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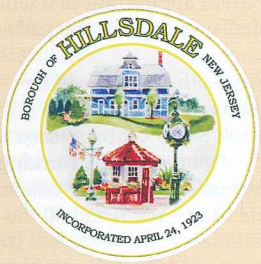

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!

COURTESY OF ZOLTAN HORVATH

The Hillsdale Police Department is humbled to say that our 2nd annual National Night Out was a huge success. We welcomed more than 1,000 people to come and enjoy this free event paid for by our wonderful sponsors. We served more than 700 hotdogs, 30 pizzas and 600 ice creams, as well as 550 t-shirts. We would like to thank Hackensack University Medical Center for landing its helicopter at our event. We would also like to thank the Paterson Police Department for its outstanding K-9 demonstration. We hope to see everyone next year at our National Night Out on Aug. 1, 2017.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE SEPTEMBER

Douglas Frank
Mayor

I am preparing this letter on Aug. 13, so by the time you read it, there may be additional news of what is happening in Hillsdale. I recommend that anyone who has computer access sign up for email notifications on our website. In addition to regular and special events, important news about town projects and activities are regularly communicated through these two channels. Here are few of the items we have accomplished in the last few months.

• The audio upgrade to the Council Chambers. If you watch our Council sessions or Planning Board meetings, you will actually be able to hear 99 percent of what is said.

• The Council is investigating ways to add content to the public access channels (FIOS #32 and Cablevision #77).

• New DPW equipment which was funded through borrowing in 2015. DPW is preparing a plan for improved leaf collection this fall.

• New lightning detectors installed at our fields, a critical safety system for all town residents. This should be complete in the next two months.

• Changed garbage/recycling collection companies due to serious problems with our previous vendor, and we continue to work with our new vendor to get their service level up to 100 percent.

• The Borough completed the 2015 road program this past spring. We are also continuing with our 2016 road resurfacing program except for the repaving of Hillsdale Ave., east of Kinderkamack. This portion was funded with a grant from NJ DOT and due to the impasse in Trenton all projects are on hold. I hope that by the time you read this the funds have been released and we can get this road done this year.

• Like many towns in the area, Hillsdale is looking at the possibility of redevelopment of our industrial area. As part of this we are opposing the renewal of Waste Management's permit to operate their transfer station. We hired special council and have posted a petition on line. We appreciate your support on this effort. The odds may be against our success, but we must make the effort.

• Suez (United Water) agreed to fix the gaps in the roadway surface on Church Road over the reservoir to eliminate the noise that was being created by traffic.

• Beechwood Park has deteriorated over the last few of years. We are preparing a Grant application that will allow us to repair the band shell and upgrade the park around it.

Updates on these projects and other issues will be shared with you through our email blast system and web site.

We had a great summer season. Stonybrook Swim Club has seen a small uptick in activity and membership. The Commission is working to continue this trend. We completed another successful summer concert season thanks to the efforts of Elizabeth and Marty Ward and all the local businesses and sponsors.

With the end of summer, our town gets quite a bit busier. Please be careful driving and observe caution at all crosswalks, as there are more children and pedestrians out, and they have the right of way.

BOROUGH TO OPPOSE WASTE MANAGEMENT PERMIT RENEWAL

A message from Mayor Douglas Frank:

In the last two and one half years since Waste Management stopped operating its transfer station on Patterson Street, driving downtown in Hillsdale has been much easier. It has also smelled a lot better. That may change, as Waste Management has an application before the New Jersey DEP to renew their permit to operate the transfer station. Even though they may not start up right away, the renewal will give them the opportunity to start up at any time. This will bring back the daily parade of garbage trucks into the facility and large tractor trailers hauling garbage out. After they abandoned the buildings and lots, which are now an eyesore, we do not want them back.

As you may know, we have made our opposition clear to the DEP. We have also reached out to our state elected officials for help in getting this permit renewal denied. The Borough Council recently authorized hiring a special legal counsel with experience in this area to help us fight this renewal. Despite all these efforts, we know that Waste Management has a lot of power in Trenton and we will have to fight hard to succeed.

