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Allendale

SPRING 2016



From the Mayor's Desk

It is with great pleasure that I announce the 2016 budget is complete and for the **Sixth** year in a row there will be **NO** municipal tax increase! In advance of introducing the budget on March 24th the Finance Committee chairman Ari Bernstein along with Councilwoman Wilczynski, CFO Lissa Mayer, Administrator Ron Kistner, and I spent months and hammering out each line to ensure Allendale was on a fiscally prudent path for the future. Many thanks to our department heads and their committees for proper planning and collaboration in reviewing each line in the budget. Their diligence allowed us to introduce a fiscally disciplined and thoughtful financial plan for Allendale.

We faced many challenges with the budget this year. We saw mandatory increases for pension contributions of 17%, and 4% for sewer charges, and increases in our staff; including a new police officer, a full-time deputy clerk, and increased part-time staffing in our construction code office. In addition, we approved a new five-year contract for garbage pick-up with our current collector, Suburban Disposal, which allows for curbside collection of recycling materials and newspapers as well as our regular garbage service. The cost will be \$369,400 per year plus \$72.25 per ton in disposal fees resulting in a 13% increase from the prior contract and will allow for the current services to be

maintained. (As a reminder, greater recycling means lower garbage tonnage, which equates to cost savings for the Borough.) Our operating budget increased by 3.62% and we covered the increase through enhanced revenues and use of additional fund balance over 2015. We also realized a savings of 5% in our debt payment from the refinancing and reduction of our debt. These factors allowed us to keep our 2016 municipal tax flat for the sixth year in row.

We are committed to preserving our infrastructure. Our capital spending plan for 2016 includes maintaining our street paving program. Once again, we are scheduled to pave 10 streets this year, bringing the total of streets paved over the past ten years to 100. We have also included upgrades to Crestwood Lake, our recreation fields, and equipment upgrades for our Police, Fire, and Department of Public Works departments. Our water infrastructure continues to require maintenance and upgrading. Please be diligent in your efforts to conserve this precious resource by adhering to the Water Restrictions that are in effect. The Borough website contains additional details.

We are pleased to announce that, in partnership with our dedicated employees, we settled both the Teamsters contract with our department of public works team and the UPSEU contract with our office and dispatching staff. We are grateful for their professionalism and



continued commitment to providing outstanding services for residents.

We continue to proactively work to secure funding through grants. This spring Boroline Road will be milled and paved with a \$220,000 grant we received from the NJDOT.

West Allendale Avenue and the Erie Plaza transit lot will be paved in April with a \$150,000 grant from the NJDOT, and we have just been notified that we have been awarded \$155,000 for 2016 from the NJDOT. We also received grants to upgrade the bathrooms at the Red Barn in Crestwood Park which will make them ADA compliant as well as a grant to upgrade our tennis courts with a multi-sport interlocking tile system. We applied for a Federal grant to enhance the trails at Crestwood Lake for nature and cross country paths but we did not get approval during this round for that project. We intend to amend our application and apply for the next round of funding.

In the coming year we anticipate numerous challenges. The first and most concerning is our affordable housing obligation. As most of you are aware, the New Jersey Supreme Court in series of decisions over the past 40 years has ruled that municipalities have a constitutional obligation to provide a realistic opportunity for the construction of low and moderate income housing. In 1985 the New Jersey Legislature enacted the New Jersey Fair Housing Act ("FHA") and the FHA then created the New Jersey Council On Affordable Housing

("COAH") as the administrative alternative to the court-based determination of the appropriate and required affordable housing obligations for New Jersey's municipalities. COAH established certain formulas for determining each municipality's affordable housing obligations from 1987 to 2025 which are commonly referred to as the first, second and third round obligations. We have demonstrated a nearly 20-year commitment to complying with these affordable housing obligations. In fact, Allendale has secured substantive certification from COAH for all three rounds.

