



Spring Update 2010

From Your Mayor and Council



2010 BUDGET

The Borough has tried to maintain services for our residents through this difficult economic time, but reductions had to be made this year due to the unexpected \$450,000 cut in state aid. Cost savings will be achieved this year by not filling three vacant positions due to retirements and reducing other operating costs. Some reductions include cancelling the summer recreation program, tennis program, and the summer/fall concerts. The pool will not open Memorial Day weekend, but will open after Waldwick School's close. We regret having to scale back or even eliminate programs, but we could not absorb the magnitude of this cut without having to make these hard choices.

SUMP PUMPS

The second highest expense on the budget is sewer treatment. Every time you run your sink, shower, or flush your toilet, we are sending that water to the Northwest Bergen County Sewer Authority to be processed and treated. Not all the water sent to the Sewer Authority needs to be treated. Residents with sump pumps that discharge into a sink are sending clean ground water to the Sewer Authority for treatment and this is causing a sewer bill that will soon exceed 2 million dollars. This action is illegal and the Borough can no longer afford to ignore this growing problem. Any homeowners found discharging their sump pump into a household drain-line will be ordered to immediately disconnect from the sanitary system and find alternate means to discharge this water or face prosecution. The Mayor and Council will be discussing the issue in their upcoming meetings and more information will become available on alternative disposal methods. Residents with any questions regarding sump pumps are advised to call the Borough Administrator's office 652-5300.

WALDWICK MUNICIPAL POOL

Residents are advised to register for the pool **prior to Opening Day**, tentatively scheduled for June 23, to avoid being charged a **\$10.00 fee in addition to the badge cost for each badge holder**. We strongly encourage residents to renew their badges by taking advantage of the downloadable pool registration form at our website



<http://www.waldwickpd.org/forms/poolrenewal.pdf>. Print the form, fill it out, and mail it back with the appropriate renewal fee(s) listed below. We will acknowledge receipt by email and then you are set to enjoy the pool for the summer.

If this is your first time registering, you will need to register in person to take the ID picture. Pictures will be taken at the Borough Clerk's Office until the pool opens. Permit costs are as follows:

Resident Adult, 18-61.....	\$55.00
Resident Child, 4-17.....	\$50.00
Resident Child 3 or younger.....	FREE
Resident Sr. Citizen, 62 and older.....	\$45.00

There will be a \$5 fee for a replacement badge.

Swim Lesson Registration: Registration for swimming lessons will occur once the pool is open. The Pool Operator will be running the swimming lesson program this year. Each two-week session fee shall be \$30.00 for one student with a family maximum of \$75.00 for that session. There will be no refunds for non-use of lessons.

WALDWICK 5K RUN AND 1 MILE WALK

The Village Grille Presenting Sponsor



Once again, it's time to lace up the sneakers for the 3rd Annual Waldwick Chamber of Commerce 5K Run and 1 Mile Walk. This exciting and fun event will be held on Sunday, April 25th and will be open to participants of all ages. Last April, this event brought in nearly 400 participants. This year we are anticipating an even better turn out of runners and walkers. All proceeds from the Run will benefit the Community of Waldwick. The 5K run has been sanctioned a Grand Prix event by the USATF NJ. Please take note there will be pre-race pasta dinner on Saturday, April 24th at the Ambulance Corp. building from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. This dinner is being sponsored by Coldwell Banker - Lisa and David Barthold. We look forward to seeing you at the Waldwick High School Track and Field on April 25th! Please come out and join us for this annual event. For additional information regarding the Waldwick 5K Run please visit our Web site at < <http://waldwickchamber.com/5k-run/> >. Online registration for this event can be found at < <http://raceforum.com/waldwick> >. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Kim Post at (201) 693-6734.

WASTE DISPOSAL DAY



On **Saturday, May 1st** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., residents can dispose of tires, car batteries and wood waste at the recycling center located behind the Public Works Garage at 19 Industrial Way. No wolmanized lumber, stumps, large limbs or logs will be accepted. Split wood in small pieces will be accepted. Please refer to the synopsis on the May page of the Borough calendar.

GRASS- BRUSH/BRANCH COLLECTION PROGRAM

This program is currently in full-swing due to the recent storm damage. The collection schedule is listed in the Borough calendar on the March page. This collection is performed by the DPW. Our garbage hauler will not collect these materials until the grass/brush/branch program ends in late fall time.

- Leaves can be mixed with grass and must be put out the night before pickup in a trashcan, plastic bag, or recyclable paper lawn bags.
- All brush and branches **MUST** be put in cans placed curbside the night before pick up. A maximum of **4 containers/cans** will be picked up per collection day.
- The Borough will not pick up brush and branch material left on the ground. Residents will be responsible to remove it from the curb and put it into containers for collection the following week.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

Please note that there will be no garbage collection on the following holidays: Memorial Day (May 31st), Independence Day (July 5th, Borough Offices Closed), and Labor Day (September 6th). Your garbage will be picked up on your next regularly scheduled collection day. Questions can be directed to the Borough Clerk's Office at 652-5300 ext. 238.

