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A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR AMY WILCZYNSKI

Here we are, wrapping up another year already. I hope everyone stays safe and sane through the holidays and celebrates with laughter, peace and joy.

The Borough has been bustling with activity as we gear up for the open house of the **Community Center** on December 12th. I'm excited for everyone to visit, we will be there from 10am-3pm and again from 5pm-7pm (with DJ Pete). It's been a collective effort to get to this point. We are learning a new state of the art entrance and scheduling system, purchasing furniture and other items to prepare for a grand opening in January. In the meantime, we are planning to accommodate a few groups in December to test everything out. As this is a new endeavor for us all, we ask for your patience and constructive suggestions as we navigate through this exciting chapter for the Borough.

The Borough embarked on another innovative journey by taking over the cell tower lease at Crestwood. When the lease expired, we jumped on the opportunity to become the 'new landlord'. While outsourcing to a third party would have been simpler and a less work, which many other towns did, we opted to research our options and go out to bid on our own. This decision offers our municipality an opportunity to retain significant revenue that would have otherwise gone to a middle man.

This year has been transformational for the Borough. We restructured the organizational design, combining the Borough Administrator and CFO roles, welcomed a new DPW superintendent, and built up our police department. Additionally, we redesigned and redecorated Borough offices to improve aesthetics and functionality for both employees and residents. We also brought on a Communications Director to ensure everyone stays informed.

In addition, we established goals and pillars for each committee to guide the Borough's success. These were shared during our first town hall, allowing residents to see and comment on Allendale's vision and strategic plan. Your feedback was invaluable, and we plan to continue this initiative next year. Transparency remains our guiding principle, and we're committed to sharing as much information as possible. Alongside our two monthly council meetings, which are live-streamed, we held four town halls and two "Coffee with the Mayor and Cops" events. The informal town hall style meetings were particularly well-attended, so we're planning more for the coming year. We're also updating our website to make it more user-friendly—thanks to everyone who contributed to the survey!

I hope to see you at the Community Center open house or at the **Holiday Walk on December 6th and the Menorah Lighting on December 29th.** Make sure you say hello!

It's been a fantastic year, and I am truly grateful for your support. Serving as Mayor is an honor and a privilege that I cherish and love doing.

Don't forget—our reorganization meeting is on January 6th.

Please stay informed: click to <u>sign up for constant contact</u>, <u>Swiftreach</u> (now called RAVE) and follow the <u>Mayor Amy Wilczynski Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> pages as well as the <u>Borough Facebook</u> page.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

Mayor Amy Wilczynski



A MESSAGE FROM THE LAND USE BOARD

BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE HAZARD VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT STUDY OF THE MASTER PLAN

The Borough of Allendale Land Use Board is conducting a new Hazard Vulnerability Assessment Study (HVAS) as part of the Borough's Master Plan. This Land Use document will be part of the municipal proactive approach critical to strive for a more sustainable and resilient community.

As a changing climate continues to influence our natural and built environment and is impacting our communities at an increasingly greater rate year after year, it is incumbent upon every municipality to incorporate land use principles, policies and specific recommendations to help respond and address this issue.

The Borough Land Use Board is conducting a **workshop meeting** to discuss this study, to provide an overview of the issues and to offer opportunities for input into the study:

Monday, December 16, 2024

7:30pm

Borough Municipal Building 500 W. Crescent Avenue Allendale, NJ 07401

The Land Use Board encourages the public to attend this meeting to hear about the study and to seek input into the draft document.



<u>Garbage & Recycling Schedule</u>

	Garbage arbage		WB West Bulk EB East Bulk			WR West Recycli ER East Recyclin		
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1	WG ²	EG ³	EB ⁴	ER ⁵	6	7		
8	WG ⁹	EG ¹⁰	WB ¹¹	WR ¹²	13	14		
15	WG ¹⁶	EG ¹⁷	M ¹⁸	19 ER	20	21		
22	WG ²³	24 EG	ē ²⁵	26 WR	WG ²⁷	EG ²⁸		
29	WG ³⁰	EG ³¹						

JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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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 & insertsJunk mail, envelopes, office, notebook,
- construction paperSmooth and corrugated cardboard
- Glossy magazines and catalogs
- Soft-covered books and telphone 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.

Important Winter Info



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METAL PICKUP is CANCELLED Thursday, 12/26/24 and rescheduled for Wednesday, 12/18/24

EXTRA HOLIDAY GARBAGE PICKUPS:

Westside: Monday, 12/23/24 & Friday, 12/27/24 Eastside: Tuesday, 12/24/24 & Saturday, 12/28/24

Last dates for compost drop-off will be Saturday, 12/14/24 9am-3pm & Sunday, 12/15/24 9am-2pm Compost Center closes for winter 12/15/24 thru 04/06/25.

Recycling Center will remain open thru winter on Saturdays ONLY, 9am-2pm (CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS FOR WINTER)



Thank you to all our residents who put their bagged leaves on the curb for pickup by landscapers. By abiding by the law, you kept Allendale safer!

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.





American households generate about 1 million additional tons of trash between Thanksgiving and the New Year. Don't let the holidays be the most wasteful time of the year. Take these simple steps to reduce your waste.



Bring reusable bags for holiday shopping.



Send electronic holiday greeting cards instead of paper cards.



Don't wrap gifts. Hide them, and give the recipient clues. Make the search a treasure hunt.