Unfortunately, On March 10, 2015, the Supreme Court basically dissolved COAH and transferred the review and approval process for municipal housing plans to the NJ Superior Court. The Court negated our third round affordable housing plan which resulted in Allendale needing to spend countless hours and thousands of dollars from our housing trust fund to defend our previously approved affordable housing plan in order to prevent the Borough from being targeted by lawsuits from those hoping to exploit the resulting turmoil. We have been working with our attorney and COAH planners, whom we retained as consultants, to ensure Allendale is protected from lawsuits that enable builders to build high density housing with a minimum of 8 units per acre with only 1 unit qualifying as affordable. High density housing has overburdened the school systems and strained the infrastructure in many municipalities. The Council and I are committed to exploring all options to safeguard the beauty and charm of Allendale.

We are also concerned about the depletion of the NJ Infrastructure Trust Fund. Our leaders in the NJ Legislature have been attempting to address this problem, but to date no action has been taken. As I've outlined above, Allendale has been the recipient of numerous

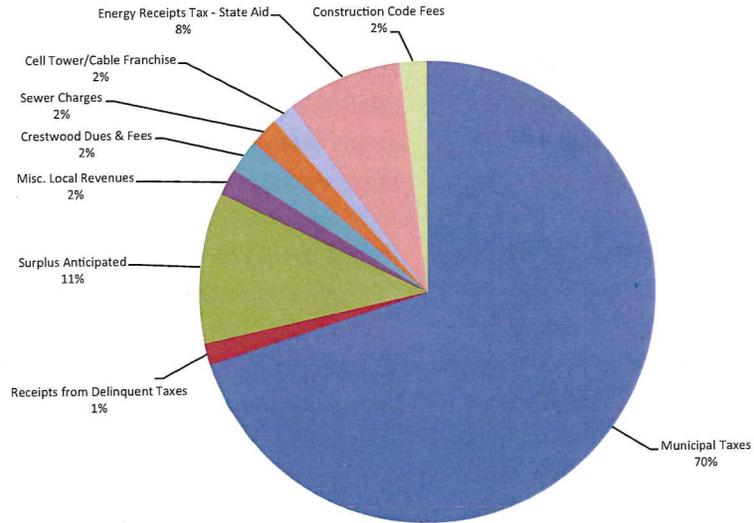
grants. We still have several grants for projects such as the paving of West Maple Avenue that are under consideration by the NJDOT. Since West Maple Avenue is a street used to access our regional high school we are committed to finding grant monies to assist us in completing this project.

As I head into the second quarter of my second year in office I must again thank and congratulate the outstanding team I work with. The members of the Council are committed, selfless, and dedicated to Allendale. Our department

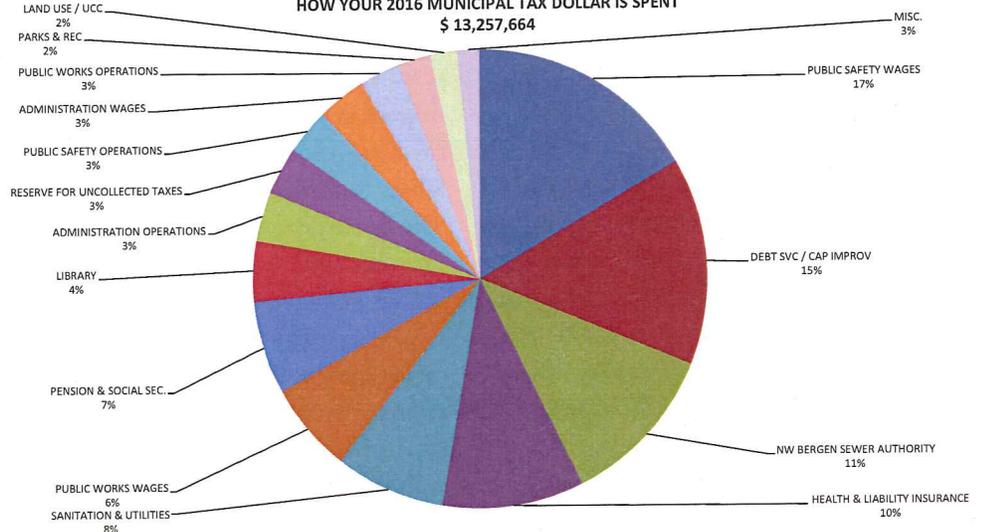
heads and employees work every day to provide residents with outstanding quality service. Additionally, our residents who volunteer their time and expertise on municipal boards and committees, along with the volunteers who commit countless hours to borough, school and athletic programs all have my heartfelt thanks. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Lake this summer and enjoying the excellent concert series and events happening there.



