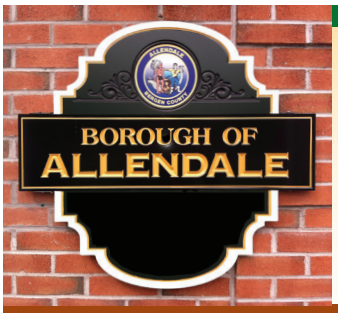

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Allendale

FALL NEWSLETTER 2017

The calendar says fall but our Indian Summer lives on. Summer was beautiful with great events including one of the best Fourth of July celebrations yet, outstanding free concerts at Crestwood Lake, and the Annual 9-11 Candlelight Remembrance Service which was poignant and powerful.

Crestwood was pristine with new fountains which were installed in the Lake and at the 9-11 Memorial. We are excited to see residents enjoying the new tennis and basketball courts at Crestwood Park, which were made possible by grants we received from the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund. The bathrooms at the Van Houten Pavilion were renovated with funding from the CDBG grant program bringing our residents new ADA-accessible facilities. Grants have been submitted to upgrade the floor and picnic tables at the Van Houten Pavilion and for a Band Shell in Crestwood Park. Our sincere thanks to the Allendale/Saddle River Rotary Club on their recent $5000 donation towards the Bandshell project.

The completion of the upgrade to the water treatment plant on New Street, the upgrades of pumps at various wells, the rehabilitation of our 400,000-gallon elevated Water Tank, and the installation of high speed pumps at our Fairhaven Water Tank have been completed. These critical infrastructure upgrades will have a lasting impact for years to come.

We continue to aggressively pursue grant funding for infrastructure upgrades. West Maple and West Allendale Avenues will benefit from a $150,000 grant from the NJ Transportation Trust Fund. Our annual paving program will pave another 10 streets, bringing the total of streets paved over the past 11 years to 110. PSE&G is replacing the gas main along West Crescent Avenue. This project has replaced aging cast iron gas pipes with new, gas mains. We've dealt with the detours and delays of not only this project but the recent West Crescent Avenue bridge project. I appreciate your extreme patience through all these much needed upgrades.

Allendale has reached a settlement with the Fair Share Housing Center, (FSHC), in the COAH litigation. Allendale has demonstrated an almost 20-year commitment to comply voluntarily with its affordable housing obligations. This proactive compliance has allowed us to develop an agreement that was acceptable to both parties. We have been recognized as a leader in the State for providing quality affordable housing to the developmentally disabled, seniors, and low-income populations. We believe this agreement will protect Allendale for the next 8 years from builders' remedy lawsuits which seek to develop high density housing on property that is not currently zoned for such. This agreement is designed to protect Allendale from high density developments that would strain the resources of our town, including water, schools, roads, and emergency services while allowing us to maintain the charm of the town we have come to know and love.

Allendale was chosen to receive the 2017 Municipal Housing Award for Supportive Housing. This award is given in recognition of our demonstrated leadership and commitment in prioritizing and developing affordable housing for people with disabilities. I am so proud of our amazing and welcoming community. Special thanks to Mayor-Emeritus Vince Barra whose vision led us to move forward with our Orchard and Crescent Commons developments.

Councilwoman McSwiggan, Chief Scherb, and Det. Dillon, NHRHS Principal Occhino, and NHRHS Vice Principal Koth, and I recently established the NW Bergen Coalition. This Coalition brings together the leaders of our surrounding communities of Upper Saddle River, Saddle River, HoHoKus, and Ramsey to identify current public safety issues, including substance abuse, sponsor programs to educate youth about good decision making, and distribute current information to constituents regarding trends and challenges our communities may face with regard to overall wellness.

Last week I was notified that Allendale and Upper Saddle River were awarded a Drug Free Community Mentoring (DFC-M) grant in the amount of $150,000, ($75,000 in 2017 and $75,000 in 2018) for our newly formed Coalition. Only two other towns in the United States were awarded the Mentoring grant this year. The purpose of the Drug-Free Communities Mentoring (DFC-M) Program is, through the assistance and expertise of existing DFC recipients, to encourage the development of new, self-supporting community coalitions that are focused on the prevention of youth substance use.