Besides the increased traffic in Hillsdale and the Township of Washington, the renewal will limit the Borough's ability to improve this area of town. We are currently exploring an economic redevelopment plan for this area which will be seriously jeopardized by their renewal.

We expect that there will be a local public hearing with the DEP before the permit decision is officially made. To help us get attention on this issue, we are requesting that all interested parties sign the online petition objecting to the renewal. Please do so now, as we expect that the DEP may take action shortly. The petition can be found at: https://www.gopetition.com/petitions/say-no-to-waste-management.html

We will keep you advised of the status of the renewal and will let you know about the hearing when it is scheduled. We will need everyone's help to get this permit denied.

RECREATION NEWS

Hillsdale Annual Halloween Parade: Oct. 22 – Fun for all ages, check our website for details.

Hillsdale Hawks Baseball Three Hillsdale Hawks baseball teams recently played in the championship games of their divisions in the North East Bergen All Star (NEBAS) Summer Tournament. The 10U and 11/12U Int team won their games against Emerson and Washington Township respectively, and are the division champions. The 9/10U Int team played a good game against Washington Township and are the division runners up.

The 10U team, coached by John Stanbury, Jeff Cramer and Joe Eichner were also the champions of their division in the Spring Tournament.

Congratulations to all the boys and coaches! You've done Hillsdale proud!

2016 Hillsdale Hawks Football & Cheer Golf Classic

The event will take place on Oct. 3 at Spook Rock Golf Club, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. There will also be dinner, raffles and prizes. Please help support the program as a sponsor or a player. All donations are tax deductible.

For more information contact John Geraghty at johnnygfour@gmail.com or 718-909-8333.

Come support the Hillsdale Hawks Football and Cheer program for the 2016 season. Home games at Memorial Field in September and October afternoons. Food available by Big Daddy's of Hillsdale.

2016 Football Schedule

Sunday, Sept. 18 vs. Washington Township, noon

Sunday, Oct. 2 vs. Hawthorne, noon

Saturday, Oct. 15 vs. River Vale, noon

Sunday, Oct. 30 vs. Montvale, noon

Cheerleader Showcase: Saturday, Oct. 22, all levels, Teaneck, 9 a.m. to noon.

HILLSDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Since my last quarterly message, I am happy and excited to report that our second annual "National Night Out" was a huge success and was even better than last year's event. I want to thank all of my officers who participated making this event a positive experience for our residents. I want to especially thank Officer Kaplan for planning and organizing this event.

GETTING STOPPED BY POLICE

The following is a good practice when being stopped for a motor vehicle violation.

First, remember police officers are patrolling the streets for your safety. Officers can pull you over for any minor traffic infraction. Remember police officers are human – when they are about to stop you or someone for committing a traffic offense they can be just as nervous as you are. The officers have no idea who you are or what they are about to encounter when they pull you over, so please keep that in mind. The first thing the driver should do when they see a police vehicle behind them with the emergency lights on is to use your turn signal or directional alerting the officer that you will be pulling over to the right side of the roadway. Once you have safely stopped you should roll down your driver's side window and keep your hands in plain view and wait for the officer to approach your vehicle.

Once the officer approaches your vehicle, the officer will be looking into your vehicle for his/her safety. As I stated earlier the officer is just as nervous as you and their job is to be suspicious of everyone or anything. The officer then should advise you why you were stopped and then will ask you for driving credentials (driver's license, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance). If you need to reach into the glove box or retrieve the items from your hand bag or your pants pocket explain this to the officer and ask for permission to retrieve the said items. If you automatically reach for these items without informing the officer, the officer will most likely feel uneasy and ask you to stop what you are doing. During this encounter the driver and passengers should be pleasant and respectful to the officer and in return you should receive the same treatment.

After the officer receives the required driving credentials, the officer will walk back to his vehicle and check your driving history and make a determination whether or not the driver will be receiving a warning or a summons. The officer the will return to the driver's vehicle and may advise the driver that he/she may be receiving a warning or possibly a summons. If you receive a warning please remember that this encounter will be documented and therefore the driver should be aware that committing the same infraction in the future may result in a future summons. If the officer decides to issue the operator a summons, he/she will explain the reason for the summons and how to pay the fine or how to challenge the summons in court. If you receive a summons by the officer please do not argue or comment about receiving the summons. The time to challenge the summons is in court in front of a judge who will decide whether or not you are guilty or innocent.

