



Harrington Park Newsletter

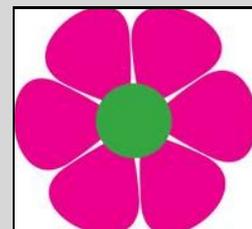
APRIL/MAY 2015

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clerk@harringtonparknj.gov



2015 GOVERNING BODY

MAYOR

Paul A. Hoelscher

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council President

Gregory Evarella

Police

Municipal Court

Personnel

Joon Chung

Board of Health

Liaison Bd. of

Education

Public Information

Allan S. Napolitano

Planning Board

Board of Adjustment

Construction

Fire Department

Ambulance Corps

Michael Rutigliano

DPW

Recycling/Sanitation

Building & Grounds

Michelle Ryan

Recreation

Environmental

Jorden Pedersen

Finance

Admin. & Exec.

Grants

Property Taxes Due

May 1st

Late Fees start

May. 10th

For info: Tax

Office

201-768-1588

Kunjesh

Trivedi, CFO/

TWICE A WEEK GARBAGE COLLECTION (WED. & SAT.) BEGINS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

VEGETATIVE WASTE (GRASS) PICK UP BEGINS MONDAY APRIL 6TH

SPRING TIME EVENT AT BOROUGH HALL

APRIL 25TH-starting at 9am

- ◆ **HISTORIC SOCIETY-HERITAGE WEEKEND (10am-Noon)**
Artifacts and Displays from items submitted to the HP Historic Society-Please bring your historic documents of Harrington Park so they may be scanned into our archives. Help us identify some of the photographs we have received over the year.
- ◆ **Garden Club Annual Perennials Fundraiser -9am-Noon**
Premium Nursery stock plus many "Home Growns" from GC Members' gardens and Herb selections, too.
Free Crumb Cake & Coffee!
Free Special Activities for Kids / no reservations necessary:
Table for kids to plant Sunflower plus pack of seeds.
Fairy Garden House Workshop
with Holly Ciccoricco from 10:00-11:00 A.M.
- ◆ **TOWN HUMUS SALE**
2 CU. YARDS MIN. (10 CY MAX) \$10/YARD (9am-12noon)
DELIVERY starts First Week in May.
- ◆ **FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING**
SPONSORED BY THE BCUA
(For all Bergen County RESIDENTS)
- ◆ **GREEN TEAM AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION DISPLAY**

BOROUGH MEETINGS

At Borough Hall

Mayor and Council: 7pm

Agenda Meeting:

April 13 May 11

Regular Meeting:

April 20 May 18

All Boards and Commissions

full schedule is available on town website in printable format

www.harringtonparknj.gov

CFO/TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

KUNJESH TRIVEDI

201-768-8185

TAX ASSESSOR

Raymond Damiano

MONDAY EVENING 6:30-8PM

SEC'Y LINE FOR MESSAGES

201-768-8790

Ann H. Bistriz, Administrator
Registered Municipal Clerk
Cert. Registrar Vital Statistics
201-768-1700

clerk@harringtonparknj.gov

- ◆ **Raffle Licenses**
- ◆ **Notary Public**
- ◆ **Registrar**

Municipal Court

2nd Wed.-5:30 pm

Court Administrator:

Lindsay Volpitta

201-768-0500

COURT CLERK HOURS:

Monday, Thursday and Fri.
12:30pm-2:30pm

Tuesday 12pm -2:30pm

1st, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays
10:30am-2:30pm

2nd Wednesday of Month
1:00-5:00pm

(Court is scheduled 2nd
Wednesday of month 5pm)

Garden Club of Harrington Park

Contact: Gerri Gibney -- 201-768-2615

themerchantmouse@aol.com

<http://www.gardenclubofharringtonpark.com>

(check us out on Facebook!)

Thursday, May 2nd, 7:30 P.M. – Chris Raimondi, Owner
Raimondi Horticultural Group, will present “Adding Tropical Color to
Your Seasonal Plantings” ; Plant Swap

May 16th, 10:00 A.M. – Barrel Planting -- Downtown H.P.
The Garden Club welcomes all to their meetings and events.

