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A MONTHLY
ELECTRONIC
NEWSLETTER
TO KEEP
RESIDENTS
INFORMED



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The Allendale Mayor & Council with Senator Holly Schepisi at the Grand Opening of the Allendale Community Center, January 23, 2025.



Mayor Amy Wilczynski

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A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR AMY WILCZYNSKI

Despite the rain and cold weather, it's good to see so many using the new community center. While the ribbon cutting and grand opening was only a few weeks ago, we've already had most of our Borough organizations holding their first monthly meetings, awards ceremonies, events, lectures, ARC basketball and more recently pickleball. As they say, if you build it, they will come... We are still working on the usage policies and procedures as all sorts of requests come in and again ask for your patience as well as your suggestions as we work through new systems and processes.

It's that time of year again when the annual reassessment letters come out. This always causes a bit of a reaction as many people relate assessments to increased taxes. In the past, this was almost always guaranteed, as many homes were undervalued in comparison to the market. Since we have been doing YEARLY reassessments, the residential and commercial assessments have been aligned with the current market prices. If the assessed values rise, the total tax base becomes higher and the tax rate (amount needed to run the Borough and schools) is calculated from this new base. Depending on your assessment, your taxes can either increase, decrease or remain the same. Last year, many residents experienced a decrease. The yearly assessment program is the most fair, current and efficient way to ensure taxes are distributed evenly. Also important to note is that the Borough municipal budget is responsible for 25% of your taxes. 65% go to the schools and 10% goes to the county.

The first Q of every year is also when we start talking about the municipal budget. I can't stress enough how frugal and conservative our team is with our budget; we use zero-based budgeting to drive value and provide justification for all costs. Every year it gets harder and harder with increased costs of things like healthcare and unfunded state mandates. While we are pinching pennies, the state has continued to spend absorbent amounts, with their budget increasing from \$35 billion to \$56 billion in the past 7 years. In addition, communities like ours are receiving less and less. It does make it harder to live in this great state with no relief (like SALT) in the future. In Allendale, we always strive to do our best at a local level. We apply for every grant that comes before us so we can maintain the infrastructure, provide better services and beautify the town. We have applied for and received county and state grants to fully or partially pay for the new streetscape project downtown (with new pavers, trees and lights), the community center, improvements at Crestwood, and paving programs, to name just a few.... We will continue to do this to make your hard-earned tax dollars stretch as far as possible.

Our council has been working hard on 2025 Strategy and Goals for the municipality. We plan on presenting these at our Mayor & Council meeting on March 13th as well as our town hall meeting on March 18th. We encourage you all to attend and provide feedback. We want what's best for Allendale and also want your input as well!

Also – Look out for a date soon for coffee with the Mayor & Council and our Cops!

Please stay informed: click to [sign up for constant contact](#), [Swiftreach](#) (now called RAVE) and follow the [Mayor Amy Wilczynski Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages as well as the [Borough Facebook](#) page. Also feel free to contact any council member or myself.

Please say hi anytime you see me around town!

Stay warm everyone!



Mayor Amy Wilczynski



Garbage & Recycling Schedule

WG West Garbage WB West Bulk WR West Recycling
 EG East Garbage EB East Bulk ER East Recycling

FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 WG	4 EG	5 EB	6 WR	7	8
9	10 WG	11 EG	12 WB	13 ER	14	15
16	17 WG	18 EG		20 WR	21	22
23	24 WG	25 EG	26 M	27 ER	28	

MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 WG	4 EG	5 EB	6 WR	7	8
9	10 WG	11 EG	12 WB	13 ER	14	15
16	17 WG	18 EG		20 WR	21	22
23	24 WG	25 EG	26 M	27 ER	28	29
30	31 WG					

GARBAGE

- Household kitchen, office & bathroom trash
- Styrofoam



BULKY TRASH

- Furniture
- Carpeting
- Non-metal items
- Windows/mirrors/pane glass must be taped with an "X"