The take away from this article should be officers can be just as nervous as you during a motor vehicle stop, be courteous, and utilize the court system if you are not satisfied with receiving a summons.

LEAF SEASON

As the summer comes to a close, remember during the fall season to place your leaves out at the curb during the designated times set by the Department of Public Works. Please be aware not to park your vehicle on leaf piles and to remove your vehicle from the street during leaf pick up times, which will assist the DPW with removing leaves from your neighborhood.

Robert Francaviglia
Hillsdale Police Chief

STORMWATER RESPONSIBILITY

Message provided by Mayor Douglas Frank:

Our Borough has adopted state-mandated stormwater regulations to discourage activities which could pollute our water. These include proper disposal of pet waste, placing litter in appropriate trash receptacles, participating in our recycling programs to keep litter from entering local streams, preventing improper disposal of materials out of our storm sewers, avoid feeding wildlife, controlling your yard waste to prevent spilling or blowing of materials into the street and storm drains, covering your refuse containers to stop rainwater from entering and leaking into the streets, and avoiding illicit connections of wastewater into our storm drains.

Remember that hazardous products including some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, auto fluids and paints should never be poured in a storm drain as all of our drains ultimately connect to local streams.

For those commercial property owners who maintain their own storm drains, these must be retrofitted to comply with the state's requirements for prevention of solids or floatables from entering our sewer systems. As a reminder, leaves that are not containerized may only be placed along the street (at least 10 ft. from a storm drain) seven days prior to scheduled pick-ups this fall.

For more detailed information see the full ordinances on our website at http://ecode360.com/?custID=HI1394.

By all of us sharing responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of our streams and rivers. It all adds up to cleaner water and saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty!

PROJECT MEDICINE DROP

The Hillsdale Police Department in now participating in Project Medicine Drop. Project Medicine Drop is an important component of the New Jersey Attorney General's effort to stop the diversion and abuse of prescription drugs, including highly addictive opiate painkillers.

Through this initiative, the State Division of Consumer Affairs installs secure "prescription drug drop boxes" at police departments, sheriff's offices, and State Police barracks across New Jersey, allowing citizens to safely dispose of their unused, excess, or expired prescription medications.

Members of the public are invited to visit the Project Medicine Drop sites and drop off any unused prescription medications anonymously and with no questions asked. Most Project Medicine Drop sites make this service available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

By giving New Jerseyans a safe and secure method to dispose of unneeded medications, Project Medicine Drop helps prevent the abuse of these drugs. This initiative also protects New Jersey's environment by keeping these drugs out of landfills and out of the water supply. More information about Project Medicine Drop, including the full list of Project Medicine Drop locations, can be found at www.NJConsumerAffairs.gov/meddrop.

Please do not place, syringes or liquid medicine in the drop box. Additionally, it is recommended that you remove any personal identifiers from the containers or vials.

Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

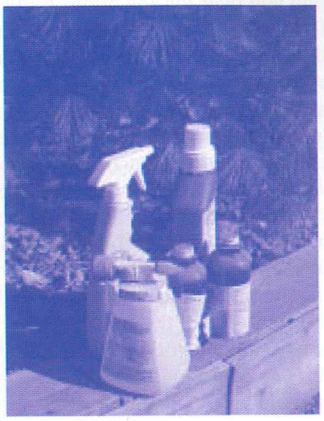
Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.

As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.



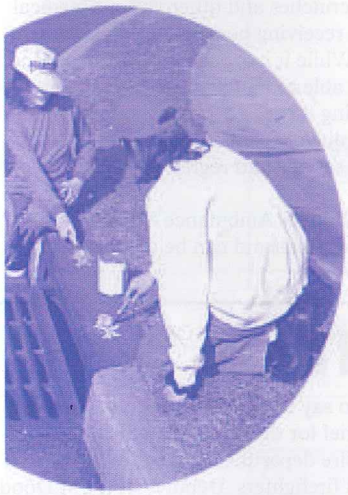
Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it. Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.

- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.
- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.



Keep pollution out of storm drains

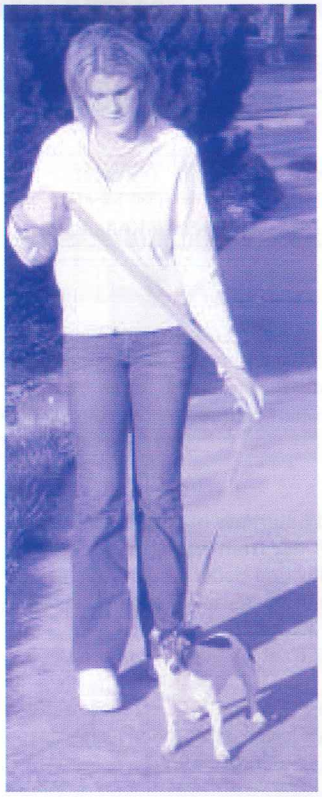
- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.
- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

Clean up after your pet

- Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.
- An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.
- Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. And remember to:
  - Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
  - Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or un-wrapped in a toilet.
  - Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

Don't feed wildlife

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.
- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.

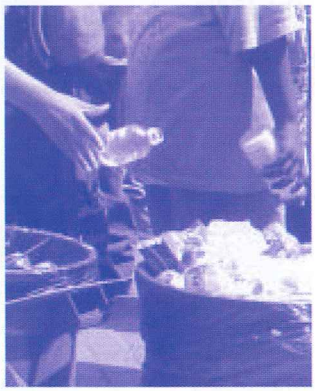


Dispose of yard waste properly

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.

Don't litter

- Place litter in trash receptacles.
- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.
- Participate in community cleanups.



Contact information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org

Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water Quality
Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control
Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program
(609) 633-7021

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BOROUGH NEWS

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CHECK OUT THE ELECTRONIC SIGN IN TOWN!

Watch for happenings in the Borough as well as special local events. Want something on the electronic board? Email Denise Kohan at dkohan@hillsdalenj.org

GARAGE SALES

You must apply for a permit if you are having a garage sale at least one week prior to your sale. You are allowed two garage sales per year. The cost for a garage sale is $10 per sale. Forms can be found on our website and must be brought in to Borough Hall to receive your permit card.

DPW NEWS

The DPW is open the first and third Saturdays of each month from 8 a.m. to noon and Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The full 2016 Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule is available online at Bergen County Utilities Authority website at www.bcua.org.

Upcoming events:

Household Hazardous Waste – Oct. 16 at Bergen Community College in Paramus.

Vegetative Waste pickups will end on October 25. Leaf season will officially start the week of Oct. 31. Please check the website at www.hillsdalenj.org for the most up to date information

Shredding Events in Hillsdale:

Oct. 15, 8 a.m. to noon.

Each event is held at the DPW facility located behind Kings Shopping Center. Resident sticker is required. Don't have one? Visit our Police Station anytime to pick one up.

TAX DEPARTMENT

Fourth quarter taxes are due on Nov. 1. The last day to pay without penalty is Thursday, Nov.10.

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Hillsdale Board of Health offers a free walk-in health program on the second Tuesday of each month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., located in the nurse's office at Borough Hall. Services offered include health assessments and consultations, blood pressure screenings and health education and referrals. The program is free for all adult residents of Hillsdale and no appointment is necessary. For more information contact Marguerite Deppert at 201-666-4800 ext. 1528.

There will be a flu clinic on Wednesday, Oct. 5, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Borough Hall.

For more information, contact Jennifer Hausmann at 201-666-4800 ext. 1525.

The 2016 Rabies Clinic will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 4, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the DPW facility located behind Kings Shopping Center. Please watch for updates on the Borough website. Residents will also be able to license their pet.

HILLSDALE AMBULANCE SERVICE

Recently a decision has been made by the Hillsdale Volunteer Ambulance Service to discontinue its policy of lending equipment – wheelchairs, canes and walkers, crutches and other various medical devices. The Corps will also stop receiving new and used equipment donations from the community. While it has been a valuable service for many years, we are no longer able to handle the process of checking them in, cleaning and preparing them and making sure they are safe to use, due to potential insurance reasons.