Historical Society

Gerri Gibney 201-768-2615 themerchantmouse@aol.com

7:30pm HP Library

Monday April 6, 2015

THE FOUNDERS VIEW OF AMERICA By Dr. Anthony Troncone

HeART-Art Show-APRIL 25th (4pm-7pm)

Sukha Arts Center-28 Schraalenburgh Road

Fine Art, Music, Dance and Food-Come and Enjoy-Its Free!

The Harrington Park Green Team
**HELP KEEP HARRINGTON
PARK BEAUTIFUL**

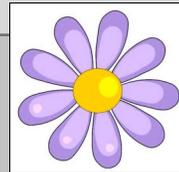
**Trash and recyclable items
should not be placed at the
curb until after 5:00 PM on
the days prior to scheduled
pickups. Empty containers
should be removed from the
curb on the same day that the
pick-up was made.**

HP Woman's Club

We always welcome new members
Dee McMorrow, Pres. 201-767-0084.

Guest speaker at the Executive Board
meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2015 will
be our 2014 Scholarship Award recipient
Sean Misa.

Installation Luncheon May 13, at noon-
Vicolo's in Old Tappan-Contact Louise
Januzzi for more information.



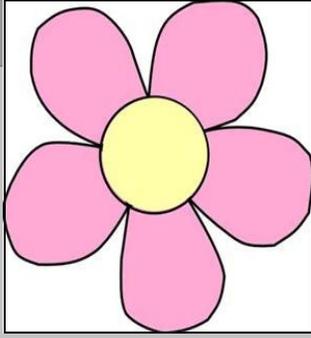
Junior Woman's Club

Ashley Plescia 201-704-3527

AMPlescia@gmail.com

Help make a difference in our
town! Come join an
organization of women who
are committed to promoting
volunteerism and improving
our community through
effective action and
leadership.

Help us support Project Linus
by donating high quality
acrylic baby yarn, which will
be used to make blankets for
babies and children in need at
our nearby hospitals
Drop Off Box at HP Library
through April 14th.
Contact Brielle Zahn at
B.Veselsky@gmail.com



Harrington Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps 2015 Annual Appeal

The Harrington Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps is a non-profit, all volunteer organization that provides emergency medical assistance. Since 1957 our dedicated volunteers have been answering calls 24-7-365 at no cost or charge to anyone. We want to continue this practice. Monies contributed go directly toward medical supplies, equipment and training.

If you haven't made a contribution to our 2015 Annual Appeal, we ask you to consider doing so. If you have made a contribution, we thank you for your support.

Club 60 for SENIORS

WE WANT YOU!! (if you're over 59)

JOIN CLUB 60

- DAY TRIPS TO INTERESTING PLACES
- MONTHLY MEETINGS WITH ENJOYABLE PEOPLE
- ENTERTAINMENT OR SPEAKERS ON TOPICS OF INTEREST AT EVERY MEETING
- CELEBRATIONS OF VALENTINES, ST. PATRICKS, OCTOBERFEST, CHRISTMAS & MORE!

HARRINGTON PARK IS A WONDERFUL PLACE TO LIVE. HELP US TO EXPAND OUR SENIOR CLUB AND ENJOY THESE EVENTS TOGETHER

CALL PETE AT 201 767-8411 OR COME TO OUR NEXT MEETING. MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH AT NOON AT THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Follow the Borough of Harrington Park on Facebook for the latest news! Our website **harringtonparknj.gov** now allows you to enter your email address into the portal and receive e-blasts. Check out **HP INSTANT INFO** on the lower right.



The Beautification Committee of Harrington Park

Extends a Big Thank You to all those who were thoughtful in 2014 and donated to our cause.

Commander Tom Simpson of the American Legion donated the American Flags that line many of our main streets and gazebo at Don Horsey Park.

A Special thank you goes out to our DPW for assisting in cleaning, decorating, delivering and planting!