METAL

- Anything that is at least 75% metal
 - Artificial holiday trees

RECYCLING

Container One:

- Newspapers & inserts
- Junk mail, envelopes, office, notebook, construction paper
- Smooth and corrugated cardboard
- Glossy magazines and catalogs
- Soft-covered books and telephone books
- Non-metallic wrapping paper & greeting cards
- Shredded paper
- Brown Grocery bags



Container Two:

- Food & beverage containers
- Plastic containers with a recycling code 1, 2, 5 & 7
- Aluminum cans, foil
- Aseptic packaging (ex. soup, milk containers)
- Metal cans & empty aerosol cans
- Green, clear & brown glass bottles and jars

**Please note that there are 2 separate trucks that pick up recyclables.

Snow Removal Policies

- There is no parking in Borough streets during snow events.
- Remove snow and ice from sidewalks within a 24 hour period after end of snowfall.
- Do not deposit snow or ice on the streets.
- A fire hydrant should be cleared of snow in a 3' circle around the fire hydrant to the ground.
- Recycling Center will be closed during snow events.
- Place curbside garbage where it can be seen and collected safely.



Garbage & Recycling Reminders

- All items should be put out starting at 6pm the night before the scheduled collection.
- Building materials and wood pallets are not collected by our garbage contractor. You must make your own arrangements to dispose of them.
- You must schedule a one-time, courtesy move-out pickup with info@AllendaleNJ.gov at least 4 WEEKS in advance. No metal, electronics, or recyclable materials collected.
- Remember to make sure that the lids are securely on top of your cans, especially garbage. This will help keep wildlife at bay.
- Collection containers can be no larger than 30 gallons.
- Bulk Trash must be placed on the curb and not placed in the road.
- Food containers being recycled need to be rinsed and cleaned before you dispose.
- Soiled pizza boxes are garbage and NOT recyclable.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY DEBRIS IN THE ROAD: branches, scrap metal recycling, cardboard recycling, bulk trash, leaves, etc.



FROM THE
ALLENDALE
POLICE DEPARTMENT



4 WAYS TO REPORT ELECTRICAL OUTAGES

- TEXT "OUT" to 678797
- VISIT oru.com/ReportOutage
- DOWNLOAD the Orange and Rockland Mobile App
- CALL 1-877-434-4100



NEWS

FEMA's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates 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

If you are interested in learning valuable skills to help family, friends, and neighbors during a disaster or emergency, consider joining Allendale's Community Emergency Response Team. You can contribute and make a difference even if you don't have a significant amount of time to volunteer. The next CERT Basic Training course will be held in the spring (exact dates TBD). Classes are usually held one or two evenings per week (some in Paramus, some in Mahwah). To receive details when the training is scheduled, or for general questions about CERT, please email allendalecertcoordinator@gmail.com.



ALLENDALE AMBULANCE CORPS

Serving since 1937

Meet AVAC's Friday Duty Crew: Stephanie Pini, Mike Pini, Isha Korgaonkar and Elizabeth Mauravi.

Friday's Crew consists of married crew members Stephanie & Mike Pini, who have lived in Allendale 35 years. Stephanie joined AVAC in 2017 because she wanted to give back to the community. Stephanie & Mike's son joined Allendale FD when he was just 16 and encouraged his parents to get involved in town. Stephanie, Friday night's crew chief, is a surgical assistant/medical assistant and phlebotomist who has always loved the medical field and enjoys meeting different people and making a difference in their lives. Mike, who is the driver for the Friday crew, also joined AVAC to give back to the community, but also found that it was a great way for him to spend more time with Stephanie! Mike has been a NJ Master Plumber and Contractor for 40 years and is well respected for his excellent plumbing skills!