2016 REVENUE SOURCES



HOW YOUR 2016 MUNICIPAL TAX DOLLAR IS SPENT
\$ 13,257,664



BOROUGH NEWS

Alarm Registration

The Allendale Police Department wishes to remind residents and business owners that Borough Ordinance 82-5 requires that you register your alarm annually. To do so, complete the Allendale Police Information Form (for emergency use only) and the Alarm Registration Form provided. The annual Alarm Registration Fee is \$25 and can be paid by check or money order to The Allendale Police Department located at 290 Franklin Turnpike, Allendale, NJ 07401. If you do not have an alarm the \$25 fee is not necessary and the information form is optional. Failing to properly register an alarm system with the Police Department may result in fines and penalties up to \$1,000. If you have any questions please contact PO Hubbard at 201-825-1900 or email shubbard@allendalepd.org.

Commuter Parking

The fees for railroad parking lot permits, which have not been increased for many years, will increase to \$60.00 for residents and \$225.00 for non-residents, when the current permits expire on May 31st. The price includes NJ State Sales Tax.

New Jersey Attorney General's guidelines prohibit Police Departments from maintaining cash boxes and making change so fees must be paid by exact change, cash or by check made payable to "The Borough of Allendale". Vehicle registration proving Allendale residency must be presented for the lower resident rate.

Permits are valid from June 1st through May 31st. New commuters applying for a permit after January 1st will receive a partial credit for unused months and the cost will be \$40.00 for residents and \$150.00 for non-residents.

Residents may park in either lot and in any stalls except those stalls marked as 2 hour shopper parking and those stalls with coin meters.

Permits are not valid for coin meter parking. The coin meter stalls are limited in number and are the only spaces available for random and occasional commuters without permits.

No parking is allowed on any public road or parking lot from 3AM to 5AM. Permits do not authorize overnight parking. Commuters requiring overnight parking must apply at the Ramsey Route 17 station.

Any commuter uncertain as to parking regulations can request a map and guidelines from Police Headquarters.

2016 Election Information

The Primary Election: Tuesday, June 7, 2016. Poll hours: 6:00am - 8:00pm
Voters will select candidates for Council and County Committee from their respective Political Party. The last day for party declaration is Wednesday, April 13.

General Election: Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Poll hours: 6:00am - 8:00pm

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

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 17 for the Primary Election and Tuesday, October 18 for the General Election in the Borough Clerk's office. The office will be open until 9pm. 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 3pm on the day prior to the election if the voter appears in person at the County Clerk's Office.

ALLENDALE VOLUNTEER GOOSE PATROL (AVGP)

Registration for potential members of AVGP will be on Sat & Sun 7:30am-9 am on April 16,17, 23rd and 24th with a 2 step inspection process. Dogs will have to pass a temperament test and owner must exhibit good dog handling skills.

If interested, please email Jimstrauch@live.com with which inspection date you would like to attend. Please include 2016 Allendale dog license #, dogs name, birth year, gender, breed & weight.

ATTENTION ALLENDALE DOG OWNERS:

All dogs must be on a leash at all times (except on private property). No dogs are allowed on Allendale fields, Crestwood Lake sandy area, playground area & Celery Farm. (Exceptions are AVGP and service dogs).

Fines for violators will be a minimum of \$200. Crestwood Lake will be a targeted area for Allendale Police.

The Allendale Police Department and the Allendale School District Present:

PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

WHEN:
April 28, 2016
7pm

WHERE:
The Brookside School Auditorium

FEATURING: Melissa Straub, founder of High Impact Youth Training Solutions. She will be presenting on Social Networking, Cyberbullying, Teens & Social Media and any other parent concerns.

www.youthtrainingsolutions.com



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Sponsored by: The Allendale Municipal Alliance

Please try and join us on these important issues.

