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The ARC rec basketball season wraps up this week. Above, Team Monaco, one of the teams in the finals.



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### A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR AMY WILCZYNSKI

As spring approaches, we can already see and feel the change of seasons—bulbs are beginning to bloom, and fields are being prepared for the upcoming sports season. With more people out walking and children riding their bikes, please be mindful of your speed when driving through town.

Our **finance team** has been diligently working on the **operating budget**, which will be introduced later this month. Last year, we created a budget newsletter to provide residents with a comprehensive overview of the municipal portion of the budget, and we plan to do the same this year. I'm happy to report that we are in good financial shape now as well as in the future. We have carefully reviewed every line item to ensure that your tax dollars are used sensibly.

On the **capital projects** front, now that the community center is fully operational, our focus has shifted to the concession stand at Crestwood. We are making every effort to have it ready by Memorial Day. Following that, our next major project will be a complete overhaul of the tennis courts near the red barn. These courts, which are nearly 50 years old, require extensive engineering work. We have already secured two grants for this initiative and are in the process of applying for a third. And to answer everyone's question—yes, the new courts will include lines for pickleball! Additionally, we continue to work on ongoing infrastructure projects, including paving, field maintenance, and significant sewer system improvements.

On the **revenue side**, municipalities have limited opportunities beyond taxation. However, last year we identified and seized a unique opportunity to increase revenue. Previously, a third party controlled all activity related to the Borough's cell tower under a 30-year agreement, overseeing both the physical structure and individual cell provider leases. As the lease neared renewal, we conducted thorough research and decided to take full ownership, negotiating individual leases with each provider through a competitive bidding process. This decision has more than doubled our annual revenue from the cell tower, therefore reducing the need for additional taxation. Between 2020 and 2023, the Borough collected an average of \$163,004 annually, whereas in 2024 alone, we have already collected \$386,172. Despite external pressures to renew the third-party agreement, we took the time to negotiate the best deal for our community. I am proud of this transaction and the teamwork with our CFO. This is just one way to demonstrate our commitment to the Borough and responsible financial management. We are having the first of 4 town halls on **Tuesday March 18th at 7 pm** at the community center. The topic of this meeting is to review **2025 strategy and goals**. We would love to see you there and hear your feedback!

Please stay informed: <u>sign up for alerts and emails</u> and follow the <u>Mayor Amy Wilczynski Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> pages as well as the <u>Borough Facebook</u> page. Also feel free to <u>contact any council</u> <u>member or myself</u>.

If you know someone who does not have access to a computer, please let us know so we can mail them Borough updates.

Please say hi anytime you see me around town!

Mayor Amy Wilczynski



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# Garbage & Recycling Schedule

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# APRIL 2025

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### GARBAGE

- Household kitchen, office & bathroom trash
- Styrofoam

### BULKY TRASH

- Furniture
- CarpetingNon-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 telphone books
- Non-metallic wrapping paper & greeting cards

• Plastic containers with a recycling code 1, 2, 5 & 7

• Aseptic packaging (ex. soup, milk containers)

Green, clear & brown glass bottles and jars

Shredded paper

Container Two:

• Brown Grocery bags

• Aluminum cans, foil

Food & beverage containers

· Metal cans & empty aerosol cans

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Feeding deer is harmful to both the animals and our community. It disrupts their natural diet, encourages dependence on humans, and can lead to dangerous behavior.

Additionally, feeding deer increases the risk of spreading diseases and attracts them closer to roadways, putting both wildlife and drivers at risk.

Thank you for your cooperation!

# **NO OVERNIGHT PARKING**

- Parking on the street, or in the municipal lots (metered, resident commuter or shopper etc) is prohibited between the hours of 3 a.m. and 5 a.m.
- In the event of an overnight guest, disabled vehicle or similar circumstance, permission for a one night exemption may be granted by calling 201-825-1900 and speaking with the dispatcher on duty.You will need to provide the make, model, color and the exact location where it will be parked.The vehicle must be otherwise legally parked.
- The Allendale Police Department does not have the authority to grant parking permission at schools or private parking lots. Anyone wishing to park at these locations MUST obtain permission from the school Principal or owner in the case of private property.
- NOTE: In the event of snow, when roads may need to be sanded or plowed there will be NO OVERNIGHT EXEMPTIONS allowed.
- \*\*Please note that there are 2 separate trucks that pick up recyclables.