This year we were able to purchase decorations for the Borough Hall and Park entrances that can be used for seasons to come. With the help of our volunteers we cleaned up some gardens and painted the benches on Harriot Ave.

For 2015 we have some ideas to help improve the area near the railroad by the Post Office and purchase new entrance signs to Harrington Park on Rivervale Road, Blanch Avenue, Closter Road Tappan Road.

How great would it be to use our parks for taking family photos ! Consider the gazebo at Don Horsey Park.

Please continue your generosity... A donation of \$10 per family would give us the ability to plant, clean up, paint, decorate and improve so many areas of town.

***Suellen Spillane, Chair
Beautification Committee***

**Please make your checks out to:
The Beautification Trust Fund and mail or drop off at Borough Hall.**

FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF ALBERT MAALOUF...



Applications for the Bergen County Youth Police Academy are now available by contacting Eileen Hughes, Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, Justice Center, 10 Main Street, Hackensack NJ 07601 by May 1, 2015.

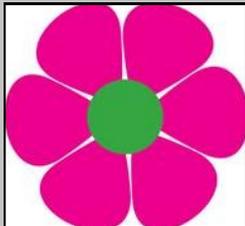
ALWAYS SEE PHOTO I.D. OF UTILITY WORKERS AT YOUR HOME

Employees of such utilities should carry I.D. cards during their workday. If a person comes to your door claiming to be an employee, look for the card. If you cannot see one, ask the worker to produce the card for your inspection before speaking with him or her further, or permitting entry to your home.

If individuals cannot produce a legitimate photo I.D. card, terminate contact with them and call the police.

Harrington Park School is pleased to announce that Kindergarten Registration for the 2015-2016 school year is now open!

Please go to www.hpsd.org to register. Please call Ms. Urban at 201-768-5700 extension 38617 or email hpkregistration@nvnnet.org with any questions.



**The Community Church
In Harrington Park
201-768-2457
Sunday Worship 10am
We welcome our new Pastor,
Rev. Steve Saylor, his wife Jeri and
their children.**

**Women's Communion Brunch
April 18, 2015-9:30am
\$10/pp
Guest Speaker-Rev. Diane Rhodes
of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Need Childcare?
Parents Day Out Program
Call 201-768-2796
Follows school schedule**

From Board of Health....

www.co.bergen.nj.us

Senior Services

Key Service Guide for Older Adults and Caregivers lists phone numbers for Adult Day Care, Wellness Discount Program, and more!

St. Andrews Church

31 Lynn Street
Rev. Diane Rhodes
201-768-0819
Standrewsharringtonpark.org
**Sunday Holy Eucharist
10:15 AM
Sun. School &
Youth Choir-10AM
All God's Children
(1st & 3rd Sundays)
9am**

**Our Lady of
Victories Church**

Rev. Bryan F.J. Adamcik
201-768-1706

**LADIES BREAKFAST
Sun. April 19th 10:30am
Guest Speaker
Catered Breakfast
\$15 pp
\$20 Mother Daughter Combo
Patrice Coyne**

BUILDING DEPARTMENT OFFICE

Debra Rielly 201-768-2585

Monday-Friday 10:00am-2:30pm

To obtain permit applications, make payments and to pick up processed permits

For Inspections: CALL 201-768-7110

Joseph Zavarino

Construction Official

Zoning Official

Building Subcode Official

Fire Subcode Official

Monday-11:30am-12:30pm

Tues. & Thurs. Office-12:30pm-2:30pm

Tues. & Thurs. Inspect. 2:30pm-5:00pm

(or by appointment)

Frank "Duffy" Dyer

Electric Inspector

Tuesday & Thursday 2pm-4pm

Joe Lamastra

Plumbing Inspector

Tuesday & Thursday 3:00pm-5:00pm

Robert McQuade

Code Enforcement Official

Property Maintenance

201-768-0873 Leave a message and you will be called back .

14th Annual Harrington Park 5K and participation in the 3rd Annual Triple Crown 5Ks

New participants are welcome to join the committee helping us build our great community event that supports the HP fire department, ambulance corps, library, and funds local scholarships.

