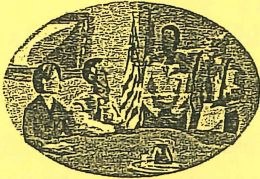


Borough of Far Hills

WINTER 2014/2015



- **Borough Council** meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Court Room.
- **Planning Board** meetings are held the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Court Room.
- **Board of Health** meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Court Room.



Dog Licenses
are due by
January 31, 2015



Alarm Registrations
are due by
January 31, 2015

For your convenience applications for both have been included in this newsletter.

from the Mayor's desk

Fellow Residents;

As has been customary over the last four years, I have with this newsletter continued to keep you informed regarding the events and progress that has taken place here in Far Hills. Before I do so however, I would like to take a moment to thank all of you, who once again, placed your trust in me this past November and re-elected me as your Mayor. I am grateful and honored to represent the Borough of Far Hills and will continue to do so with your best interests in mind. The official swearing in ceremony for myself, Councilman Joseph Carty and Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie will take place on January 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at our Municipal Building and will be presided over by the Honorable Assemblyman Jon Bramnick. I encourage all to attend and meet our Assemblyman and be a part of this special evening. I also want to thank our Borough Council who give tirelessly of their time and talent, as do the members of our Planning Board, Board of Health, the Borough Hall staff and professionals that collectively make a great team.

As we come to the close of 2014, I am proud to discuss some of our accomplishments. Fiscal integrity is paramount and being on budget, not over it, has been a top priority. Working with our CFO, Debra Stern who monitors our progress quarterly, 2014 appears, that once again, we have lived within our means addressing the needs of the Borough by saving for and planning for needed capital improvements and maximizing the return on monies spent. Certainly, unforeseen events can occur but every effort has been made to anticipate short term and long term needs. We will continue this policy as we now turn towards the 2015 fiscal budget.

At the municipal building, the new generator was installed and is fully functional which will provide residents a safe haven should power be disrupted to our area; the municipal parking lot was repaved and striped to prevent further decay and greater cost. Four old, decaying and unsafe large pin oak trees were removed as was a uneven walkway, landscaping was replaced and new flooring is on its way for the lobby, landing and second floor areas which replaces flooring that is many years old. New air-conditioners which are much more energy efficient and effective were purchased to replace very old inefficient units, new computers were purchased and a new server is on the way to update, modernize and store Borough records.

In the Police Department, after more than 25 years in police service Lieutenant Thomas Kozak will be retiring.

from the Mayor's desk

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A ceremony in honor of Lieutenant Kozak will be held at the Borough Council meeting on December 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. and I encourage all to attend. Our Police Chief Ken Hartman and our officers continue to provide excellent service to our community. Together, our Police Committee and Police Department are working to hire a new officer for 2015, to control and reduce costs and plan for the future, I thank them all for their commitment to Far Hills.

Road issues and road repair continue to be an ongoing issue that I and the Council are addressing as well. As we all know, Route 202 was closed this summer by the New Jersey Department of Transportation to replace a bridge/culvert. The initial plan called for a six month closure, but through much input from myself and the Council, NJDOT completed the project in 3 months and in time for the beginning of the Fall school semester. We are grateful to the NJDOT for the timely completion, and I want to thank all of our residents and businesses for your patience. Drainage issues were addressed along Pennbrook Road, repairs on Lake Road were made and plans to address speed and volume on this roadway and others throughout the Borough are ongoing. There are plans by the NJDOT and Somerset County to resurface Route 202 through Far Hills up to Bernardsville in 2015; this will not require closure of the road and I will keep you informed when the plans are finalized.

Other issues that continue to be discussed involve the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH), which has been a topic that many municipalities are dealing with and one that the Supreme Court is now involved with at the State level.

Top down review of our ordinances, and improving and modernizing our building and code enforcement departments are also issues that I and the Council are working on.

Finally, I want to take this time to wish all of you and your families a healthy and joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Vallone, M.D.
Mayor, Borough of Far Hills



Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

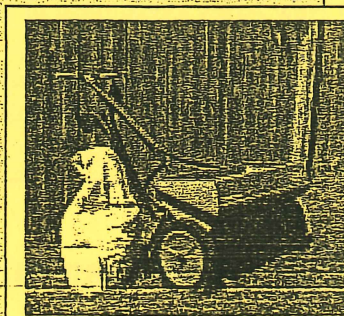
A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

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.