# MARCH 18, 2025 COMMUNITY CENTER 210 West CRESCENT AVE - ALLENDALE, NJ 7:00PM

Please join us for the first of four Town Halls in 2025. The Mayor & Council will present the Borough's 2025 Strategy and goals for the year ahead.

All residents are invited to attend. Your participation and feedback are invaluable to us as we move forward in 2025.

**Henda** 







# VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED

STOP BY ALLENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT THURSDAYS AT 7:30PM

# **1 ERIE PLAZA**

FOR MORE INFORMATION: CALL THE FIREHOUSE AT (201) 934-7015 OR EMAIL <u>FIRECHIEF@ALLENDALENJ.GOV</u>



ALLENDALE AMBULANCE CORPS Serving since 1937

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# CAVENG

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

# **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



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It is now easier for seniors and those receiving Social Security Disability in New Jersey to apply for Property Tax Relief with a new, simplified process. The goal is to make the filing experience more straightforward and efficient. The single combined application for the <u>Senior Freeze</u> (Property Tax Reimbursement), <u>ANCHOR</u>, and <u>Stay NJ</u> programs for residents 65 and over, or those collecting Social Security Disability Benefits. New Jersey Division of Taxation will determine your eligibility for you and send a letter with the specific benefits you qualify for.

- To ask questions or to order an application: Filers of the combined property tax relief application (Form PAS-1) who are 65 or older or who are Social Security Disability recipients can call the Division of Taxation at 1-888-238-1233 for assistance. (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except State holidays).

- To check the status of a filed application: 1-888-238-1233.

- To listen to information: 1-800-323-4400.

- In-person assistance at Taxation Regional Information Centers (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except State holidays): <u>https://nj.gov/treasury/taxation/contact-office.shtml</u>
- Online information about specific eligibility requirements, benefit amounts, and payment schedules for each property tax relief program please visit: propertytaxrelief.nj.gov
  - Taxation email address for property tax relief and general tax questions: <u>nj.taxation@treas.nj.gov</u>

\*Please allow until April 15th for delivery.

If you have already filed, there is no need to submit another application.

# In case you were wondering... "Was the holiday light collection worth the effort?"

# The Green Team collected 700 pounds of light strings!!



Many thanks to our Allendale residents and much appreciation to Lee Memorial Library and Rohsler's Allendale Nursery for their participation and support.



The Green Team Spring Cleanup / Earth Day event will be held May 3 – details to follow!



# <u>AllendaleGreenTeam@gmail.com</u>

# Lee Memorial Library NEWS!





# Have You Tried HOOPLA?

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# 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

# BETHEREASON 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!

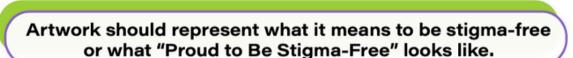


To make an appointment, scan QR code or visit nybc.org/letizia Appointments Encouraged. Walk-Ins Welcome!





THE GARY LETIZIA MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE





# SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 28<sup>™</sup>

### The Bergen County Stigma-Free Initiative

is a county-wide program that works to prevent and reduce the stigma associated with mental illness, raises awareness of the disease of mental illness through education, helps make conversations about mental health a part of everyday discussions, and eliminates and prevents stigma to encourage those who live with a mental illness to seek assistance without the fear of being negatively judged.

Contact Mayra Cabrera, mcabrera@bergencountynj.gov or 201-634-2750, with any questions





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# Image: Crestwood ParkImage: Crestwood Park

Learn to reinforce a positive working relationship with your dog in a way that will set you up for success on the AVGP now or for the future





AVGP.ORG/TRAINING





Please join us April 9, 2025 at 6:30pm

# ALLENDALE WOMAN'S CLUB FASHION SHOW 2025 RESERVATION FORM

Season's Catering 644 Pascack Road Washington Township, NJ



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

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# 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 THE ALLENDALE GARDEN CLUB'S

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# Plant Sale

Saturday, May 17, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The Lee Memorial Library Grounds 500 West Crescent Avenue, Allendale, NJ

# Join Us Rain or Shine

This annual outdoor community event will feature a rich variety of native and pollinator plants selected from our gardens as well as nursery plants at great prices *(cash or check only)*. Several club members are Master Gardeners and will be happy to assist you with plant purchases.



THE ALLENDALE GARDEN CLUB • SINCE 1921





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Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission

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Thank you for grading!

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