RECYCLING



The paper drive is held on the third Saturday of each month. Papers should be tied in bundles and left at the curb **NOT UNTIL THE NIGHT BEFORE** the scheduled pickup. Papers will be picked up, regardless of weather.



CARDBOARD- The Borough collects corrugated cardboard at the Recycling Center, on 19 Industrial Way behind the Public Works Garage. Corrugated cardboard must be recycled, it's the law. The recycling hauler will not pick-up curbside. The cardboard must be broken down and put in the marked container for cardboard. It is open to residents from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

WHITE GOODS COLLECTION PROGRAM- A white good is generally defined as an all-metal object, e.g. appliances or metal furniture. This excludes car parts. These items are collected every Monday of each month. Residents **MUST CALL THE BOROUGH CLERK'S OFFICE PRIOR TO THE COLLECTION DAY** to be put on the schedule for pickup. Furniture consisting of couches, mattresses, etc., can be disposed of with regular garbage. Questions may be addressed to the Borough Clerk's Office 652-5300 ext.238.

COMPUTER AND TIRE COLLECTION



The Bergen County Utilities Authority is sponsoring a tire and computer collection event at the Bergen County Community Services Building, 327 East Ridgewood Ave., Paramus, on April 25th and August 21st. A second collection will be at the Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Rd., Mahwah, on June 26th and November 6th. The collection hours for both dates are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine. Bergen County residents (proof required) may dispose of a maximum of 4 tires plus any computer electronics equipment. For more information call the BCUA hotline at 201-807-5825 or visit the website < www.bcuu.org >.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

The Bergen County Utilities Authority is sponsoring several free household hazardous waste collection days from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine. Acceptable materials include aerosol cans, batteries (all types), bug sprays, drain cleaners, and paints of all types. For a complete listing of materials go to < www.bcuu.org > or call the BCUA at 201-807-5825 for additional details. Flyers are also available at the Borough Hall.

- On July 17th at the Bergen County Utilities Authority, Foot of Empire Blvd. in Moonachie.
- On June 13th, and October 17th at the Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Rd. in Paramus.
- On May 15th, September 11th, and November 20th at the Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, 200 Campgaw Rd. in Mahwah.

SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

The Borough will continue to enforce its revised sidewalk maintenance ordinance. The Borough Property Maintenance Official is inspecting sidewalks for tripping hazards and missing pieces. He will notify the resident that the sidewalk will need to be corrected within 60 to 90 days. We will be concentrating on **voting district 2** (Franklin Turnpike to Crescent Avenue and from Wyckoff Avenue to the Allendale Border). Next year, the following highest number district will be done until all the sidewalks in every district comply with this ordinance.

When replacing sidewalks, homeowners should notify the Water Department at 652-5300 ext. 240. By doing this, the homeowner will not be held responsible for any repairs that may be needed to curb boxes or water lines prior to construction. However if any damage occurs after construction, the contractor or homeowner will be held responsible for any repairs that need to be made to curb boxes or water lines.

TAX & WATER DEPARTMENT



The Water Department will be flushing fire hydrants in the following areas:

Dist # 5 - April 12th - April 23rd

Dist # 1 - April 26th - May 7th

Dist # 2 - May 10th - May 26th

Dists # 4 & 6 (West of Crescent Ave) - May 27th - June 10th

Dist # 6 (East of Crescent Ave) - June 11th to June 25th

All Hydrant flushing will be done in the spring and summer time this year, as opposed to spring & fall.

The water department will flush hydrants from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Borough strongly advises residents **NOT** to do laundry or take a shower during this time frame. **The Borough will NOT be held liable for any clothes that are damaged due to the flushing program.** Residents may experience some discoloration in their water, which is a result of the settling of naturally found minerals in the water. It does not cause any health problems and the remedy is to let the water run a short time to clear up. If problems persist, call 652-5300 ext. 240 and we will stop by and check it for you. We are sorry if this causes any inconvenience, but this maintenance is necessary to give you the highest quality water.

We are in the process of upgrading to radio read water meters. If your meter has not been changed please call the Water Department for an appointment at 652-5300 ext. 240.