CERT NEWS

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

In late 2015 and early 2016, Allendale's CERT supported the several town and county events, including: 9/11 ceremony; Cub Scout Readyman; Allendale Festival Day; Korean Thanksgiving Festival; and ARC 5K Run. We attended the following training classes: Shelter Fundamentals; Shelter Management; Radio Communications; Advanced Radio Communications; Incident Command training; Advanced First Aid; Wilderness First Aid; and Mental Health First Aid. And we participated in exciting exercises to allow us to put our training into practice: Western Shelter exercise; Mass Casualty Exercise at Newark Airport; Active Shooter Drill at The Valley Hospital; and Point of Distribution (POD) exercise for pandemics.

Upcoming training topics include:

- Point of Distribution (POD) • Medical Shelters • Skywarn Spotter

If you are interested in learning valuable skills to help family, friends, and neighbors during an emergency, consider joining Allendale's Community Emergency Response Team. You can make a difference even if you don't have a significant amount of time to volunteer. For questions about CERT, send an email to allendalecertcoordinator@gmail.com

EVENTS AT THE FELL HOUSE

- April 23: Downton Abbey Tea
- April 24: Earth Day
- May 14: History Day
- June 2: Summer Garden Tea
- Dec 2 & 3: Holiday Boutique
- December 8 Holiday Tea



www.johnfellhouse.org

REMINDER: PERMANENT PHASE I WATER RESTRICTIONS ARE IN EFFECT

Lawn and Garden Watering with both Automatic and Hose Sprinklers is limited to:

ODD HOUSE NUMBERS:

Wednesday, Friday, Sunday

EVEN HOUSE NUMBERS:

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

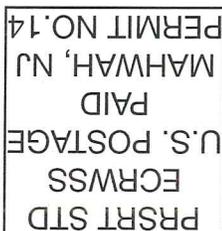
Monday is a system recharge day.

No Watering Permitted

Hand-held hose and watering can sprinkling is permitted at all times. Please see the Borough website for additional information.

PRESERVE THIS PRECIOUS RESOURCE!!

Borough Resident
Allendale, NJ 07401



Allendale Borough Hall
500 West Crescent Avenue
Allendale, NJ 07401

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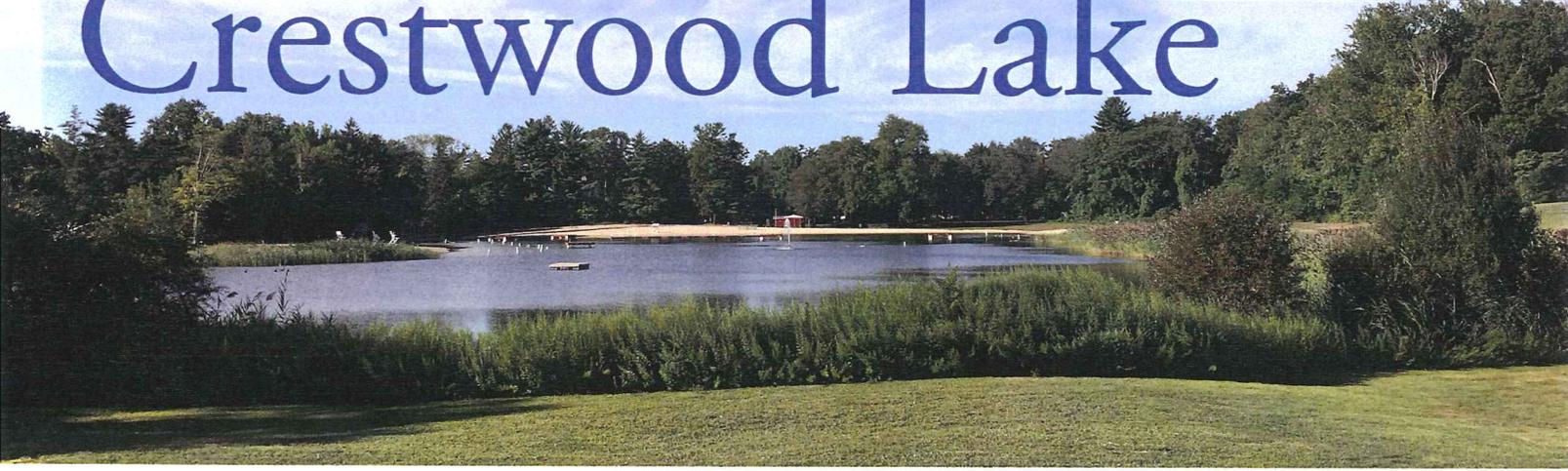
Amy Wilczynski

NEWSLETTER DESIGN

Heidi Gross

Crestwood Lake

SUMMER 2016



★ Registration Opens ★

Please go to the Borough website at 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 for a new password.

