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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

We are delighted to share some exciting news with you all. After much anticipation, we have successfully moved into our new Borough Hall, and it is with great pleasure that I extend an invitation to each and every one of you to come and enjoy the splendid facilities that our new community hub has to offer.

The new Borough Hall stands as a testament to our commitment to providing the best services and amenities to our residents. It's not just a building; it's a symbol of progress, community, and shared aspirations. We encourage you to explore the new space, engage with our local government, and make the most of the resources available to enhance your borough experience.

As we settle into our new home, we are thrilled to announce the commencement of the Mayor's Wellness Program in April. This program, focusing on both physical and mental well-being, has seen remarkable success over the past several years with record turnouts. We invite you to join us in promoting a healthier and happier community by participating in the various wellness activities we have planned throughout the month.

Moving on to May, we will be hosting our annual Memorial Day Parade. This solemn event provides us with the opportunity to honor and pay tribute to the brave individuals who have served our nation, making the ultimate sacrifice. It's a time for reflection, gratitude, and unity as we come together to remember and appreciate the heroes who have shaped our community and our country.

Looking ahead to June, mark your calendars for our much-anticipated annual Family Fun Day at Memorial Park. This event is a celebration of community spirit, offering a day filled with laughter, joy, and various activities for families to enjoy. It's an excellent opportunity for neighbors to come together, fostering stronger bonds and creating lasting memories.

To stay informed about these events and many more, we encourage you to follow our social media accounts and regularly check our website for updates. Your engagement is crucial to the success of our community initiatives, and we value your participation in making [Borough Name] an even better place to live, work, and thrive.

Thank you for being an integral part of our community, and we look forward to creating wonderful memories with you in our new Borough Hall and throughout the upcoming events.

Please Check out the Department Reports

Spring & Summer Activities Community Groups

Boards and Committees

Mayor

- Arvin Amatorio
- Hernando Rivera
- Ora Kornbluth





Volunteers Needed

Our Community Groups, Boards, Firefighters and Recreation are all looking for people to get involved please visit our Community Involvement Page (FORM)













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MEMORIAL DAY



BERGENFIELD MEMORIAL PARADE MAY 27, 2024

We Honor our Veterans and Military at Home and Abroad

TO: All Bergenfield and Neighboring Organizations,

In honor of our Veterans and Military at Home and Abroad, the Mayor and Council extend a heartfelt invitation to all organizations in Bergenfield and neighboring areas, to participate in the Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 27, 2024, "Regardless of the Weather Conditions".

The morning ceremony will be held at 11:30AM at Cooper's Pond. All organizations participating in the parade will be assembling at Cooper's Pond at 12:00PM. The parade will start at 12:30PM from Cooper's Pond on West Church Street, The parade will travel to Prospect Ave, and turn left onto Prospect Ave and proceed south on Prospect Ave to New Bridge Road and turn left on New Bridge Road to Veterans Memorial Park.

With military, civic patriotic, fraternal, religious, youth, social, schools, businesses and service organizations in the line of march-interspersed with floats and six to eight marching bands. Our Annual Memorial Day Parade has become one of the best in the county.

General John A. Hogan, Commander-In-Chief of the veteran's group, the Grand Army of the Republic, made a formal proclamation designating May 30, 1868 as a day of remembrance of the nation's war dead. The holiday was originally intended to honor those who died fighting in the Civil War, but unfortunately, that that was not the last conflict that American soldiers lost their lives in after World War I, the holiday's purpose was expanded to include all Americans who died fighting in any war. Memorial Day is a day remembering "those who gave their last full measure of devotion" and to recognize all our veterans who fought globally and "saved the world".

We cordially invite you to participate in the patriotic event and become part of this tribute to our military. Please complete the entry form below and return this letter to the attention of the Office of the Borough Clerk, Attn: AJ Stewart. Deadline to Attend this event is May 17, 2024.

Entry forms will not be accepted after May 17, 2024.

Sincerely.