Please send an email to info@hp5k.com for information or just show up at our kick-off meeting on April 15, 8 pm, at the HP Library.



**RESIDENTIAL
CERTIFICATE OF CONTINUED
OCCUPANCY REQUIRED**

Any rental, lease, or sale of any residential use will require the owner to apply and secure a **Certificate of Continued Occupancy** from the HP Building Department.

This inspection is in addition to the Smoke Detector/Carbon Monoxide Certificate also filed through the Building Department.

BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

Thomas E. Simpson, Fire Marshal

201-768-2585

201-321-9550

tsimp07640@gmail.com

Re: HP Resident

Please make sure that all your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly. Replace Smoke Detectors over 10 years old and Carbon Monoxide units over 5 years old.

*******REMEMBER TO NEVER LEAVE BURNING CANDLES UNATTENDED BE THEY INSIDE OR OUTSIDE YOUR HOME*****

**HP BASEBALL/SOFTBALL
OPENING DAY PARADE
APRIL 18TH 9AM
FROM HP SCHOOL TO HIGHLAND
FIELD**

2015 ANNUAL FISHING DERBY
Harrington Park Recreation Commission
Where: Pondside Park

When : Sunday, June 21, 2015

12:00 to 2:00pm

Open to all Harrington Park residents
up to 15 years old

**WE SUPPLY THE BAIT - JUST BRING YOUR POLES!
COME OUT FOR SOME GREAT FUN AND PRIZES!!**

SAVE THE DATES:

Town Day - Saturday, Sept.12

Rag-a-Muffin - Saturday, Oct. 31

HP Teens for Tomorrow

HP Teens for Tomorrow is a teen run community service organization that helps our local community as well as the broader community in need. We have done work with the Apostle's House in Newark, organized an annual Field Day for the younger students who attend the Valley programs, did park clean-ups, painted the bridge at Pondsides Park, painted over graffiti on the equipment shed at Highland Field, visit residents at Rockleigh Jewish Home and provided lunches to the less fortunate in our area—just to name a few things!

If you are a Harrington Park teen in grades 7-12, and would like to volunteer to better your community, contact:

HPteensfortomorrow@gmail.com

AMERICAN LEGION NOTICE

The annual Memorial Day Parade

Monday May 25 at 9:30 A.M.

Staging at the HP School starts at 8:30 A.M.

In the event of rain, only services will be held the HP School's All Purpose Room.

This is the last call to have a name of a family member who at the time of enlisting in the Armed Service of the United States resided in Harrington Park. He or she must have lived in Harrington Park at the time of enlistment.

Once I am sure Post 30 has the correct names and spelling, then we will move forward and make the changes to the monument.

If you have any questions, and would like to participate in the parade, I can be reached at 201-321-9550 or tsimp07640@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you all on Memorial Day. Come march with us!

**Thomas E. Simpson
Commander
Post 30
American Legion of NJ**



LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

SUBMISSIONS BY MAY 1, 2015

HP Sports Boosters

https://oths.nvnet.org/oth_guidance/scholarships

Harrington Park Ambulance Corps

[Www.HPVAC526.com](http://www.HPVAC526.com)

Harrington Park Lions Club

<http://www.nvnet.org>

Contact the Guidance Office at NVOT for more information!

Dora Lyn Coyman

Graduate Scholarship

Applications available at the

HP Library and

Due May 30th at HP Library

For residents or former HP residents

that are in pursuit of a graduate

degree.

**2015
RECYCLING / GARBAGE SCHEDULE
(at curb by 5:30am)
Garbage Wednesday ONLY
January-March 31/ November 1-December 31
Garbage Wednesday & Saturday
April 1-October 31**

Garden Refuse April 1-NOVEMBER 9th -MONDAYS

(Tuesday May 26 and Tuesday September 8)

THURSDAY RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Month	SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING
January**	2*-8-15-22
February	5-12-19-26
March	5-12-19-26
April**	2-9-16-23
May	7-14-21-28
June	4-11-18-25
July**	2-9-16-23
August	6-13-20-27
September	3-10-17-24
October**	1-8-15-22
November*	5-12-19-27*
December**	3-10-17-24**

Single Stream

Recycling
means you
combine all
recyclable
materials
together FOR
RECYCLING
DAY PICK UP
Cans, plastics,
glass, metals,
papers,
cardboard
NO NEED TO
SEPARATE
ANYMORE!