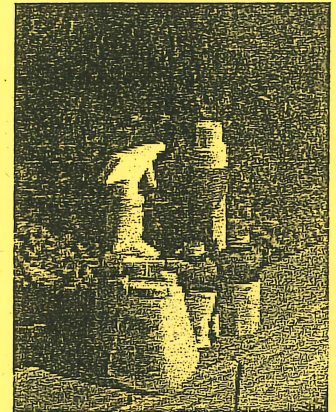
As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking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

■ Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.



Don't litter

■ Place litter in trash receptacles.

■ Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.

■ Participate in community cleanups.

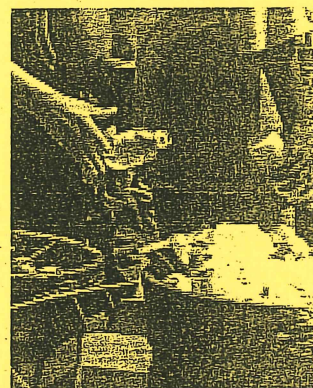
Dispose of yard waste properly

■ 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 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.

Contact information

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

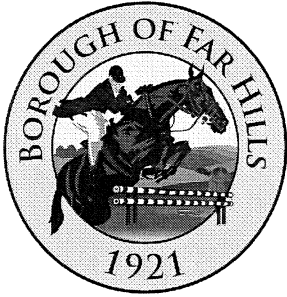
Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps

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



www.cleanwaternj.org





2015 PET LICENSE APPLICATION

Type: Dog Cat

	DOG LICENSE	LICENSE RENEWAL	CAT LICENSE
	New	First month late	\$5.00 per Family
NEUTERED or SPAYED	\$8.00	\$11.00	5.00
NOT NEUTERED or SPAYED	\$11.00	\$14.00	5.00

A late fee of \$3.00 per application will be assessed for the first month; and \$1.00 per application for each month thereafter.

DOG LICENSES ARE DUE BY JANUARY 31, 2015

CAT LICENSES ARE DUE BY APRIL 30, 2015

OWNER INFORMATION:

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Has pet been previously licensed in Far Hills? YES NO

PET INFORMATION:

Name _____ Age _____

Sex: Male Female Hair: Short Medium Long

Breed _____ Color _____

Date of Rabies Expiration ____/____/____ Is Pet Neutered or Spayed? YES NO

NEW JERSEY STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT ALL RABIES CERTIFICATES MUST BE VALID THROUGH NOVEMBER 1st OF THE LICENSE YEAR.

If the certificate is not valid through November 1st, the license cannot be processed.

Licenses are available at the Borough Municipal Building, Monday through Friday, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm.
 Licenses are also available by mail; please include a **SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE**
 (Postage for 1 tag is \$.49, 2 or more is \$.98)

PLEASE ENCLOSE:

1. Check or money order, made payable to the "Borough of Far Hills"
2. **COPY** of current Rabies Vaccination Certificate (please DO NOT send original certificate)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

INITIAL LICENSE LICENSE RENEWAL LICENSE RENEWAL (late)

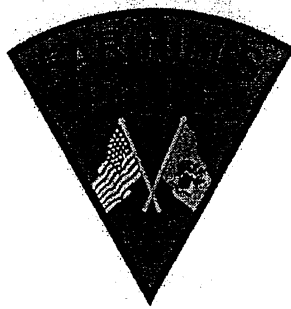
License No. _____ Received by _____

Date Received _____ Amount Paid \$ _____

Far Hills

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Kenneth S. Hartman
Chief of Police



Box 722
Far Hills, N.J. 07931

Alarm Registrations

Dear Borough Resident or Business Owner,

The Far Hills Police Department responds to a considerable amount of alarm activations each year. We encourage all residents and business owners to maintain various security, fire, medical and carbon monoxide alarm systems. The Police Department also encourages you to regularly test these systems and arrange for routine maintenance or inspection of your systems by a professional service company in order to keep them operating at optimal levels of reliability.