Isha Korgaonkar, a freshman at the University of Rochester, majoring in Molecular Genetics and Anthropology, has been an active member with the Friday Duty Crew since 2022—and still hops on calls when she is home from college! Isha joined AVAC to serve our community. It was during those calls that she decided to pursue the pre-med path in college. Meeting patients is her favorite part of being an EMT as she feels like she is making a positive impact during stressful or scary moments. Isha says, "Everyone at AVAC is incredibly supportive of youth members and their learning/growth. I'd recommend this experience to anyone!"

The newest member of the Friday Duty Crew is Elizabeth Mauravi, a 2022 NHRHS graduate, who has been riding for AVAC for 5 weeks. She joined AVAC because she loves having the opportunity to assist in the community while doing something she is passionate about! Elizabeth is currently a Junior at Dartmouth and volunteers with Dartmouth's EMS team, and whenever she can, she comes home on weekends to volunteer for AVAC!!!

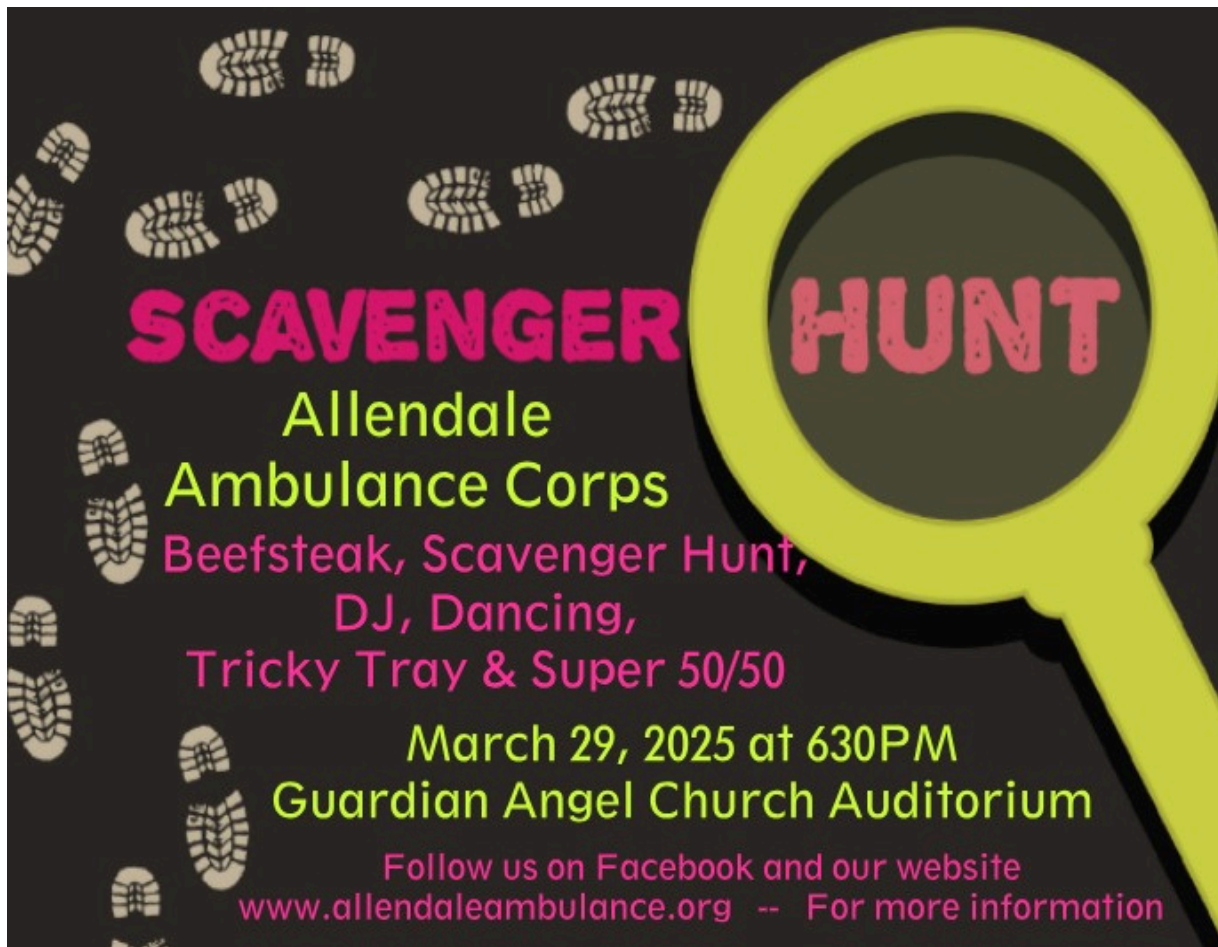
ABOUT ALLENDALE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS (AVAC)