*Recycling collection

*FRIDAY-JAN. 2 WILL BE RECYCLING

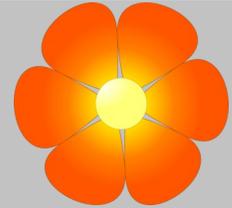
*FRIDAY-NOV. 27 WILL BE RECYCLING

**FIRST 4 Thursdays OF MONTH ONLY!

For questions or missed pick up call the
Municipal Clerk's office at 201-768-1700

**REMINDER...NO RECYCLING
PICK UP APRIL 30TH**

**IT IS THE 5TH THURSDAY OF
THE MONTH!**



IT'S THE LAW....

Please curb your dog and pick up any
waste and dispose of in your OWN garbage
can....Be considerate of your
neighbors...they'll appreciate it!

*Come Join
the fun*

HARRINGTON PARK SWIM CLUB



Membership Benefits include:

- Free Swim Lessons
- Set Times for Adult Swim
- Fenced in kiddie pool with lifeguard
- Competitive Swim & Dive Teams
- Free Wi-Fi Access
- New Snack Hut
- Volleyball, Playground, Ping Pong & Games
- Float Night, BBQ's, Parties
- Introduction to Scuba Diving Classes
- Host birthday parties

Pool open from Memorial Day – Labor Day

Contact hpkswimclub@gmail.com or download
membership forms at www.hpswimclub.net

Harrington Park Swim Club, Lafayette and Schloers Road, P.O. Box 183, Harrington Park, NJ 07940 ph: 201-761-5704

Harrington Park Swim Club

TRY US....



Contact us for a...

FREE...1 DAY PASS

2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The 2015 Municipal Budget was introduced by the Borough Council at our meeting on March 16, 2015. Based on the proposed budget, the new tax rate will be 0.509 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. This represents a **ZERO increase for the average homeowner** in the Borough where the average assessed value is \$537,473.71. The Introduction of the Budget was passed by Council on a 6-0 vote.

This issue of the HP NEWSLETTER provides you with a summary of the appropriations proposed for 2015. As you examine this budget, please keep in mind that it does not include expenditures planned for our local school, the regional high school and the county. **While the Borough serves as the collection organization for all property taxes, it has no control over the county and school budgets. At the present, county and school tax levies have not been finalized and therefore, we cannot predict the overall tax rate.**

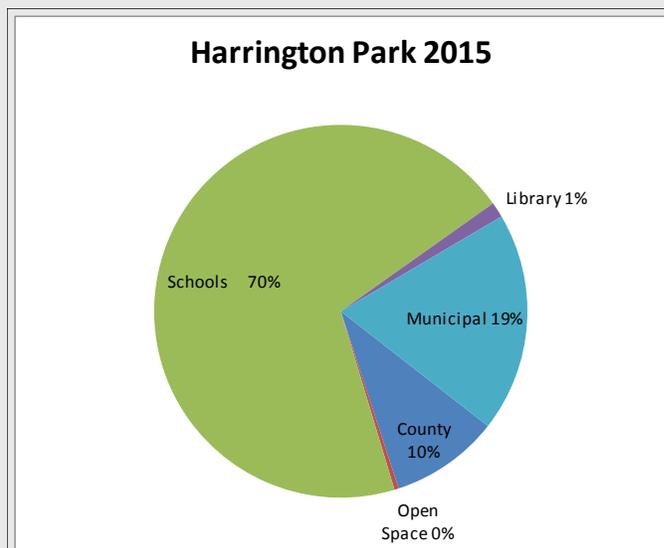
Our intensive budget review and preparation process resulted in a ZERO point increase in taxes (in Harrington Park, each point represents \$89,000)

