ensuring washing machines and dishwashers are full before operating are other ways you can help reduce the sewage flow. In addition, please check to be sure that sump pumps do not drain into a utility sink or directly into the sewer line of the home or business as water pumped into the sewer line is metered and included in our sewer charges. A sump pump that is incorrectly hooked up may actually be pumping underground spring water into our sewer system, having a significant impact on the Borough's sewage charges. Please check the Borough's website under the Water Department for more information on leak detection for homeowners and/or call to have your sump pump installation checked.

## **Allendale PD News**

The Allendale Police Department is establishing a Community Affairs Division to be further connected to the community. If you do not already follow on Facebook or Twitter (@AllendalePolice), please take a moment to do so. More information, mission statement, etc. will be forthcoming using those platforms. If you have any questions or would like further information personally on what this Division will entail please contact P.O. Vinny Rizzo at 201-825-1900 or [vrizzo@allendalepd.org](mailto:vrizzo@allendalepd.org)

## **Message from the Fire Chief**

As you've turned your clocks ahead, don't forget to change the batteries in your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors to keep your family safe! 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.
- 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.
- If you smell or see smoke, exit your home and dial 911 immediately.

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. No experience necessary. Please contact me directly at [firechief@allendalenj.gov](mailto:firechief@allendalenj.gov) Thank you, and stay safe!

*Ryan Shute, Chief of the Allendale Fire Department*



## **CERT NEWS**

Ever wanted to learn some valuable skills to help yourself, family, friends, and neighbors prepare for emergencies and disasters?

Consider joining Allendale's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

With an introduction to a range of preparedness skills and a time commitment set by you, the CERT concept allows average citizens an opportunity to contribute to their community's public safety in a way that wouldn't otherwise be possible.

CERT "Basic" training is typically given in the spring and again in the fall and is completely FREE of charge. The course runs approximately 20 hours, each class about 2-3 hours once a week, covering topics such as Disaster Preparedness, Terrorism Awareness, the Incident Command System, Disaster Psychology, Fire Prevention, Search and Rescue, Basic First Aid and more. Optional additional training has included skills such as Shelter Fundamentals & Management, Bleeding Control, CPR, Electrical Safety, Mental Health First Aid, and Amateur Radio. You decide how far to take your CERT training.

We're always looking for new, active members and are available to answer any questions. Contact [allendalecertcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:allendalecertcoordinator@gmail.com)

We're happy to announce that the Borough has a new Facebook page. Please add this to your list of sites to follow and "like" the page. This site will allow us to better communicate with our "Friends."

[facebook.com/AllendaleNJBorough/](https://facebook.com/AllendaleNJBorough/)



# Crestwood Lake

SUMMER 2018

## ★ Registration Now Open! ★

Please go to the Borough website at [www.allendalenj.gov](http://www.allendalenj.gov). Go to the Crestwood Lake and Park Tab. Then click on Crestwood Lake→registration. If you do not have a computer or are having difficulties, please go to Borough Hall between 10am and 4pm. **If you forgot your password from last year**, do not create a new account. Please email [michelleryan@allendalenj.gov](mailto:michelleryan@allendalenj.gov) for a new password.

| 2018 Rates                 | RESIDENT RATE  | RESIDENT RATE | NON-RESIDENT RATE |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
|                            | THROUGH MAY 29 | AFTER MAY 29  |                   |
| 1st Family Member          | \$200          | \$215         | \$300             |
| 2nd Family Member          | \$130          | \$145         | \$195             |
| *Additional Family Members | \$60           | \$65          | \$100             |
| Extra Adult                | \$175          | \$175         | \$210             |
| Senior Rate                | \$65           | \$70          | \$85              |

\* A family member is considered to be a parent, domestic partner and/or child or children under the age of 26. Proof of residency may be required. Accounts will be audited, any improper registrations may result in membership cancellation.

## CRESTWOOD CRUISERS

### Come join Crestwood Cruisers Swim & Dive Team...

Register at the same time as your Crestwood membership. All swimmers & divers must be lake members. If under 13, an adult must also have a lake membership.

Season runs June 4th through the end of July

|                 | Swim | Dive | Swim/Dive |
|-----------------|------|------|-----------|
| 5 & 6 year olds | \$60 | \$45 | \$100     |
| 7 & older       | \$85 | \$50 | \$130     |

[www.crestwoodcruisers.com](http://www.crestwoodcruisers.com)

## Crestwood Lake Hours

### EARLY SEASON

May 26 – June 17

Monday – Friday, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Weekends/Holidays, 10:00am - 7:00pm

### REGULAR SEASON

June 18 – August 12

Monday – Friday, 11:00am - 8:00pm

Weekends/Holidays, 10:00am - 8:00pm

### LATE SEASON\*

August 13 – Sept. 3

Monday – Friday, 11:00am - 7:00pm

Weekends/Holidays, 10:00am - 7:00pm

\*modified hours last week of season

## Photo Dates for Membership Cards

(All new members must have photos taken for new membership cards)

Monday - Friday, 10am - 4pm all season at Borough Hall  
Crestwood Lake during normal lake hours

**Late night at Borough Hall**

5/15 - 4:30pm to 8:30pm

## GUEST BOOKS

Guest books are \$90 for a book of ten

- Guest Books can be purchased online or at Borough Hall and the lake and can be picked up at Borough Hall or the lake
- Guest books purchased in 2017 and on expire at the end of each season. Books purchased prior to 2017 will still be honored.
- Guests must accompany members
- Guest books are not to be used as membership
- Limit of (2) guest books per family per season



# EVENTS AT THE LAKE

ALL EVENTS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

## MAY

May 26th & 27th

### OPENING DAY

Guest book sales and ID pictures from 1:00-4:00pm



Many thanks to AR James Media for donating the billboard on the concession stand that lists our events! [www.arjamesmedia.com](http://www.arjamesmedia.com)

## JUNE

June 9th, 8pm

### U2 NATION

U2 cover band

June 16th, 7pm

### FAMILY NIGHT

Includes a bounce house, games, dancing and more!

