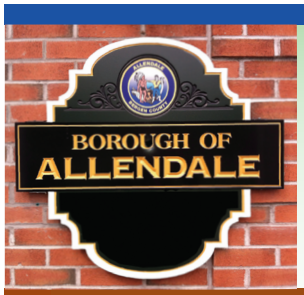

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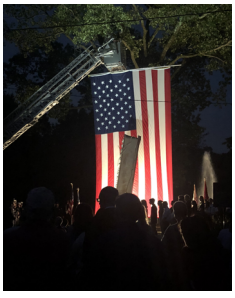
Allendale

FALL NEWSLETTER 2018

Lots of rain and hot humid days are what I will remember about the summer of 2018. We enjoyed an amazing 4th of July celebration thanks to the Holiday Observers and Crestwood Lake was the place to be all summer long.

Crestwood Park is one of our amazing jewels and the Facilities, Parks, & Recreation Committee together with our Department of Public Works did an outstanding job of making sure the Lake and Park were in tip top shape. Our summer concert series was excellent, even with having to reschedule some events due to inclement weather. We had lots of folks bring their chairs to the beach and enjoy outstanding talented musicians, many of whom are Allendale residents! The Van Houten Pavilion at the Red Barn was booked all summer long and we are looking forward to upgrading the floor and installing new ADA benches with a grant we received from the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund. Clan Na Vale closed the Lake for us once again and it was a beautiful day! The annual September 11th Candlelight Ceremony was powerful and poignant once again. Our fields are in great shape and the ARC Soccer and Football programs are in full swing. We are thrilled to have installed new dugouts at field #2 also with funding from the County Open Space Grant fund.

Our annual paving program was completed. We've paved 10 streets a year for the past 12 years and this year we were able to upgrade and pave Donnybrook Drive. Many thanks to our Engineering and Public Works Committee and their teams for their efforts to make sure this NJDOT grant project was completed before our schools opened. This team will also be working on the sidewalk replacement project. The award of $225,000 from the NJ Infrastructure Trust Fund will allow us to start phase one of the downtown improvement project this fall with the installation of new lighting. We've applied for phase two of the downtown improvement project and are hoping to start this construction in 2019.



The Water and Sewer Committee was able to negotiate a new agreement with SUEZ to operate our water system. This agreement will allow us to continue to insure our wells and water system are operated at the highest quality while being economically beneficial to Allendale. We've committed extensive funding to upgrading this very important infrastructure. We replaced and upgraded pumps in our wells and continue to look for ways to improve our distribution system. We'd like to remind residents that sump pumps must discharge into storm drains, not into any sink or drain inside the home. It is illegal to discharge sump pumps into our sewer system. Also, pools may not be filled using our water system from November – March.

Our Public Safety teams have been very busy this summer. The Allendale Volunteer Fire Department as well as our Police Department received valuable training on a property which will be torn down. They were able to simulate various scenarios for training purposes. The Allendale Volunteer Ambulance Corps has started their annual fund drive. I'd like to ask you to please be as generous to them as you can. As I hope you are aware both our AVAC and our AFD are completely volunteer organizations. I urge you to consider making a financial donation or even more valuable, a donation of your time.

The Land Use Committee has been very busy with the ordinances needed to wrap up our agreement with the Courts on our affordable housing obligation. We are hopeful that our continued commitment to providing affordable housing will result in a judgement which will protect the Borough through 2025. We also expect to adopt an ordinance which will allow residents to sign up on a "No Knock" registry. This will prohibit salespeople, who must register with the Borough, from knocking on doors of residents who have signed up to be part of this program. Registered addresses will be provided with a self-adhesive sticker to be utilized near or on the front door. We also expect to adopt an ordinance prohibiting the sale of recreational marijuana in Allendale.

While it is only September, the Administration, Finance, & HR committee has already started the budget process for 2019. We are also working through the proposals we've received as part of the redevelopment of 220 and 230 West Crescent Avenue.

We hope to provide updates over the course of the next few months on this process.

To get the most up-to-date and correct information on Borough news and events, I urge you to check the Borough website at www.allendalenj.gov or our Facebook page: Borough of Allendale. I, along with other members of your governing body, am always available to speak to or meet with you. I hope you will all join me on Saturday, October 6th at Allendale Day!

Liz White

NEWS FROM THE BOROUGH...

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 visiting https://www.ecode360.com/AL0255 or 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.

Land Use Reminders

- You must obtain a tree permit when removing a trees 6 inches or larger in diameter.*
- A Certificate of Compliance is required if you are renting your home or apartment.*
- Letters to residents who still need to close open permits will be going out next week.