If you have never filed for the Property Tax Reimbursement Program and you are 65 years of age as of December 31, 2008 and Qualify in Each of the Areas Below

- For 2009, has been age 65 or older or if under the age of 65, you are receiving Federal Social Security disability benefits as of December 31, 2008. If receiving Federal Social Security disability, you (or your spouse/civil union partner) must have received such benefits based on your own social security number (you do NOT qualify if you are receiving Social Security disability benefits on behalf of someone else) as of December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2009
- Have lived in New Jersey continuously since before January 1, 1999, as either a homeowner or a renter
- Have owned and lived in the home for which the reimbursement is being claimed since before January 1, 2006
- Have paid the full amount of the property taxes due on the home for 2008 by June 1, 2009, and for 2009 by June 1, 2010
- Have total income for 2008 that is \$70,000 or less and for 2009 that is \$80,000 or less. These limits apply regardless of marital/civil union status. However, applicants who are married or in a civil union must report combined income of both spouses/CU partners.

Tax & Water Payments– When filling out your checks for the quarterly payments please double check that the amounts are filled in correctly. With the new computers at the banks many checks are being returned for errors.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

In early spring to late summer, the Borough intends to resurface Monroe St. (full length), E. Prospect St. (Sheridan to W. Saddle River Rd.), Summit Ave. (Centre to Park), Industrial Way (full length), and Demarest Pl. (full length).

COMINGS AND GOINGS

The Borough welcomes Kyle Mastropole as police officer, Allison Blau replaced Linda Campion as Court Administrator, and Lynn Sweeney replaced Joan Sansone as Clerk in the Tax/Water office. The Borough would like to extend a warm farewell and happy retirement wishes to Joan Sansone and Sgt. Gordon Andre for their service to our community.

PERMITS

A permit is required for new construction, additions to a structure, alterations and renovations. Permits are also required for a deck, fence, sheds, hot water heaters, furnace, siding and roofing. Permits are also required for real estate signs for home sale. Please call the Building Department at 652-5300 ext. 232 with any questions.

2010 WALDWICK OPEN

Mark your calendars for the 2010 Waldwick Open Golf Tournament! This event will be held on **Monday, October 4th** at the Golf Club at Mansion Ridge. All net proceeds will go directly to our Recreation Trust Fund that finances improvements to our playgrounds. Further details will be available in the Fall Update.



PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

The streets in our neighborhoods should be safe places for pedestrians to walk. Unfortunately, many pedestrians face traffic dangers just because they're walking to work, school, or to the park. Drivers can do their part to help keep our streets safe for pedestrians. In 2010 the state has enacted a new law pertaining to pedestrian safety.

Tips for Drivers

- As of April 1, 2010 the driver of a vehicle ***shall stop*** and remain stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross the roadway within a marked crosswalk, or at an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection.
- When you stop for a pedestrian in a crosswalk, stop back far enough so that drivers in the other lanes can also see the pedestrian in time to stop.
- You can encounter pedestrians anytime and anywhere - even in places where they are not supposed to be found.
- Pedestrians can be very hard to see - especially in bad weather or at night. You must keep a lookout and slow down if you can't see clearly.
- When entering a crosswalk area, drive slowly and be prepared to stop.
- Do not overtake and pass other vehicles stopped for pedestrians.
- Be especially attentive around schools and in neighborhoods where children are active.

BOROUGH EMAIL NOTIFICATION PROGRAM

Please visit < www.waldwicknj.org > and click on “**Join Our Email Notification Program**”. This is the best way to receive news and updates from the Borough in a timely manner.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

The School Board Election will be held on Tuesday, April 20th. The polls for this election will be open from 2:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Polling places are the same for this election as for the Primary and General Elections.



PRIMARY ELECTION

The Primary Election is Tuesday, June 8th and the polls will be open from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm. The last day to register to this election is Tuesday, May 18th at which time the Borough Clerk's Office will be open until 9:00 pm to accommodate anyone wishing to register.

ABSENTEE BALLOT

You are able to vote by absentee ballot if you are going to be out of town for any Election. Absentee ballot applications are available upon request at the Borough Clerk's Office, 652-5300, ext. 236 or 238. There are deadlines, so plan your vote early.

BOARD WORKERS NEEDED

Anyone interested in being a board worker on any of the Election Day's mentioned please contact the Board of Elections at 201-336-6225 for further details. To be eligible you must be a registered voter with an affiliated party.

HEALTH SERVICES

Well Child Services: On the second Tuesday of each month, Carol Shepard RN, Dr. Fenkart (Pediatrician), and Bergen Community Health care nurses provide eligible pre-school children with all required immunizations, diagnostic screening, physical exams, health education, and referrals. Appointments are necessary; please call the Waldwick Health Center, 22 Whites Lane, at 444-3914.

Free Adult Health Walk-In Clinic: Available on Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Health Center or by appointment. Carol Shepard, RN provides blood pressure screening, health education, and referrals. This service is also available to homebound residents.