Recently there has been much in the press regarding the wildlife population. I would remind residents that it is illegal to feed white tailed deer and that while feeding of any wildlife anywhere on public property is strictly prohibited, feeding of any wildlife is strongly opposed by the NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife.

As always, I am available to meet with residents. Please feel free to contact Borough Hall to set up an appointment. Please be sure to visit the Borough's website, www.AllendaleNJ.Gov for the most up to date information on happenings in town.

Liz White

Liz White, Mayor

ALLENDALE DPW

RECYCLING CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION

• Fall hours are Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 1pm-5pm through December 17.

• Winter hours are Saturday 9am-3:30pm, December 23 to March 31, 2018, closed Sundays.

Please be advised in the event of inclement weather, the Recycling Center will be closed. All paper and commingled recycling must be put in proper containers and must be loose.

***Remember container cannot be larger than 30 gallons or weigh more than 60lbs*

COMPOST SITE HOURS OF OPERATION

Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 1pm-5pm.
The last weekend to use the Compost Area is December 16 and 17, 2017. The Compost Area will reopen in Spring 2018.

A Resident Compost Permit is needed. Check our website www.allendalenj.gov in 2018 for schedule and permit information.

• Leaves are accepted loose or in brown bio-degradable paper bags.

• Grass is accepted loose only.

• Brush is accepted loose only, up to 4 inches in diameter

• No tree stumps or root balls are allowed.

• Dimensional wood – construction lumber, fencing landscape – is NOT allowed.

PLASTIC BAGS

Please dispose of plastic bags at your local grocery store. Plastic wrap/film can be put in with your household garbage.

The Property Maintenance officer reminds residents to:

Please….

• Do not put out trash or recycling (especially Bulky Trash), prior to 6pm the night before collection.

• Do not shovel, plow or blow snow from your property into the street.

• Sump pumps may not be discharged into the sewer system or into the street. If your sump pump has not been inspected and certified call Borough Hall to arrange an inspection. It is free of charge.

• If you have a question about property maintenance call Borough Hall or visit http://www.ecode360.com/AL0255

• Please remove styrofoam & other non-recyclable packing materials from cardboard boxes before putting curbside

VISIT WWW.ALLENDALENJ.GOV FOR MORE INFORMATION

BCUA'S HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 9AM-3PM, RAIN OR SHINE

• Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Rd. Paramus, NJ

TIRES/ELECTRONICS/MOBILE PAPER SHREDDING COLLECTION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 9AM-2PM, RAIN OR SHINE

• Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation
200 Campgaw Rd., Mahwah, NJ

VISIT WWW.BCUA.ORG FOR ADDITIONAL INFO ON ALL THEIR COLLECTION PROGRAMS

2017 LEAF PICK-UP SCHEDULE

East Side	*West Side*
Week of October 16	Week of October 9*
Week of October 30	Week of October 23
Week of November 13	Week of November 6
Week of November 27	Week of November 20*
Week of December 11	Week of December 4

* Please note shorter weeks due to the holidays

STORM DRAIN & LEAVES

With the arrival of fall we would like to ask our residents to clean the fallen leaves off the storm drains in the street. This will allow for better run-off during rain and snow events and help move the flow of water into a safe environment.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES

Please visit www.allendalenj.gov for a full list of garbage and recycling dates and other helpful information. Please call the DPW at (201) 818-4410 with any questions or concerns.

Please note the schedule for the Thanksgiving holiday:

• Regular West side garbage pickup, Monday 11/20

• Regular East side garbage pickup, Tuesday 11/21

• Metal pickup for both sides, Wednesday 11/22

• No West side recycling pickup on Thanksgiving, 11/23, it will be picked up on Friday 11/24

SELLING YOUR HOUSE?