All forms are found on the Borough website: www.allendalenj.gov- Left tab: Forms/licensing/Permits. Under: Building Zoning Land Use

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 found inadequate, they must be repaired
- Sump pumps must discharge properly

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

BOROUGH HALL EVENING HOURS

Borough Hall will be open late for voter registration and compost permits:

Oct. 11 & Oct. 16

open until 9pm

Election Information from the Clerk's Office

General Election:
Tuesday, November 6, 2018

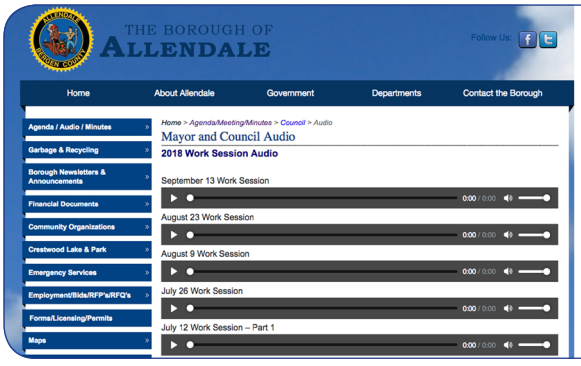
Poll hours: 6:00 am - 8:00 pm

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:
Thursday, Ocober 11th and Tuesday, October 16th 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 3 p.m. on the day prior to the election if the voter appears in person at the County Clerk's Office.



Audio Recordings

Did you know…All Council, Land Use and Board of Health Meetings are audio recorded!! You can access all recordings via the website the day after the meeting. Go to **www.Allendalenj.gov**, under the tab **Agenda/Audio/Minutes**. They are super easy to access and very clear if you would like to listen. Also agendas and backup materials are available up to 24 hours before any meeting.

Dog and cat licensing is getting streamlined and automated!

Our new system will be up and running by January 1, 2019 and pet registration will begin then. Please check our website, www.allendalenj.gov, in December for all the details on our new registration process.

ALLENDALE FREE RABIES CLINIC

The Allendale Board of Health will be sponsoring a Free Rabies Clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, November 3rd, 2018 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. 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.

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 1, 2018, 1:00-2:00 pm. 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 the 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 201-818-4400, Extension 211.

XYZ SENIORS CLUB

Meetings are as follows: October 12th, November 2nd and a Holiday Luncheon at Savini's on December 14th. New members are welcome. For further information call Mary McRae at (201) 962-2132

Swiftreach

Swiftreach is another way the Borough uses to communicate to residents. Swiftreach platform delivers messages via text, email or phone. For non-emergency, town wide messages such as road closures, town events (i.e. ARC 5K run, fireworks or other important information), the message will be delivered via email or text. If you have not entered your email address or have a new one, please go to www.allendalenj.gov and click on the Swiftreach tab to update or add in your email address or cell number.

12th Annual Allendale 5K & Fun Run
Sunday, October 28, 9:00 am
Crestwood Park

Race proceeds to: Allendale first responders and Mental Health and Wellness Programs for Teens

Sponsorships available

Platinum $1,500 • Gold $750
Silver $350 • Bronze/Family $50
For more information contact
Maureen at: momo1bert@yahoo.com
201-450-6093

TOWN HAPPENINGS

Fell House Events

- **Oct. 26** SRYT Haunted House (www.sryt.info)
- **Oct. 27** SRYT Haunted House
- **Nov. 1** Northwest Bergen History Coalition Luncheon Ramsey Country Club, 11:30 am
- **Nov. 15** Antique Appraisal Night with Dean Klein
- **Dec. 1** Holiday Boutique
- **Dec. 2** Holiday Open House
- **Dec. 6** Holiday Tea, Noon-2: 30 pm

For more info on these events visit www.johnfellhouse.org

Allendale Chamber of Commerce

- **October 6,** ***Allendale Day, 10am - 4pm***
- **December 7,** ***Holiday Walk***

www.allendalenjchamber.org

Allendale Woman's Club

- **December 1**

Holiday Breakfast, Brookside cafeteria
www.allendalewomansclub.org

Holiday Observers

- **October 13**

Halloween Poster Painting Contest (raindate 10/20) Red Barn, 7:30am-12 noon

- **October 31**

Costume Parade at Brookside School, 7pm

- **December 8**

Holiday Gift Distribution downtown, 1pm
www.holidayobservers.org

Allendale/Saddle River Rotary

- **November 15**

Wine tasting fundraiser 6pm
Call Maureen Mamunes at (201) 248-8240 or Nickie Lisella at (201) 638-6765 for more information.

Meetings are every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at Coldwell Banker, 8am - 9am.
Visit www.allendalesaddleriverrotary.org

RECYCLING ALERT

Recycling Alert: The recycling industry is in a bit of a crisis. The market is rapidly changing and declining. Recycling markets were upended in 2017 when China announced it would stop accepting recyclables from the US and globally. The US is not equipped to handle the massive amounts of recycling material we produce. Currently the market value for glass, paper and plastic has severely declined and many recycle centers are processing recyclables at a loss. Some centers are stockpiling the materials or dumping them into landfills until there is a change in the industry.

What's happening now: Recycle centers are scrambling to retrofit their machinery for efficient processing. Until then we are still encouraging recycling the same way we have always been (with a few tweaks below). Especially since Allendale's recycling is up to 37% which is higher than the National average! It is important now more than ever to continue good practices that elevate sustainability and continue to preserve our environment.