"Commuters Convenience" Blood Pressure Screening: This is available every 4th Tuesday of the month from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building. No appointments are necessary. For further information, call the Health Center.



H1N1: Still haven't been vaccinated for the H1N1 flu? The vaccine is now widely available for the entire population! Everyone is urged to get vaccinated, so don't wait! You can come and get your H1N1 shot on Wednesdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. in the Waldwick Health Center. If you can not come during these hours – please call 444-3914 to schedule an appointment.



WALDWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY



Programs for Adults: The library offers a wide variety of entertaining and informative programs throughout the year free of charge. To register for any of the following, call 652-5104.

- “Roth IRA Conversion—Is It For Me?”*Thursday, April 29 at 7:00 PM
- “Getting It All Done: Simplify, Organize, Prioritize”*Tuesday, May 4 at 7:30 PM
- “How to Enjoy New York City Inexpensively and Imaginatively”*Wednesday, May 12 at 7:30 PM
- “Baseball Parks and American Landscapes”*Thursday, June 3 at 7:30 PM
- “Kick Butts, Kick the Habit, Here’s How!”*Wednesday, June 9 at 7:30 PM
- “Getting Published”*Tuesday, June 22 at 7:30 PM
- “Exploring Italy’s Magnificent Gardens”*Thursday, August 5 at 7:30 PM



Ready...Set...GAME!: The library announces a new collection of electronic games for the Wii, Playstation, and Xbox360 consoles.

Summer Reading Club: Make a splash--READ! is the theme of the 2010 Summer Reading Club. Children ages 2 and up are invited to participate (younger children can have books read to them). Registration opens on Monday, June 21st. Be sure to sign up for our on-going programs for children ages 6 weeks through 2-years-old and come enjoy storytime on Tuesdays at 11:45 AM (recommended for ages 3 and up).

Special Events for Kids: In addition to regularly scheduled programs, the children’s department and the Friends of the Library will present a series of spectacular summer events for children ages 3 and up. Advance registration is required and participation is limited to residents of Walldwick. To register, call 652-5104.

- Mark Zacharia - Magician*.....Tuesday, June 29 at 11:45 AM
- Presley and Melody - Interactive Concert*.....Tuesday, July 13 at 11:45 AM
- Fish Tales and Ocean Oddballs*..... Tuesday, July 20 at 11:45 AM
- Full Effects Productions - Magic/ventriloquism*.....Saturday, July 31 at 11:00 AM
- Majesties of the Pond*.....Tuesday, August 3 at 11:45 AM
- Rainbow Fish in the Deep Blue Sea - Puppet Show*.....Tuesday, August 17 at 11:45 AM
- Kurt Gallagher’s Songs for Playful Children*..... Tuesday, August 24 at 11:45 AM

OPERATION REASSURANCE PROGRAM

The Walldwick Police Department’s Operation Reassurance program is one of the most successful in the area. This program is open to all Walldwick residents age 55 and older. The program requires the participant to call into Police headquarters by a prearranged time each day. If the individual fails to call, a Communications officer will try to make contact with that person. If there is no answer, a Police Officer will be dispatched to check on the welfare of that person. The program is free to join and a holiday luncheon is provided in December. Anyone that is interested is asked to call Police headquarters at 652-5700 or stop in and speak to Sergeant Frank Paccione.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May

- 1 - Taxes Due
- 1 - Waste Disposal Day
- 10 - Fire Hydrant Flushing begins in District #2
- 15 - Paper Drive
- 18 - Last day to register to vote for the Primary Election
- 27 - Fire Hydrant Flushing begins in District #4 and District #6 (West of Crescent Ave.)
- 31 - Memorial Day Parade
- 31 - No Garbage Collection**

July

- 5 - No Garbage Collection**
- 6 - Waldwick Community Band @ the Oval, 8 p.m.
Rain site for all July concerts is the Waldwick High School
- 13 - Waldwick Community Band @ the Oval, 8 p.m.
- 17 - Paper Drive
- 20 - Waldwick Community Band @ the Oval, 8 p.m.
- 27 - Waldwick Community Band @ the Oval, 8 p.m.

June

- 1 - Water Meter Reading Begins
- 8 - Primary Election
- 11 - Fire Hydrant Flushing begins in District #6 (East of Crescent Ave.)
- 19 - Paper Drive
- 26 - Municipal Pool Opens Daily

August

- 1 - Taxes Due
- 9 - Lions Club Carnival Begins
- 21 - Paper Drive

September

- 1 - Water Meter Reading Begins
- 3 - Waldwick Community Band @ Hudson City Savings Bank, 8 p.m. (rain date 9/10 @ Hudson City Savings Bank, 8 p.m.)
- 6 - No Garbage Collection**
- 18 - Paper Drive

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