We realize this was a valuable service and regret we can no longer continue these programs.

The Washington Township Volunteer Ambulance Service will continue to accept equipment donations and can be contacted at 201-664-3784.

HILLSDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dear fellow Hillsdale residents,

It's wonderful to speak with you again.

As I thought about what I wish to say in this edition of My Hillsdale, I realized this might be the last time I get a chance to address you as the Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Chief. You see, the fire department runs elections each year for its officers and while you may run for chief for two consecutive terms, that is the limit.

I could never truly express how proud I am to be a member of such a great organization as The Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Department, my second family. Serving as chief of such fine men and women for the last two years has been my honor.

Now as we wait for the leaves to change color and those cool autumn evenings to come I would like to pass on a few reminders.

On Sunday, Sept. 11, we will gather for a silent remembrance of all those lost at the time the planes struck the World Trade Center. All are welcome to stand with us in the middle of town at firemen's park.

Next, remember when you turn your clocks back, change the batteries in your smoke/carbon detectors. As you change the batteries, check the date of manufacture on the units for they all have a life expectancy of service.

October also brings Fire Prevention Week. Your fire department will once again be visiting the schools with important safety lessons. Keep an eye out for the posting of the fire department open house at the end of fire prevention week.

Before you know it that special time of year will be here. The holiday season, during which you can see Santa atop the fire department ladder truck as we drive him through a different section of town each night playing Christmas music. Come out and see Santa – his elves will be handing out candy canes to young and old alike.

In closing I would like to again say it has been my honor to serve Hillsdale as its Volunteer Fire Chief for the past two years. I leave office with total confidence in the fire department's future. We have an outstanding board of officers and firefighters. Deputy Chief Pat Doody has been an unbelievable officer and leader. I look forward to serving under his command as he takes over as chief in 2017. Not only do I feel fortunate to call him friend, but I trust him as fire chief with my most precious gifts, the safety of my wife and children.

Please indulge me while I publicly thank my family. My sons Jeffrey, Christopher and Matthew, who have joined the fire department cadet company, but most of all I want to thank my wife, Catherine. They have put up with the extra public events, phone calls and endless meetings that come along with the office of chief. Without their love and support I would never have been able to fulfill my duties as chief.

Never hesitate to call 911 if you need the fire department! Remember we are your neighbors and volunteer to help you no matter how big or small your emergency. You are not bothering us! The Hillsdale Volunteer has been making "house calls" since 1902!

One of my favorite quotes that show the heart and soul of your volunteer fire department: "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends..."

The men and women of the Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Department are willing to risk their lives to protect the lives and property of people they may not even know.

Stay safe and know we are here if you ever need us!!!

God bless America and God bless all who protect and serve.

James M. Domville
Fire Chief

HILLSDALE IN FALL

All meetings are held in the council chambers at the municipal building, 380 Hillsdale Avenue.

Service Key

- Baseball/Softball Assoc.
- Meetings
- Paper/Cardboard (Tied, no plastic bags)
- Soccer Association
- Garbage
- Municipal Court
- Recycable
- Vegetative Waste

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 OCTOBER DPW Open
2	3 Zones 2 & 4	4 Zones 1 & 3	5	6	7 All Zones	8
9	10 Zones 2 & 4	11 Zones 1 & 3	12	13	14 All Zones	15 Shredding Event at the DPW DPW Open
16 Household Hazardous Waste Collection - Paramus	17 Zones 2 & 4	18 Zones 1 & 3	19	20	21 All Zones	22
23 Tire/Electronics/Paper Shredding	24 Last day of vegetative pickup for Zones 2 & 4	25 Last day of vegetative pickup for Zones 1 & 3	26	27	28 All Zones	29
30	31 Leaf pickup begins this week, check website for location.	1 NOVEMBER	2	3	4 All Zones	5 DPW Open
6	7	8	9	10	11 All Zones	12 Household Hazardous Waste Collection - Moonachie
13	14	15	16	17	18 All Zones	19 DPW Open
20	21	22	23	24	25 All Zones	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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