Tips on how you can help continue and elevate sustainability:

- Use non-disposable bags when shopping. Stop by the Allendale Borough table on Allendale Day Oct 6th for a bag while supplies last.

- Use refillable water bottles.
- If it takes longer than 2 minutes to wash out a container- throw it in the garbage
- No plastic bags, plastic wrap, clothing, tanglers (cords & electronics) whatsoever in the recycle bins-they are not recyclable and clog up the machines.
- No food or liquids in plastic, metal or glass recyclables.
- Dirty recyclables can contaminate an entire load.
- For plastics: forget about the numbers on the bottom! Only recycle plastic bottles, jars, jugs and tubs (NOT… plastic single use items such as knives/forks, straws, solo cups, zip lock bags, shopping bags, plastic wraps or any Styrofoam).

We will update you as we receive more information. Please contact amywilczynski@allendalenj.gov or lizhoman@allendalenj.gov if you have any questions

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VOLUNTEER SERVICES

ALLENDALE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS 2018 FUND DRIVE

The spirit of volunteerism, which is very much a hallmark of our community, is alive and well at the Allendale Volunteer Ambulance Corps (AVAC). To support their all-volunteer mission, the Corps, has kicked off its annual fund drive. The Corps is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization and depends upon the charitable donations of residents and businesses in Allendale.

For over 80 years, the citizens and businesses of Allendale have been generous in their financial support of AVAC during their Annual Fund Drive.

AVAC relies on this support to continue their mission to:

- Provide volunteer ambulance service for Allendale without charging the patient
- Maintain and supply two ambulances and first responder vehicles
- In addition to Allendale, assist other towns in cases of necessity or emergency
- Give back to the community by participating in civic and educational events throughout the year
- Recruit and train new volunteer ambulance drivers and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs)
- Enhance and maintain the skills of the volunteers through drills and continuing education credits

Although AVAC offers services 24 hours a day / 365 days a year, as a volunteer organization they cannot guarantee availability of a crew. This is especially true of the weekday daytime hours, when the Corps really has a need for additional members. The future of our Corps relies on volunteers. For additional information about joining, please call Captain Daryl D'Amore-Bottaro, on her mobile phone at (201) 739-4715.

In an emergency dial 9-1-1

Donations by check may be mailed to AVAC at 26 Arcadia Rd, Allendale, NJ 07401 or via PayPal at www.allendaleambulance.org. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

CERT

FEMA's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates average citizens about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and provides FREE 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 town events, including: The Nerds band night at Crestwood Lake; the July 4th fireworks; The National Night out; and the 9/11 ceremony. Upcoming events include Allendale Festival Day 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. No obligation CERT Basic Training is offered FREE through Bergen County starting October 4th, 2018. For questions about CERT, email allendalecertcoordinator@gmail.com

Veterans Day in Allendale

We will be honoring and thanking those who have served in the military on Veterans Day, Sunday November 11th at One O'Clock at Memorial Park. All are welcome. We encourage all military service members to arrive 15 minutes early.

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!

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.

If you smell or see smoke, exit your home and dial 911 immediately.

"The Allendale Fire Department is 100% volunteer, and we are always looking for new members. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me directly at firechief@allendalenj.gov

Thank you, and stay safe!

Ryan Shute, Chief of the Allendale Fire Department

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RECYCLING CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION

• Fall hours are Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 1pm-5pm through December 16.

• Winter hours begin December 22 to March 30, 2019. Saturdays 9am - 3:30pm, 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 for curbside pickup*

COMPOST SITE HOURS OF OPERATION

Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 1pm-5pm.
The last weekend to use the Compost Area is December 15 and 16, 2018. The Compost Area will reopen in Spring 2019.

A Resident Compost Permit is needed. 2018 Permits are $30 and can be purchased at Borough Hall. Check our website www.allendalenj.gov in March for 2019 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.

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.

PLASTIC BAGS

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

****** PLASTIC BAGS ARE NOT RECYCLABLE! ******

BCUA'S HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 9AM-3PM, RAIN OR SHINE

• Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Rd. Paramus, NJ (Entry via Paramus Rd., Paramus, NJ)

TIRES / ELECTRONICS / MOBILE PAPER SHREDDING COLLECTION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 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

2018 LEAF PICK-UP SCHEDULE

East Side	*West Side*
Week of October 15	Week of October 8*
Week of October 29	Week of October 22
Week of November 12*	Week of November 5
Week of November 26	Week of November 19*
Week of December 10	Week of December 3

* Please note shorter weeks due to the holidays

STORM DRAIN & LEAVES

With the arrival of fall, we would like to thank our residents for being mindful about clearing fallen leaves from storm drains in front of their homes. Even with regular street sweeping, clogged storm drains may cause flooding and possible icy conditions during storms.

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, Mon.11/19 & Fri. 11/23

• Regular East side garbage pickup, Tues.11/20 & Sat. 11/24

• Metal pickup for both sides, Wed. 11/28

• No West side recycling pickup on Thanksgiving, 11/22, it will be picked up on Friday 11/23