In order to limit the tax increase, we have again used some of the surplus. We believe that the remaining surplus balance of \$475,874.00 is sufficient to meet any emergency that might arise during the year. A public hearing on the municipal budget is scheduled for Monday, April 20, at 7pm in Borough Hall. A summary of the budget will appear in the *Bergen Record*, on Wednesday, April 10, 2015, and copies are available in the Borough Clerk's office and Library. All of us want Harrington Park to be a desirable community. Your governing body and the Borough family pledge their continued efforts to control expenses and seek out all possible sources of new revenue.

I express my thanks and appreciation to our Finance Chair, Councilman Pedersen and his committee, for the time and effort that went into the preparation of the 2015 Budget. We were able to stay below the 2% cap rate. Please remember the municipal portion of the entire budget is approximately 20% of the total. As a result, if you are paying \$10,000 in property taxes only \$2000 goes towards providing you with local services.

I will continue efforts to promote real property tax reform in New Jersey. As you know, NJ is one of the few states that still relies on the property tax to pay for services other than local needs. My latest trip to Trenton did not provide me with any assurance that our elected officials at the State House are serious about reforming the system.

Paul A. Hoelscher, Mayor



BOROUGH OF HARRINGTON PARK 2015 BUDGET SUMMARY

	2014	2015	INCREASE/DECREASE
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 678,048.00	\$ 733,492.00	\$ 55,444.00
PENSIONS AND SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 484,383.00	\$ 567,857.00	\$ 83,474.00
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 1,809,495.00	\$ 1,728,157.00	\$ (81,338.00)
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 733,243.00	\$ 772,730.00	\$ 39,487.00
INSURANCE	\$ 584,782.00	\$ 619,620.00	\$ 34,838.00
SANITATION	\$ 313,800.00	\$ 318,800.00	\$ 5,000.00
HEALTH/RECREATION	\$ 34,410.00	\$ 38,800.00	\$ 4,390.00
GRANTS	\$ 37,936.00	\$ 48,155.00	\$ 10,219.00
SEWER CHARGES	\$ 353,341.00	\$ 350,594.00	\$ (2,747.00)
LIBRARY	\$ 313,713.00	\$ 319,318.00	\$ 5,605.00
LOSAP	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 69,000.00	\$ 34,000.00
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 25,530.00	\$ 27,250.00	\$ 1,720.00
DEBT SERVICE/ EMERGENCY/CAP IMP	\$ 612,011.00	\$ 248,982.00	\$ (363,029.00)
OTHER (Outside the Cap)	\$ 49,880.00	\$ 84,258.00	\$ 34,378.00
RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAX	\$ 209,098.00	\$ 224,000.00	\$ 14,902.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,274,670.00	\$ 6,151,013.00	\$ (123,657.00)
REVENUES			
SURPLUS	\$ 344,000.00	\$ 291,440.00	\$ (52,560.00)
MISC REVENUES	\$ 445,884.00	\$ 361,760.00	\$ (84,124.00)
STATE AID	\$ 468,495.00	\$ 468,495.00	\$ -
CURRENT TAX	\$ 4,568,578.00	\$ 4,560,000.00	\$ (8,578.00)
DELINQUENT TAX	\$ 134,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
LIBRARY	\$ 313,713.00	\$ 319,318.00	\$ 5,605.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,274,670.00	\$ 6,151,013.00	\$ (123,657.00)
BUDGET AS INTRODUCED			

HARRINGTON PARK LIBRARY NEWS

HOURS

September 1-June 22

Mon., Wed. Thurs. 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Tues., Fri. 12:00 NOON–5:00PM

Saturday 10:00AM–1:00PM

Sunday 1:00–4:00 PM

Judy Heldman, Library Director

Harrington Park Public Library

10 Herring Street

Harrington Park, New Jersey 07640

Phone: 201-768-5675

Fax: 201-768-7495

Email: Hapkcirc@bccls.org

LIBRARY EXHIBITS

SPRING, FINALLY

Watercolors by resident
artist and teacher

Marcia Oakes

SAVE THE DATE
WHITE ELEPHANT SALE
JUNE 6TH 8AM-2PM

\$20/ Space-2 for \$30

No Charge for HP Non-Profit Orgs.