June 23rd dusk/8:30pm

### MOVIE NIGHT

Star Wars Rogue One

\*Snack stand open at all events for snacks and drinks

\*\* Movies start at dusk or around 8:30pm\*\*

## JULY

July 5th, 8pm

### TIM GYSIN

Sings all your favorite Elton John and Billy Joel songs

July 11th, 7:30pm

### LEE MEMORIAL LIBRARY PRESENTS SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK --HAMLET--

Crestwood Lake Pavillon

July 14th

### BIATHLON

July 14th, 8pm

### MIDLIFE CRISIS BAND

A local favorite!

July 17th, 7pm

### THE NERDS!!

Lake will close early at 7pm

July 21st, 8pm

### FLOYD PINK

Pink Floyd cover band

## AUGUST

August 4th, 8pm

### ONE FINE TAPESTRY

August 11th, 7pm

### SUNDAY WITH SINATRA

August 17th, dusk/8:30pm

### MOVIE TBD

August 28th, 8pm

### SLIDESHOW HEROS

An 80s/90s rockband

## SEPT.

Sept. 1st, 1pm - 4pm

### HO'S FAMILY WATER FESTIVAL

Raindate Sept. 2nd

September 3rd

### CLAN NA VALE

To pipe out the season

### JULY 4th FIREWORKS Presented by the Holiday Observers' (HO's)

Raindate: July 7th

7:30 band concert & fireworks at Crestwood park visit [www.holidayobservers.org](http://www.holidayobservers.org) for ticket purchase

## BEACH PARTY RENTAL

### West Beach

Saturday 12 - 3 or 4 - 7 \$500  
Sunday 2 - 5 \$500

### Playground Beach

1 - 20 people \$150  
21 - 40 people \$200  
41+ people \$250

## SWIM LESSONS

Session I: July 2 - 13 Mon-Fri  
Session II: July 16 - July 27 Mon-Fri

Sign up in person ONLY: \$60

Residents: Saturday June 9th starting at 10am then ongoing.

Non Residents: Sunday, June 10th starting at 10am then ongoing.

## KAYAK RENTAL

\$5 per half hour  
Weekdays 3 - 7pm, Weekends 12 - 5pm

### Age Restrictions:

11 and over without adult.  
10 and under with adult only on 2 man kayak.



# ALEOOOP

Allendale Enrichment and Opportunity Program

ALEOOOP offers after school classes and a summer program for any child eligible for enrollment in the Allendale School District in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade.

2018 ALEOOOP Summer sessions: 8:45am - 2:00pm

Session I: June 27th – July 13th Session 2: July 16th – August 3rd  
(Closed on Wednesday, July 4th)

### GRADES K-3

\$400 Session 1 or Session 2 (3 weeks)  
\$575 Both Sessions (6 weeks)

### GRADES 4-8

\$450 Session 1 or Session 2 (3 weeks)  
\$675 Both Sessions (6 weeks)

A building use fee of \$25 for each child registered is not reflected in the above rates. Late fee of \$75 for every registration after May 15th.



Registration closes June 8th. Register early - high enrollement!

# ELECTION INFORMATION FOR 2018

**Primary Election:** Tuesday, June 5, 2018.

Poll hours: 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The last day for party declaration is Wednesday, April 11th.



**General Election:** Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

Poll hours: 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Polling Locations: District 1 Fire House, District 2 and District 3 Borough Hall Council Chambers, and District 4 Borough Hall Quilt Room. Please note that Guardian Angel is no longer a polling place.

Voter Registration forms and Mail-In Ballot applications are available in the Borough Clerk's Office, Bergen County Superintendent of Elections' Office, or can be downloaded from the NJ Division of Elections' website. These forms can also be found by visiting the Borough Website and clicking on the Quick Links/Election Information page. The deadline to file your voter registration form is the 21st day before the election. This form is required to be completed if you will be 18 years of age for the next election, have changed your name, or have changed your address.

Late Night Voter Registration: Tuesday, May 15th for the Primary Election and Tuesday, October 16th for the General Election in the Borough Clerk's office. The office will be open until 9 p.m.

The Mail-In Ballot application must be received by the County Clerk no later than seven days prior to the election if it is mailed or by 3 p.m. on the day prior to the election if the voter appears in person at the County Clerk's Office.

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Allendale, NJ 07401

## **MAYOR**

LIZ WHITE

## **BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Ari Bernstein

Liz Homan

Edward O'Connell

Steve Sasso

Jim Strauch

Amy Wilczynski

## **NEWSLETTER DESIGN**

Heidi Gross

**Borough Resident**  
**Allendale, NJ 07401**

Allendale/Saddle River  
**Rotary**  
Club



The Allendale Saddle River Rotary (ASR) will be holding its annual fundraiser, Wednesday May 16 at Seasons in Washington Township. 100% of the funds raised are allocated to local scholarships, community improvements, such as the Crestwood Lake Bandshell, Gift of Life children, and other local and global humanitarian charities. Contact Maureen Mamunes at 201-248-8240 or email her at: [mmamunes@gmail.com](mailto:mmamunes@gmail.com).

The ASR meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month, 8am-9am at Coldwell Banker in Allendale. Call 201-747-2874 for additional information on joining.