Arvin Amatortio, Mayor

Marc Pascual, Councilman

Warren Williams, Veterans Committee Chairman

NAME OF ORGANIZATION
Name of Person in Charge:
Address:
We intend to participate in the Memorial Day Parade: YesNo
Cars: (how many) Float: Yes No
Your Email Address:
Cell Phone:
For any questions, please contact Warren Williams at vfw6467@verizon.net or 201- 390-9077.
Borough of Bergenfield, 198 North Washington Ave., Bergenfield, NJ 07621, 201-387-

Senior Bus Services HANDICAPPED & ELDERLY TRANSPORATION PROGRAM

- Providing residents with transportation to Doctors, Hospitals or Clinics in this area.
- Also provides a shopping route every Wednesday.
- Operation Days: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
- Operation Hours: 9AM-1PM
- Contact: DPW Dispatcher at 201-387-4055 x4088



BARRIER FREE

ANNUAL CAR SHOW IN JUNE MORE INFORMATION TO COME!

BARRIER FREE MEETING DATES
MARCH 18TH, MAY 20TH & SEPTEMBER 16TH



STIGMA FREE

OVER 35 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE STRENGTHENING MENTAL HEALTH ESSAY CONTEST 3 WINNERS WERE CHOSEN FROM BERGENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE MAYORS WELLNESS KICKOFF

MAY IST ANNUAL STIGMA FREE Symposium at Biagio's Paramus 9am-12 Noon. The Symposium is Youth Focused and will Highlight Several Youth-run I Mental Health Initiatives







PSEG

Scan here for a report an outage, gas leak, or to see outage map.

What to Do During a Power Outage
Find out how to stay safe after you report a power outage.

Checking the cause of your power outage:

Your power may be out due to a utility issue or because of a problem inside of your home.

To check if the problem is in your home, locate your fuse box or circuit breaker box. If the surrounding area is clear of water, proceed to the box and ensure that none of your circuit breakers have tripped (indicated by the switch being in the OFF position.) Don't forget to check your main breaker switch as well. Blown fuses may be indicated by broken wires or scorch marks, but not always.

If the problem doesn't appear to originate in your home, check to see if your neighbors have power. If not, report the outage immediately.



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In the Community...





2024 Cresent Lighting



Grand Opening of a local restaurant
Tony's Bar Italian Cuisine



2024 Read Across America



Bergenfield Health Department at Senior



DPW Praised for exemplary service by DAV



Swearing in of New Fire Fighters



Mayor honoring Cub Scouts at recent National Guard Event



2024 St. Patrick's Day Parade



Dominican Heritage Month









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CLOSING OUT YOUR CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

One of the most asked questions we get in the Building Department is, "who exactly is responsible to contact the Building Department to set up for a final inspection?"

Is it the Contractor or **Property Owner?**

The Property Owner has the sole responsibility to make sure all construction permits have been closed out. It is not the responsibility of the contractor. Do not assume your contractor has requested a final inspection

> This is why, if you look on the back of the YELLOW CARD, issued with your permit states;

FINAL INSPECTIONS ARE REQUIRED BEFORE FINAL PAYMENT IS MADE TO CONTRACTOR.

Some of the most common construction permits that are not closed out are: Water heaters, furnaces, HVAC units, Steam Boilers, and Hot Water Boilers. These are most commonly related to emergency work.

Please Note: Even if your installation and permits were filed by companie such as, "Public Service", "Mr. Water Heater", "Home Depot", or a New Jersey Licensed Plumber, the ultimate responsibility is solely on the property owner to be sure that construction permits are closed out. Once your contractor is paid and leaves the job site, you are left holding the bag.

The Building Department has open permits dating back to 2021, those permits must be closed. If they are not, our new computer technology will REDFLAG open permits and automatically print out a letter to be mailed to the property owner. The letters, if ignored, can lead to SUBSTANTIAL FINE. Please make sure your permits were closed out. You can contact the Building Department if there are any doubts and request them to check for you. It's one simple phone call.

