

THE BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE

Happenings

2024 BUDGET EDITION

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Dear Allendale Taxpayer,

One of the most important responsibilities in the Borough is the budget. We pride ourselves on making fiscal responsibility a top priority. The finance team consists of Councilwoman Lovisolo, Councilwoman Homan, Alison Altano our CFO and Business Administrator and myself. We have all spent a great deal of time working and re-working the budget over the past four months. Each year it is more and more difficult to keep the budget flat with the tremendous rise in everything from healthcare to gas and ongoing economic uncertainty. We know you all understand this because we are all feeling it at home with increases in our everyday needs and household budgets. This is why we take this job very seriously and make sure we are spending tax dollars in a way to get the greatest value.

We use zero based budgeting at each cycle. This means all expenses must be justified for the new budget year. We essentially start from zero which allows us to take a fresh look each year and rethink all our resource needs.

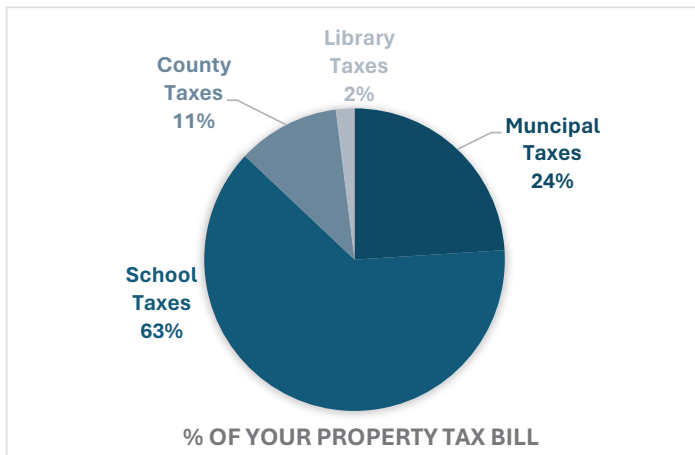
While we cannot control the County, Library, and school taxes, we are pleased to inform you that we can provide the same or better municipal services with no tax increase in the municipal portion of your bill. In fact, many will have a decrease. This is in part because of the annual rolling reassessment program which is the most efficient way to keep values current and fair for everyone.

**We will be discussing the budget in more detail at the May 9th Mayor and Council meeting @7:30 pm.
Our auditor and CFO will be there to answer any questions.**

Thank you, please let us know if you have any questions and know we will always work hard for your tax dollars to make Allendale the best place it can be.

Mayor Amy Wilczynski

WHERE DO YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO?



Your property tax bill consists of four components:

1. Allendale Schools
2. Bergen County Government
3. Lee Memorial Public Library
4. Allendale Municipal Services

New Jersey's fiscal laws require the municipal government of Allendale to serve as a billing and collection agency for all four separate entities. It is important to note that municipal taxes are only a portion of an Allendale property taxpayer's obligation.



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PROPOSED MUNICIPAL TAX RATE COMPARISON

	2024 Proposed Tax Rate	2023 Actual Tax Rate	Tax Rate Decrease
MUNICIPAL SERVICES	0.511	0.539	(0.028)

MUNICIPAL REVENUE COMPARISON

	2024	2023
Alcoholic Beverages	12,500	15,250
Fees and Permits	50,000	70,000
Municipal Court Fines and Costs	16,800	20,001
Interest and Costs on Taxes	60,000	56,000
Interest on Investments and Deposits	220,000	85,000
Dues and Fees – Crestwood Lake	340,000	325,000
Sewer Fees	355,400	299,000
Garbage Collection Fees	1,800	2,400
Cell Tower Lease	147,000	65,000
Cable TV Franchise Fees	98,000	100,000
Energy Receipts Tax	1,081,614	1,076,257
Municipal Relief Fund Aid	111,490	55,756
Uniform Construction Code Fees	250,000	300,000
Grants with Offsetting Appropriations	653,613	77,806
Uniform Fire Safety Act LEA Rebates	36,000	35,000
PILOT Payment	140,000	133,000
Water Fund Reserve for Debt Service	-0-	105,416
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	175,000	175,000
Amount to be raised by Taxes for Municipal Budget	11,073,352	10,977,355
Amount to be raised by Taxes for Free Public Library	736,932	691,949
Surplus	1,100,000	1,100,000
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES	16,659,501	15,765,190

MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATION COMPARISON

	2024	2023
General Government	1,367,100	1,191,420
Construction and Land Use Administration	388,350	332,550
Insurance	1,962,341	1,725,000
Public Safety	3,070,750	3,455,525
Public Works	1,428,000	1,293,000
Garbage, Recycling and Trash Removal	922,000	907,000
Health Services	58,000	56,000
Parks and Crestwood Lake	419,000	380,300
Utilities	489,000	489,000
Salary and Wage Adjustment	90,000	97,000
Contingency	30,000	30,000
Northwest Bergen Sewer Authority	2,049,882	1,952,895
Statutory Charges	1,389,505	1,375,329
Lee Memorial Public Library	736,932	691,949
Grants Offset by Revenues	52,775	77,806
Capital Improvement Fund	1,000,000	953,000
Debt Service and Deferred Charges	605,866	157,416
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	600,000	600,000
TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	16,659,501	15,765,190

TAX COLLECTION

The Tax Collector is responsible for billing, collection, reporting, and enforcing municipal taxes for the Borough of Allendale. Tax bills are mailed out in July, and the first payment is due August 1st. Property taxes are due February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1.

Failure to receive a tax bill does not exempt you from paying your taxes or the interest due on delinquent taxes, but the Borough does permit a ten (10) day grace period. Taxes must be received in the office before the 10th; however, if the 10th falls on a weekend or legal holiday you have until the next business day to make payment. The State of New Jersey does not permit postmark dating. All payments may be made by check, money order, or online. The interest rate charged for late payment of taxes is 8% on the first \$1,500.00, plus 18% on the amount over \$1,500.00. Bills may be paid in full by adding the amounts on the four numbered stubs. This covers the last half of the current year and the first half of the following year.

As a statutory officer of the State of New Jersey, the Tax Collector is obligated to follow all the State Statues regarding property tax collection including rate, interest of delinquent tax payments, and tax sale procedures.

TAX ASSESSMENT

Like most municipalities, the Borough of Allendale is contracted with an appraisal company to participate in an annual rolling reassessment program. This is the most efficient way to keep property values current and fair for all residents. Due to the rising real estate market, municipalities were advised by Bergen County to perform town-wide property assessments to ensure all homes are assessed according to the current market. The increase in average assessed properties within Allendale has allowed the Borough to have a zero tax rate increase.

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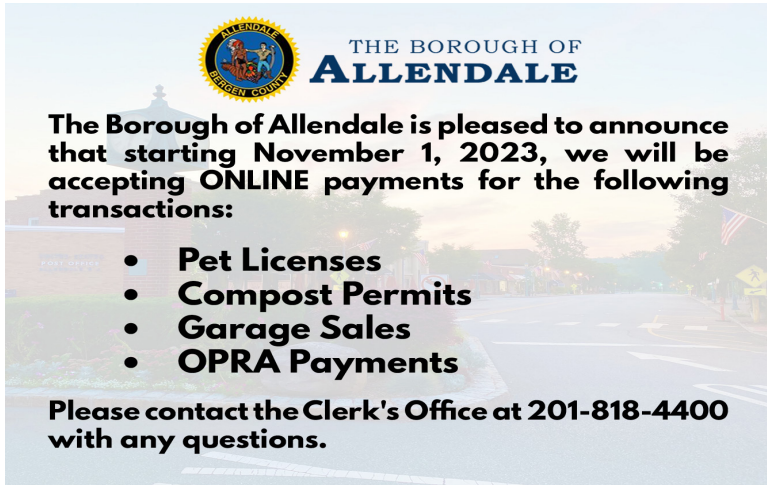
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**Recycling Center
& Compost Site
Regular Hours**

**Saturdays - 9am to 3pm
Wednesdays - 4pm to 7pm**
April 6th to December 7th 2024