The Allendale Volunteer Ambulance Corps is a group of men and women who volunteer their time to help you in your time of need. We do NOT charge for our services! Your donations help with our general operating costs, medical supplies, and also will help us purchase a new Ambulance.

Donations can be sent to:

*Allendale Ambulance Corps
26 Arcadia Road
Allendale, NJ 07401*

CONSIDER JOINING AVAC!
Call Daryl at 201-587-4008
for more info



SCAVENGER HUNT
Allendale
Ambulance Corps
Beefsteak, Scavenger Hunt,
DJ, Dancing,
Tricky Tray & Super 50/50
March 29, 2025 at 630PM
Guardian Angel Church Auditorium
Follow us on Facebook and our website
www.allendaleambulance.org -- For more information



**FREE
NOTARY
SERVICES AT
LEE MEMORIAL
LIBRARY**



*Notary services for Allendale residents are available by appointment.
Call us at 201-327-4338.*

Mayor & Council



Our Community Center was officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony on January 23rd, an event attended by residents, community leaders and government officials, including Senator Holly T. Schepisi (R).

After a speech acknowledging the hard work of so many, Mayor Amy Wilczynski cut a red ribbon and sabered a bottle of champagne!

The Community Center has a full-sized basketball gym, pickleball courts, and 2 community rooms open to residents. Visit allendalenj.gov/community-center for the Open Gym schedule and details on reserving pickleball courts and community rooms.



Pictured left to right:

Councilwoman Susanne Lovisolo, Senator Holly T. Schepisi, Mayor Amy Wilczynski, Councilwoman Liz Homan, Councilman Ed O'Connell, Councilman Tyler Yaccarino, Councilman Matt O'Toole

HELP THE HUNGRY IN YOUR OWN COMMUNITY

SCOUTING FOR FOOD
SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025



BUY IT...

- Canned Meats/Fish
- 100% Fruit Juice Boxes & Bottles
- Soups
- Peanut Butter
- Dried & Canned Beans
- Jello/ Pudding Mix
- Pasta/Pasta Sauces
- Rice
- Instant & Canned Potatoes
- Canned Fruit/Vegetables
- Hot or Cold Cereal
- Baby Diapers and Wipes
- Baby Formula
- Supermarket Gift Cards
- Boxes for packaging the food (greater than 2ft in each dimension)
- Packing Tape



BAG IT...

Fill a bag with your non-perishable, non-expired items

*Extra bags available for free at Allendale Police Station

LEAVE IT OUT...

Leave it on your doorstep March 8th for pickup
OR

Drop donations at Allendale Police Headquarters anytime!
[290 Franklin Turnpike, Allendale, NJ 07401]

This years Benefactors:



VINEYARD BAPTIST
CHURCH



MEADOWLANDS
FOOD PANTRY





ALLENDALE WOMAN'S CLUB FASHION SHOW 2025 RESERVATION FORM

Please join us

**April 9, 2025
at 6:30pm**



Season's Catering

644 Pascack Road
Washington Township, NJ



Complete registration electronically via the Google form or use the QR code

TICKET DETAILS

- Individual tickets are available for \$135/ check or \$138/Paypal or Venmo. A table of 12 may be reserved for \$1620/check or \$1656/Paypal or Venmo
- Fashion Show seats are available on a first-come basis and are non-refundable Women attending must be age 21+
- Fashion Show ticket includes: Open Bar, Cocktail Hour, Dinner, DJ, Dancing, and Photo Booth