A Certificate of Compliance (CCO), from Fire Prevention and Zoning is required for the transfer of tenancy and/or ownership of a property in the Borough of Allendale. The following items are part of the CCO inspection:

• Review of open permits
• Smoke/CO Alarms that are less than 7 years old
• Home must have at least one fire extinguisher
• Pool fence will be inspected
• Sidewalks will be inspected and if are found inadequate must be repaired
• Sump pumps must discharge properly

For more information please see the www.allendalenj.gov/department/building-construction-department/

SENIOR NEWS

SENIOR FLU CLINIC

The Borough of Allendale will offer influenza vaccinations to Allendale residents 65 years and older at Borough Hall on Thursday, November 2, 2017, 1pm - 2pm.

Adults age 65 and over are required to bring their Medicare Card as well as any other insurance card they may have. Residents who are covered by a Managed Care Plan (HMO) are requested to go to their managed care provider for these immunizations.

If you are under 65 years old or have a chronic health problem you must present a prescription from your medical doctor ordering the vaccine. Cost for this vaccine to be determined.

ALL THOSE RECEIVING THE VACCINE MUST SIGN A CONSENT FORM.
For further information call the Board of Health at 818-4400, Extention 211.

XYZ SENIORS CLUB

Meetings are on the first Friday of each month at the Allendale Municipal Building.
New members are welcome. For information call Mary McRae at (201) 962-2132.

Upcoming Meetings and Outings:

- October 20th Bus Trip to Westchester Theater
- November 3rd at Allendale Municipal Building
- December 1st at Allendale Municipal Building
- December 22nd Holiday Luncheon at Savini's

MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

As you turn your clocks back, don't forget to change the batteries in your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors to keep your family safe! A working detector 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 basement, kitchen area, and outside of bedrooms. Additionally, installing in bedrooms is advised.
- 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.

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. 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

Thank you, and stay safe!

Ryan Shute, Chief of the Allendale Fire Department

TOWN HAPPENINGS

Fell House Events

- **October 20 & 21**
  Saddle River Youth Theatre Halloween fright night presents: Poe's Phantoms
  Tours 7pm, 8pm, 9pm
  srytheatre@aol.com
- **October 25**
  Free Antique Appraisal Night, 7pm-9pm
- **November 1**
  Wine, Women and Wellness, 7pm
  Reservations required. For more info go to www.johnfellhouse.org
- **December 2 & 3**
  Holiday Shopping Boutique
  12/2 9am - 3pm, 12/3 10am - 4pm
  Visit Allendale's beautifully decorated historic house and shop from unique local vendors.
- **December 7**
  Holiday Tea, 12noon - 2:30 p.m.
  Spend a memorable afternoon enjoying a Traditional English Tea in rooms beautifully decorated for the holidays.

Allendale Chamber of Commerce

- **Friday, December 1**
  Holiday Walk, 6:30pm
  Santa comes to town, all businesses are open with giveaways, refreshments and music.

Allendale Woman's Club

- **Saturday, December 2**
  Holiday Breakfast, Brookside cafeteria

Holiday Observers

- **Tuesday, October 31**
  Costume Parade at Brookside School, 7pm
- **Saturday, December 9**
  Holiday Gift Distribution downtown, 1pm

Allendale/Saddle River Rotary

Meetings are every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at Nostramana, 8am - 9am. For more info visit www.allendalesaddleriverrotary.org

Allendale Newcomers Club

- **Oct. 19** *Halloween Kids Day Out (Rohsler's).*
- **Dec. 19** *Holiday Party*

www. allendalenewcomersclub.com

2018 DOG & CAT LICENSE APPLICATION

2018 Licenses will be issued starting Decemebr 1, 2017

Owner's Name _____ Date _____ Cell _____

Address _____ Email Address _____

DOG

Sex ___ Breed _____ Birthdate___ Hair (sh)(med)(lg)

Color & Marking _____ Name_____

Address where kept if different from above

_____

License and Pilot Clinic Fee	$10.00
Not neutered or spayed ADD	$3.00
Lost tag replacement	$5.00

CAT

Sex ___ Breed _____ Birthdate ___ Hair (sm)(med)(lg)

Color & Marking _____ Name _____

Address where kept if different from above

_____

License fee	$8.00
Not neutered or spayed ADD	$3.00
Each additional cat add	$5.00

Please enclose proof of rabies vaccination that is current through November 1, 2018.
A late fee of $5 will be assessed for dogs licensed after January 31st.