LIBRARY BOOK GROUP

Books are available at the Library one month
prior to the meeting. No sign-up necessary.

REFRESHMENTS

April 28th at 1pm

Stella Bain by Anita Shreve

Books are available at the Library. No sign-up
necessary. Refreshments Served.

All Programs require prior **REGISTRATION**
at Library Desk

Welcome Spring with Mrs. Ciccoricco
Fri-April 17th 3:30pm Grades K-5

Recycle Mania-Thurs. April 20th 7pm Grades K+
Celebrate Earth Day

The Harrington Park Lions Club

Monthly meeting at 7:30PM on the first
Thursday of each month at the
76 House Restaurant in Tappan, NY.
All guests, residents and
potential members are cordially
invited.

e-mail info@hplionsclub.com

visit www.hplions.com



WATERSHED RECREATION PROGRAM

The Watershed Recreation Program is now
open from April 1 to November 30, 2015.

Participants can fish, walk, bird watch,
hike, or simply enjoy nature.

Access to 3 reservoirs –
Old Tappan, Oradell in
New Jersey and
Lake Deforest in
Rockland County, New York.



For an application and
program information visit us at:
www.watersheduw.com



From the Mayor's Desk....

HOW'S THIS FOR GOOD NEWS!

Serving as your Mayor of this fine municipality is an honor and a privilege. Reporting good news to residents certainly makes my day. I am pleased to advise all of you that there will be no increase in the municipal portion of your property taxes. ZERO % sounds wonderful! As I have mentioned numerous times, the Borough portion of your taxes is approximately 20% of the total charge. About 70% goes towards education and 10% is generally dedicated for County services.

So, if your tax bill is \$10,000, only \$2000 is spent for municipal services. I am very proud of the time and effort that went into the preparation of this year's budget. A special thank you is extended to Mr. Kunjesh Trivedi, our Tax Collector, CFO, for his diligent work and guidance.

NO WONDER PEOPLE MOVE TO HARRINGTON PARK

The most recent issue of New Jersey Family Magazine rated the Borough of Harrington Park as the sixth best municipality in the State of New Jersey in which you can raise a family. This follows the news we received in 2014 that Harrington Park is the second safest community in New Jersey. Added to these outstanding achievements, the fact that our local school system is one of the best in NJ, you can understand why so many of our young residents return to Harrington Park to raise their families. It is also the reason the Borough of Harrington Park draws so many newcomers to our town.

None of this happens by accident. Therefore, I wish to thank all the Borough employees, Councilpersons, professionals and resident volunteers who contribute to our success. I am grateful for all your contributions in making Harrington Park the "Secret Garden" we have all come to appreciate and enjoy.

CSX REFORM EFFORTS DRAWS SENATOR BOOKER'S ATTENTION

Interest continues to increase in bringing about safety reforms along the CSX line that runs through Harrington Park and the Northern Valley area. Early last year, I hosted a meeting of all Mayors, Police Chiefs, Fire Chiefs, First Responders and Emergency Management Coordinators here in Harrington Park. This has been followed by numerous other meetings throughout the area.

Since the railroad is controlled by Federal law, I invited our own US Senator Cory Booker to join us in order to hear our concerns. I have recently received a phone call from Senator Booker's office advising me that he will schedule a meeting here in Harrington Park in the near future. The same group of participants will be invited and hopefully, with Senator Booker's help, we can improve safety conditions along the rail line.

I will keep you updated as we move forward.

LIEUTENANTS BARBIERI AND SPRENGEL RETIRE

On April 1, 2015, with service to our community since 1986, both, Lieutenants William Barbieri and David Sprengel, retired as a members of the Harrington Park Police Department. On behalf of the entire community, I express our appreciation for honorable records of service. We wish Bill and Dave well and thank them for their contribution in making Harrington Park the second safest community in New Jersey.