Another easy way, is to check for white signed Approval stickers on your newly installed water heaters, furnaces, HVAC units, Steam Boilers, or Hot Water Boilers. This is the easiest way to determine if your permit has been closed out.

Donate Your Reusable Bags!

OLLECTION BIN @ DPW



Donate Your New or Gently Used Reusable Bags

> Bags are sanitized and distributed to local organizations



GOATOTE

Donated reusable bags are cleaned and serviced by **GOATOTE** and redistributed to food banks, food pantries, and those in need.

GOATOTE ensures that bags that cannot be recirculated are responsibly recycled.





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Department of Public Works Spring Checklist



Grass Clippings Pick Up-Starting week of April 1st. goes in leaf bags or 32 gal cans at curb. Refer to "V" on calendar.

Bulk: Q1- April 3rd Q2- April 10th Q3- April 17th Q4- April 24th

Household Hazardous Waste Events:

- 3/9- Bergen County Utilities Authority- Moonachie 9am-3pm
- 4/7- Bergen Community College- Paramus 9am-3pm
- 5/11- Bergen County Campgaw- Mahwah 9am-3pm

ELECTRONIC
RECYCLING/SHREDDING/
TIRES/UNWANTED MEDICATION

- 4/21- Bergen Community
 College- Paramus 9am-2pm
- College- Paramus 9am-
- 6/1- Bergen County
 Campgaw- Mahwah 9am-2pm

DPW UPDATE

Arbor Day Celebration
Seedling Giveaway
Friday, April 26th
Cooper's Pond 10 AM- 1PM

Clean Communities will host a Recycling Show at Library in connection to Earth



Week April 21st @ 4pm

Shredding Event Sunday, April 14th 9 AM- 1 PM

Bergenfield Library (50 W Clinton Ave)

A Message from The Borough Clerk: Primary Election Day-Tuesday, June 4th, 2024 Important Election Dates:

April 10, 2024-Deadline to Declare or Change Party Affiliation for the Primary Election.

To vote in the Primary Election, you are required to be Registered as that party or be an Unaffiliated Voter. Once you choose to vote for a particular party, in the Primary you become Registered as that party.



SCAN HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE.

May 14, 2024-Voter Registration Deadline:

Applications to register to vote are available at Borough Hall.
Online at https://voter.svrs.nj.gov/register

Ways to Vote

Vote by Mail applications available at Borough Hall

<u>Early Voting</u>
May 29th-June 2nd Early Voting
Early Voting Locations nearby:
Teaneck

Richard Rodda Center 250 Colonial Court, Teaneck
Hackensack

One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack

June 4th, 2024, Election Day Polls Open 6:00 AM-8:00 PM

Poll Workers Needed for Election Day Requirements:

- 18 years old
- Registered Voter of Bergen County
- Shift on Election Day 5:30am-8:30pm
- Mandatory training by County Board of Elections in advance of Election Day. \$300 Payment for Full Day



Scan for Poll Worker Application

POLLING LOCATIONS: DISTRICT LOCATION/ADDRESS

D1.) Jefferson School - 201 Hickory Ave - GYM

D2.) Jefferson School - 201 Hickory Ave - GYM

D3.) St. John's Conlon Hall - 18 North William St

D4.) Jefferson School - 201 Hickory Ave - GYM

D5.) Roy W. Brown Middle School – 130 S. Washington Ave D6.) St. John's Conlon Hall – 18 North William St

D7.) Brookside Gardens Senior Building – 293 Murray Hill Terr

D8.) Roy W. Brown Middle School - 130 S. Washington Ave

D9.) Brookside Gardens Senior Building - 293 Murray Hill Terr

D10.) Lincoln School – 115 Highview Ave

D11.) Lincoln School - 115 Highview Ave
D12.) Bergenfield High School - 80 S. Prospect Ave-Gym