ALLENDALE FREE RABIES CLINIC

The Allendale Board of Health will be sponsoring a Free Rabies Clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, November 4, 2017 between the hours of 1:00pm and 3:00pm at the Ambulance Corps Building on the corner of Arcadia Road and Franklin Turnpike. A Veterinarian from the Allendale Animal Hospital has agreed to provide this service.

The Allendale Board of Health urges all residents to have their dogs, cats and other domestic pets vaccinated against Rabies. Residents attending this clinic are required to have their pets in a carrier or on a hand-held leash.

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ALLENDALE POLICE NEWS

SAFELY DISCARD YOUR UNWANTED MEDICATIONS AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS!

Residents and non-residents can dispose of unwanted medications at police headquarters. The medications are collected and disposed of in an environmentally friendly way. Please take advantage of this opportunity and rid your medicine cabinet of prescriptions.

AUTO BURGLARIES

Allendale and surrounding towns have experienced thefts from parked vehicles. Computers, GPS, cell phones, and money are being taken from unlocked vehicles. Please remember to lock your car doors, remove any valuables from the car, and keep exterior house lighting on at night. Most importantly, if you see a suspicious person or vehicle please report it immediately to the Allendale Police by dialing 9-1-1. Please do not hesitate to call; if you see something, say something!

DIVERSION BURGLARIES

Area towns have been experiencing diversion type home burglaries where a criminal distracts a homeowner while another criminal burglarizes the home. If someone is at your home claiming to be a repair person, gas leak technician, utility worker, police officer, or any other unexpected visitor, please look for official identification before letting this person in or around your house. If appropriate, call 9-1-1 immediately and inquire about police officers or utility workers in your area. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the Allendale Police at 201-825-1900.

NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS

Curious why you hear sirens or see flashing lights? Follow us on Facebook and Twitter and SwiftReach for up to the minute information!
If you are not receiving these notifications from us, please add or update your contact information by using the portal at http://allendalenj.gov/swiftreach-email-sign-up/. Please visit our website and sign up TODAY.
You can also follow us on Twitter and Facebook. Our username is @AllendalePolice.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

1. Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors. Since masks can sometimes obstruct a child's vision, try non-toxic face paint and makeup whenever possible.
2. Have kids use glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
3. Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, remind them to stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.
4. Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30pm to 9:30pm so be especially alert for kids during those hours.
5. When selecting a costume make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

CROSSWALK SAFETY

Fall is here, that means school is back in session. Please be aware of your surroundings and watch for pedestrians in crosswalks. Motorists in New Jersey MUST stop for pedestrians in a marked crosswalk. Failure to do so may subject you to a $200 fine and 2 points on your license in addition to insurance surcharges.

AUTUMN LEAVES PRESENT DRIVING HAZARDS

Autumn's leaves are beautiful to see, but when wet or in piles, they present driving hazards unique to the season. We would like to remind drivers to prepare for fall driving conditions by having their vehicles' tires, brakes and wipers checked before heading out.

Most motorists know that puddles or standing water can cause loss of control, and they adjust their driving accordingly. But fewer drivers, especially inexperienced ones or drivers new to an area with heavy foliage, are aware of the dangers of wet leaves. Wet leaves can make braking, steering and stopping difficult. It is particularly dangerous at intersections and is intensified at downhill stop signs. Acceleration can be affected, too.

We want to remind motorists that tires can affect the car's ride, handling, traction and safety, and that they are a critical connection between the car and the road in all types of driving conditions. To maximize tire life and safety, check the inflation pressure and the tread depth, and inspect the sidewalls for cracks or punctures. As a general rule, tires should be rotated every 6,000 miles and balanced.

AVAC To Celebrate 80 Years of Service with Beefsteak Dinner on November 18th

Three local bands to perform and live auction of two retired AB&G bar stools

The Allendale Ambulance Corps (AVAC) just kicked off its annual fund drive with a letter to Allendale residents requesting financial support for its volunteer emergency medical services mission. The Corps greatly appreciates the generosity of the community.