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From the Mayor's Desk continued....

OUR YOUTH IN THE NEWS

On Monday, March 16, 2015, at the Mayor and Council meeting, we honored the Harrington Park Girls Basketball Team who went 14-0 this season and won the Championship Game in Demarest on Wednesday, February 11th. The team consists of sixth, seventh and eighth grades and includes:

8th Graders: Noelle Gonzalez Co-Captain, Alli Hargrove Co-Captain, Jaimee Calabrese, Casey Rochford, Heather Savoye, Cara Schettino, Emily Walker, Hayley Wilcox.

7th Graders: Samantha Belous, Sofia DeCrescente, Chloe Frisch, Samantha Helfman

6th Grader: Jenna Fitzgerald

The team was coached by Mr. Donald Morgan who expressed his thoughts on the value of both the team spirit and team work the girls exhibited.

On March 18, 2015, I took part in the Crossover Ceremony of four of our young Cub Scouts in Pack 111. They will join Boy Scout Troop 616 in order to continue their interest in Scouting. The four members from Pack 111 who were honored are: Nolan Griffith, Jack Housley, Luc Savoye and Chase Wohner. In addition to congratulating our Scouts, I want to thank Mr. Wohner, as well as all the scout leaders, for the time and effort they extend in guiding our boys in one of our nations best youth groups.

The Junior Woman's Club of Harrington Park hosted their annual Spelling Bee on Tuesday, January 19th. Once again, I was fortunate to be a judge for this competition. I am pleased to announce the following winners: 1st Place-Vinny Yu 2nd Place-Galadriel Cho 3rd Place-Ace Kim

In addition, Ace and Galadriel placed 1st and 3rd Places respectively in the Bergen County Regional competition, followed by Ace taking 3rd Place at the State Level.

Congratulations to all the participants !

Finally, our First Grade readers, who are taking part in the Mayor's Book Club, are on the way to setting a record. As we go to press, they have already read over 3700 books. What an outstanding accomplishment! As a result of their efforts, the Harrington Park School will receive a check for \$1000 to be used to supplement the First Grade Library program. Congratulations to all our young readers. I am so very proud of all of you.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Our DPW continues to work on filling the potholes that have developed as a result of the terrible winter season.
- ◆ Through the Riverside Co-op, we will be going out to bid to pave several of our interior roads in Mid-April.
- ◆ Senator Cardinale's Office has informed the Borough that we have received a Municipal Aid Grant from the Department of Transportation for \$149,000.00 for improvements to Lynn Street (by HP School).
- ◆ At the last meeting of the Northern valley Community Development Group, I requested grants for Senior Activities and Senior Van Service.
- ◆ As part of our Peddling and Soliciting Ordinance we have a "NO-KNOCK" provision. If you wish to be added to this list please, reach out to the Borough Clerk at 201-768-1700 or clerk@harringtonparknj.gov.
- ◆ As a result of a recent court decision related to the Council on Affordable Housing, our professionals are working with me to protect the interests of the Borough of Harrington Park.
- ◆ The Harrington Park Swim Club has membership openings for the upcoming summer season. Don't miss out on the summer fun!

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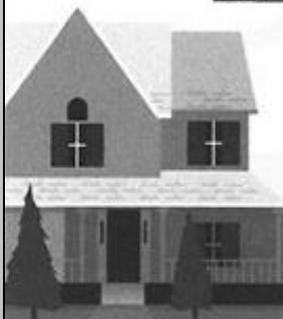
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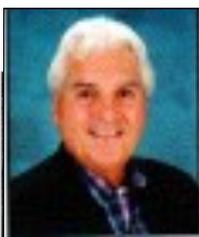
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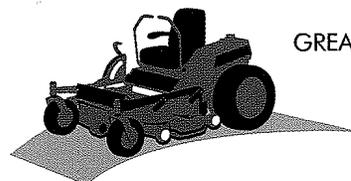
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