Payment can be made individually or as group, see options for payment:

- Paypal at <https://www.paypal.me/AllendaleWomansClub> - Click "Donate" enter name and phone number of the attendee and group table leader on notes section
- Venmo: @theallendalewomansclub - under charities. Enter Name and phone of the attendee and group table leader on memo section
- Checks payable to the "Allendale Woman's Club". Mail to P.O. Box 284 Allendale, NJ 07401



CONTACT: Carol Lander
AllendaleWomansClubRSVP@gmail.com
for questions, and our website
allendalewomans.club/fashionshow

AWC SPEAKER SERIES PROUDLY PRESENTS



HOW TO HARNESS YOUR PARENTING STRESS AND GUIDE YOUR TEEN TO SUCCESS

FEATURING **DR. DANA DORFMAN**

Join us as renowned psychotherapist, mental health advocate, and author Dr. Dorfman breaks down her highly acclaimed book *When Worry Works: How to Harness Your Parenting Stress and Guide Your Teen to Success*.



SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS	
IDENTIFY HOW PARENTAL STRESS CAN INFLUENCE THEIR TEENS	
GUIDE TEENS TOWARD SUCCESS WITHOUT ADDING PRESSURE.	
FOSTER RESILIENCE AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING IN TODAY'S ENVIRONMENT.	

DATE AND PLACE:	
2.27.2025	
TIME: 7:00PM	
LOCATION: ALLENDALE COMMUNITY CENTER	

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS AT WWW.ALLENDALEWOMANS.CLUB





Your Spring Cleaning Can Benefit NH Project Graduation 2025

Northern Highlands Project Graduation 2025 has partnered with Clothing Donation Services (CDS) to help raise funds through the collection of used clothing, accessories, and household items

Your donations will aid and assist domestic violence victims under the care of Strengthen Our Sisters...while also generating funds for Project Graduation 2025

You can declutter your home and at the same time help those in need!

Acceptable Items to Donate:

used/wearable clothing, shoes, sandals, sneakers, boots, construction boots, work gear, jackets, coats, rain gear, leathers, belts, ties, pants, shirts, sweaters, vests, blouses, dresses, skirts, robes, undergarments, sheets, pillowcases, towels, linens, tablecloths, hats, scarfs, gloves, handbags, purses, wallets, jewelry, watches, uniforms, jerseys, backpacks and swimwear

Saturday, March 22
9am – 1pm

Location of Event: Northern Highlands Regional High School – Upper Parking Lot

Instructions – all items must be tied up in plastic bags
Simply pull up to the CDS Truck, and the items will be taken out of your car for you

NO FURNITURE, TOYS, BOOKS, GLASS, LIQUIDS, BRIC-A-BRAC

Thank you for supporting NH Project Graduation 2025



FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT DANA KARDAN AT DANABKAT@YAHOO.COM

BE THE REASON FOR SOMEONE'S TOMORROW

THE GARY LETIZIA MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

Gary Letizia was diagnosed with Leukemia at the age of 68. If not for the countless gallons of donated blood that kept him valiantly battling cancer, we wouldn't have been able to create those extra memories that final year. Please consider donating so that someone else's loved one may receive that same precious gift of time.

-Dr. Matt Letizia

Thursday, March 27, 2025

1pm – 7pm

**Allendale Fire Department
1 Erie Plaza, Allendale**



Donors will get a voucher for a FREE glass of beer, wine or soft drink courtesy of Allendale Bar & Grill!



To make an appointment, scan QR code or visit nybc.org/letizia
Appointments Encouraged.
Walk-Ins Welcome!



THE GARY LETIZIA MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE



Administration, Clerks Office, Board of Health

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