D13.) Lincoln School – 80 S. Prospect Ave–Gyi

D14.) Bergenfield High School - 80 S. Prospect Ave-Gym

D15.) Bergenfield High School - 80 S. Prospect Ave-Gym

D16.) Franklin School - 2 N. Franklin Ave

D17.) Franklin School - 2 N. Franklin Ave

PLEASE SEE YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT FOR YOUR

CORRECT POLLING PLACE







obtained online from Robert Gallione

(rgallione@aol.com)

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Emergency Services



www.bergenfieldpd.org

TIPS TO PREVENT CAR THEFT:

- PARK IN THE LIGHT
- COVER/DISGUISE **VALUABLES**
- REMOVE KEY FOBS
- LOCK DOORS
- **NEVER LEAVE CAR**

RUNNING AND UNATTENDED



1st Deputy Chief: Norman Hoyt, Jr. 2nd Deputy Chief: Ryan Zadrozna Captain: Kevin Schade Captain: Edward Kneisler III Lieutenant: Israel Infield Lieutenant: JF Cote Lieutenant: Emily Sandman Lieutenant: David Byrne

www.bergenfieldFD.org



Spring Cleaning for Fire Safety

- Test your home's smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Clean debris from your clothes dryer lint trap and exhaust
- Check grills for rust, worn parts, insects, grease and other debris before use.
- Grills should only be used when at least 10 ft from your house or any building.

Memorial Day services on May 27th will honor three members with 50 years of service completed. Fredrick Hall, Walter Prihoda and Gerard Naylis.







Stay informed! **Phone Alerts** To register for ROBOCALLS from the Borough of Bergenfield with urgent messages for residents.





Bergenfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps

- Year to Date: 364 Calls
- Average Response Time: 3:19

As an independent not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization,

BVAC relies on donations for all our expenses including medical supplies, ambulances, and building maintenance.

Bergenfield Municipal Court

Bergenfield Municipal Court is conducting court appearances virtually via Zoom video conferencing instead of having participants physically attend the

Individuals will receive notices through the mail and/or by email with instructions on how to participate. If you have a matter that is scheduled with this court and if you have not already done so, please contact Bergenfield Municipal Court via e-mail. Provide your name, summons number, email address and, telephone number.

- nadia.cavli@njcourts.gov
- kim.grimaldi@njcourts.gov
- 201-387-4055 ext 2

PAYMENT INFORMATION

- You may pay your traffic ticket/complaint through one of the following methods:
- In-person at the Violations Bureau Window 9:00AM- 4:00PM.
- You may pay with cash, check, money order or by credit-
- · By mail with either check or money order. Please remember to provide either the ticket or complaint number with your payment method.
- On the New Jersey Courts website directly at www.njmcdirect.com. Mastercard and Visa are accepted for payment of fines. Bergenfield's Court Code is 0203







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Department Reports



- · Second quarter 2024 installment is due May 1st with a grace period date to May 10th
- Delinquent notices are mailed out after the end of grace period.
- Qualified veterans, senior citizen, disabled or surviving spouse, Civil union/Domestic Partner of a senior citizen or disabled person qualified for a \$250.00 deduction on their yearly property taxes.
- Property tax exemption for 100% Disabled Veterans are received throughout year by the tax assessor & processed for by the municipal tax collector.
- Additionally, Qualified organizations exemption are also given throughout the year by tax assessor and process for approval and/or refund by the municipal tax collector.
- April 1st the tax collector Mails the "notice of disallowance of 2023 property tax deduction when post-year statement either is not filed or reveals income in excess of \$10,000.00
- May 1st annual post-tax year statement (form PD5) to be filed with tax collector where
 property tax deduction recipient was ill or a medical problem existed that prevented
 timely filing on or before March 1, 2024.
- June 1st Disallowed deduction recipients required to repay deduction previously
 granted disallowed tax deduction claims, if unpaid, become real property liens.
 Collector to mail notice of disallowance of 2023 property tax deduction when post-tax
 year statement is not filed, or reveals income in excess of \$10,0000, for those recipients
 whose illness or medical problem prevented timely filing on or before March 1, 2024.
- June 30 mailing of estimated and reconciled tax bills.
- SENIOR FREEZE property tax reimbursement applications are mailed on the month of February for qualified applicants.
- Apply for the Affordable New Jersey Communities for Homeowners and Renters (ANCHOR) Program SCAN QR CODE