2016 Rates	RESIDENT RATE	RESIDENT RATE	NON-RESIDENT RATE
	BEFORE MAY 25	AFTER MAY 25	
1st Family Member	\$175	\$190	\$275
2nd Family Member	\$110	\$125	\$175
*Additional Family Members	\$50	\$55	\$90
Extra Adult	\$150	\$150	\$200
Senior Rate	\$65	\$70	\$75

* 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 Lake Hours

EARLY SEASON

May 28 – June 18

Monday – Friday, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

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

REGULAR SEASON

June 19 – August 13

Monday – Friday, 11:00am - 8:00pm

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

LATE SEASON*

August 14 – Sept. 5

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 summer at Borough Hall Crestwood Lake during normal lake hours

CRESTWOOD CRUISERS

Crestwood Cruisers Swim Team

Come join the swim team at Crestwood Lake with new head coach Maggie Mulder. Registration opens May 1

www.crestwoodcruisers.com

Season runs June 6th through end of July.

5 & 6 year olds: \$70

7 year olds and up: \$100

GUEST BOOKS

Guest books to be purchased at \$90 for a book of ten

- Guest Books can be purchased online or at the lake
- Guest Books are to be picked up at the lake
- Guest books do not expire
- Guests must accompany members
- Guest books are not to be used as membership



EVENTS AT THE LAKE

ALL EVENTS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

OPENING DAY

May 28th, 12-4pm

- BBQ 12-3
- Pictures for Registration 12-5
- Sand Castle Contest start: 1pm
Judging: 3pm
- Fire Truck 2pm
- Cannon Ball Contest 3 pm
- Volleyball Game 4 pm

FAMILY NIGHT

June 11th, 7pm-10pm

- Bounce House
- Popcorn
- Ice Cream Sandwiches

BAND NIGHTS

Bands start at 8pm

- July 8 - After Hours Band
- July 16 - Midlife Crisis
- July 23 - Floyd Pink
- July 29 - 4 Brothers
- August 2 - The Nerds
- August 27- The Princing Band

MOVIE NIGHTS

Movies start at 8:30pm

- Sat., June 25: Inside Out
- Tues., July 19: TBD
- Sat., August 13: The Avengers
- Thurs., September 1: TBD

Many thanks to AR James Media
for donating the billboard on the
concession stand that lists our events!
www.arjamesmedia.com

BIALTHLON

July 30

*Snack stand open at all events for snacks and drinks

*Twitter @Crestwood_Event!

*Instagram @Crestwood_Event!

username: tbenvenuto24@gmail.com

password: crestwood

BEACH PARTY RENTAL

West Beach

4 - 7pm Monday - Friday \$175
12 - 7pm Saturday - Sunday \$350

Playground Beach

1 - 20 people \$100
21 - 40 people \$150
41+ people \$200

SWIM LESSONS

Session I: July 6 - 17 Mon-Fri

Session II: July 20 - July 31 Mon-Fri

Sign up in person ONLY \$50

Sign up dates:

Residents: Saturday June 13th
starting at 10am then ongoing.

Non Residents: Sunday, June 14th
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 is looking forward to their 21st year of summer fun. 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.

2016 ALEOOOP Summer sessions:

8:45am - 2:00pm

Session 1: June 27th – July 15th

Session 2: July 18th – August 5th

Online registration for ALEOOOP and the Summer Music and Theater program for the summer of 2016 is coming soon... ALEOOOP.org!

NEW this year – to facilitate our staffing needs, registration will be closed – June 20th 2016!

ALEOOOP Gives Back:

Crestwood Lake thanks Aleoop for their recent donations of a ping pong table, paddle board and landscape improvements!