2017 marks the 80th anniversary of the Corps. Over the past eight decades, tens of thousands of calls for help have been responded to by AVAC's members, many of whom come from multiple generations of AVAC volunteers.

To celebrate the kind spirit of these dedicated individuals, AVAC will be hosting a beefsteak dinner at Guardian Angel's auditorium on November 18th, 6:30 –11:00 PM. The evening will feature individual performances by three local bands: Red Apple Rest, the After Hours Band, and the Mid-life Crisis Band. Other activities include 50/50 and tricky tray raffles of baskets donated by residents and local businesses, silent auctions for memorabilia signed by New Jersey based entertainers and athletes, and a live auction for each of two barstools recently retired from the Allendale Bar & Grill. A group performance featuring all three bands will cap off the night. The event is B.Y.O.B.

Tickets are $45 per person ($425 for a table of ten) and are available ONLY IN ADVANCE by contacting Karen Clark at (201) 783-2221 or via email at karenclark@optonline.net.

To donate for AVAC's fund drive and for more information about the Corps' activities and events, please visit www.allendaleambulance.org and like us on Facebook by searching @allendalevolunteerambulance.

Election Information from the Clerk's Office

General Election: Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Poll hours: 6:00am – 8:00pm

Polling Locations: District 1 Fire House, District 2 Borough Hall Council Chambers, 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, October 17th 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.

CERT NEWS

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

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

Over the spring and summer, Allendale CERT supported many town events, including: Public Safety Day at AVAC; Boy Scouts 100th Anniversary celebration; movie nights and band nights at Crestwood Lake; the July 4th fireworks; and the 9/11 ceremony. Upcoming events include Allendale Festival Day, including a FEMA preparedness activity, and the ARC 5K Run.

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. CERT Basic Training is offered through Bergen County in the spring and the fall. For questions about CERT, email Sharysse Frasco at sefrasco@gmail.com.

MESSAGE FROM THE CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICE

Did you know…?

- That the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs says, "Final payment to the contractor is NOT required to be made before a final inspection is performed".
- It is recommended (but not required) that your contractor arrange and be present for all inspections.
- That if you do work without the required permit(s) your insurance company may deny any claim related to the unpermitted work.
- It is required that you close out all open permits. Don't wait before selling your house or another time-sensitive event forces the closure.
- All pools require proper fencing and all filters and equipment must be adequately screened from adjacent properties. See Allendale code 270-32.
- Temporary contractor signs are not permitted anywhere in Allendale.

Questions can be answered by reading the code online at http://www.ecode360.com/AL0255, or by visiting http://allendalenj.gov/department/building-construction-department/

The Mayor and Council adopted an ordinance requiring a permit for driveway expansion and replacement. The fee is $100 and applications are available in the office or on our website www.allendalenj.gov.

In observance of Veterans Day, the Allendale VFW will be having a brief ceremony to honor Veterans on Friday, November 10, 11:00am in Memorial Park. All are welcome.

NEW!! View & Pay Your Property Taxes Online

You now have 24/7 access to property tax information online, as well as the ability to pay your taxes electronically. Log on to Allendale's web site and look for "View & Pay Your Property Taxes Online". Enter your address or block and lot to pull up your property tax information.

Convenience charges being assessed from the company processing the electronic payments are as follows:

- $1.05 for E-Check withdrawal from your checking account;
- $3.95 for VISA Debit transactions;
- 2.95% for all other debit/credit card transactions (Other than a VISA debit card).

All payments take one business day to post to your account. Interest listed on delinquent taxes is calculated through the current day's date only. Please contact the Tax Collector's office to obtain interest calculations for a future date. E-Check and Credit Card payments can only be made via the Internet. Credit/Debit Card transactions have a limit of $25,000. Tax account inquiry look up is for informational purposes only and does not constitute a Municipal Tax Search. Account information is subject to updates, corrections and reversals. The Borough of Allendale is not responsible for erroneous interpretation of the records or changes made after the inquiry lookup.