Use reusable dishes, glassware, silverware and napkins for holiday entertaining rather than disposable items.



Give packing peanuts and other polystyrene packaging materials a second life by bringing them to a local mailing center.

To learn more about waste reduction this holiday season, visit:





From the Allendale Green Team

The Green Team Wishes Everyone a Sustainable Holiday Season! Please Participate in our Holiday Recycling Collections

Holiday Lights



Electronics

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ALLENDALE AMBULANCE CORPS Serving since 1937

Brighten the holidays by making your health and safety a priority. Take steps to keep you and your loved ones safe and healthy—and ready to enjoy the holidays.

- Wash hands often to help prevent the spread of germs. It's flu season. Wash your hands with soap and clean running water for at least 20 seconds.
- **Bundle up to stay dry and warm.** Wear appropriate outdoor clothing: light, warm layers, gloves, hats, scarves, and waterproof boots.
- **Manage stress.** Give yourself a break if you feel stressed out, overwhelmed, and out of control. Some of the best ways to manage stress are to find support, connect socially, and get plenty of sleep.
- **Don't drink and drive or let others drink and drive.** Whenever anyone drives drunk, they put everyone on the road in danger. Choose not to drink and drive and help others do the same.
- **Be smoke-free**. Avoid smoking and secondhand smoke. Smokers have greater health risks because of their tobacco use, but nonsmokers also are at risk when exposed to tobacco smoke.
- Fasten seat belts while driving or riding in a motor vehicle. Always buckle your children in the car using a child safety seat, booster seat, or seat belt according to their height, weight, and age. Buckle up every time, no matter how short the trip and encourage passengers to do the same.
- Get exams and screenings. Ask your health care provider what exams you need and when to get them. Update your personal and family history.
- **Get your vaccinations.** Vaccinations help prevent diseases and save lives. Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine each year.
- **Monitor children.** Keep potentially dangerous toys, food, drinks, household items, and other objects out of children's reach. Protect them from drowning, burns, falls, and other potential accidents.
- **Practice fire safety.** Most residential fires occur during the winter months, so don't leave fireplaces, space heaters, food cooking on stoves, or candles unattended. Have an emergency plan and practice it regularly.
- **Prepare food safely**. Remember these simple steps: Wash hands and surfaces often, avoid cross-contamination, cook foods to proper temperatures and refrigerate foods promptly.
- Eat healthy, stay active. Eat fruits and vegetables which pack nutrients and help lower the risk for certain diseases. Limit your portion sizes and foods high in fat, salt, and sugar. Also, be active for at least 2½ hours a week and help kids and teens be active for at least 1 hour a day.



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



Around Town







The Indian Cultural Association of Allendale (ICAA) held their annual Diwali celebration on November 16th, with over one hundred Allendale residents in attendance.

Diwali, known as the Festival of Lights, symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance.

It was an evening of celebration with special performances by the children, a reading of the story of Diwali, and delicious Indian cuisine followed by the DJ bringing everyone to the dance floor! The community welcomed many new families, making it a night to both enjoy old friendships and form new ones.

For more information on ICAA, contact Karina Singh at 201-519-4100.















10am – 3pm & 5pm – 7pm



Come check out Allendale's newest spot for meetings, sports & events! All residents invited!





GREETINGS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

Stop by and borrow items to make your season bright!

- Lots of Holiday Music
- Many Seasonal Movie Favorites
- Festive holiday cookbooks
- Cozy books to read by the fire
- Equipment to host a movie night with a portable projector, an indoor/outdoor projection screen and a DVD player
- A telescope to explore the winter sky
- Free passes to 7 different museums and much more!

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ALLENDALE HOLIDAY OBSERVERS PROUDLY PRESENT

ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING EVENT

ALL ALLENDALE CHILDREN PRE-K THROUGH 8TH GRADE WILL RECEIVE A GIFT FROM SANTA!!

SATURDAY DEC. 14TH

1 PM @ HO CHRISTMAS TREE (CENTER OF TOWN ADJACENT TO RAILROAD TRACKS) RAIN SITE - HILLSIDE SCHOOL

IN THE SPIRIT OF "CHRISTMAS GIVING", PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATION FOR THE CENTER FOR FOOD ACTION!!



Supposit like Allendale Mural Project



Buy holiday gifts and a portion of the proceeds will support the mural fund.

Ornaments \$20 Pillows \$50 Blankets \$80 Stadium Throws \$55

Text Theresa 845-558-8345 or @peakgifts for Orders & Design Options

Most orders placed before Dec 10th will be ready for the holidays!

Customizable Designs and Materials (subject to additional fees).

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RABIES Cinic

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18 10AM - 11AM RED BARN, CRESTWOOD PARK 300 W. CRESCENT AVE

Drive Up Clinic

NJ residents only: bring proof of residency Dogs must be on leash, 5' or shorter Cats must be in carrier. No feral cats Bring proof of prior vaccination, if available

> No aggressive animals, please. 😣 No onsite registrations & renewals 😣

Visit <u>allendalenj.gov</u>to renew Animal License



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PAWS FOR FASHION

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025

6:30 PM AT SEASONS

JOIN THE ALLENDALE WOMAN'S CLUB ANNUAL BENEFIT FOR RAMAPO-BERGEN ANIMAL SHELTER AND OTHER AWC CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES







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Thank you for reading!



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