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ANCHOR PROGRAM

Code Enforcement PORTABLE BASKETBALL HOOPS

A reminder for those who place portable basketball hoops at the curb:

No property owner shall maintain a stationary or portable basketball hoop between the curb and the sidewalk or against the curb on the street or grass side overnight, when the road is snow covered, or on refuse collection days or leaf collection days.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Homeowners are reminded of their responsibility to maintain their exterior properties. Grass needs to be regularly cut and bushes trimmed back off the sidewalk. Grass and/or weeds between the sidewalk and curb are also the homeowners' responsibility to maintain.



NO WIPES DOWN THE PIPES

Even if a product says its "flushable" Unless it is toilet paper, it should not be flushed! Please avoid flushing wipes down the toilet to prevent backups into homes and businesses. These incidents are entirely avoidable.



Health Department



In New Jersey, it's mandatory that dog owners have their pets licensed. A license tag helps police, animal control and shelters quickly identify your dog or cat and get them back to you safely. Licensing your pet is important to control the spread of Rabies, it also ensures when a dog bite occurs and person is bitten, the town can quickly identify and immediately determine whether the animal is up to date on its Rabies vaccine. Fees from pet licensing are distributed to the statewide Animal population control program. The Bergenfield Health Department continues to License Dogs and Cats.

Applications are available on The Bergenfield Website.

CHC & SAC immunization program for uninsured children every 2nd & 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Contact the Health Dept, if you have any questions regarding the programs listed.









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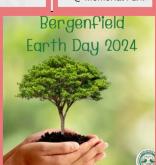


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	• Men's Softball Season Start 7pm @ Hickory • Adult Kickball Registration	2 Mayor and Council Meeting 8PM New Borough Hall	3 Pickle Ball @ Conlon Hall 7PM	4	5 Pickle Ball @ Conlon Hall 7PM	• Museum Open 1:30pm-3:00pm • BBL Season Begins
7	Zoning Board Meeting 8PM Pickle Ball @ Conlon Hall 7PM	9 VFW Members Meeting 7:00pm VFW POST	• VFW AUX Meeting 7:00PM VFW POST • Party Declaration Deadline	11	12 Pickle Ball @ Conlon Hall 7PM	 Museum Open 1:30PM-3:00PM Bergenfield Little League Opening Day Ceremony
• Clean Communities Recycling Show 4pm @ Library • Shredding Event • Mayors Wellness Kick-Off & Fun Run	• Mayors Wellness-FKA Martial Arts @ VFW	• Mayor and Council Meeting 8PM New Borough Hall • Museum Open 1:30PM-3:00PM • Mayors Wellness- Zumba @ Memorial Park	• Pickle Ball @ Conlon Hall 7PM • Mayors Wellness-FKA Martial Arts @ VFW	18 • Mayor's Wellness- YOGA Conlon Hall	• Mayor's Wellness- Line Dancing @ Conlon Hall • Men's Softball Opening Day Ceremony	• VFW Advisory 10:30M Library • Museum Open 1:30PM-3:00PM • Safe Sitter Class 9AM Conlon Hall • VFW Fundraiser 7pm
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9:00 AM - 1:00 PM 50 W Clinton Ave Bergenfield, NJ 07621 201 - 387 - 4040

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26	27 Memorial Day Parade Borough Offices Closed	Museum Open1:30pm-3:00pmDeadline to apply for VBM	29 Pickle Ball @ Conlon Hall 7PM	30	37	



BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY 5/27











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	BERGENFIELD						
Family Fun Day!							
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June 9th, 2024