Unfortunately some of the responses to these alarms are hampered by the Officers discovering gated access to driveways which need a code. Residents or business owners are strongly encouraged to provide their access codes so that emergency equipment may gain entry without causing property damage and to ensure the fastest response to an emergency.

The Borough of Far Hills has passed an ordinance making it mandatory that all alarm systems are registered ANNUALLY with the Police Department. Please find attached a basic Alarm Registration Form. You must fill this out and return the form with a check payable to the Borough of Far Hills for the amount of twenty dollars (\$20.00). Responses by the Far Hills Police to alarms emanating from a home or business which has not been property registered will result in potential fines for each occurrence. Please register promptly at the start of each calendar year.

Send your payment (made to: Borough of Far Hills) and registration form to:

Administrative Assistant Mary Moore
Far Hills Police Department
P.O. Box 722
Far Hills, NJ 07931

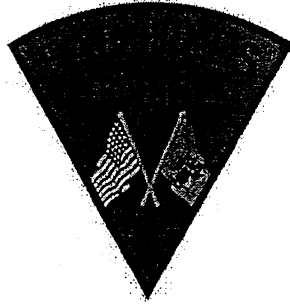
Thank you – Chief Kenneth Hartman

Far Hills

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Kenneth S. Hartman
Chief of Police

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ALARM REGISTRATION

Property Address _____

Name/Business Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Home Tele/Cell Phone# _____

Email Address _____

I have the following type of alarm:

Burglar Fire Medical Emergency Panic

My alarm system is monitored by _____

Alarm Company contact info/telephone _____

The following individuals are keyholders who have access to my home or business when I am not available. (Names/Telephone Numbers and Address)

1. _____

2. _____

I have a gated entry to my property YES NO

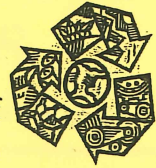
Access Code is _____

Include your \$20.00 ANNUAL ALARM REGISTRATION FEE CHECK #

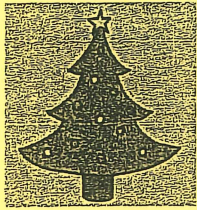
Any other information you would like the police to be aware of:

Holiday Recycling at Somerset County

Residents are reminded that they can recycle holiday waste such as: corrugated cardboard, chipboard (gift boxes), nonmetallic wrapping paper, holiday cards and plastics #1 through #7 at their usual curbside collections. Recyclables can also be dropped off at the First Saturday of the Month Drop-off Days at the Somerset County Recycling Center located at 40 Polhemus Lane, Bridgewater.



2015 Somerset County Recycling Schedules are available at the Borough Clerk's Office or via www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle.



Residents can recycle Christmas trees at two Somerset County Park Commission parks from December 26, 2014 to January 31, 2015.

- Parking Lot A - North Branch Park, 355 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807
- Parking Lot F - Colonial Park, 156 Mettlers Road, Somerset, NJ 08873

For directions, visit www.somersetcountyparks.org

Be a Good Neighbor – Be Bear Aware



New Jersey is home to all kinds of beautiful wildlife including black bears. Black bears are getting a lot of attention these days, for wrong reasons. They're venturing too close to homes and into backyards, looking for food. Bears that look for food near your home or in your yard likely have learned bad habits from people who feed them unintentionally by carelessly leaving out food or garbage.

People who feed bears think they're helping them. But it only invites trouble. It can make them a nuisance or even aggressive. When that happens, the bears must be destroyed to protect your family and your neighbors. What's more, it's illegal to feed bears in New Jersey. Anyone who feeds bears could face a penalty of up to \$1,000.00 for each offense.

Taking steps to avoid attracting bears with food or garbage is the best way to prevent them from becoming a nuisance near your home.

Here's what you can do to be a Good Neighbor:

- Use bear-proof garbage containers or store all garbage in airtight containers in your garage, or basement, or shed.
- Put out garbage on collection day, not the night before.
- Feed dogs and cats outside during daylight hours only. Immediately after feeding pets, remove all uneaten food.
- Clean outdoor grills thoroughly after each use.
- Pick up any fruit that falls from fruit trees daily.
- Report black bear damage or nuisance behavior to your local police department or the NJDEP's 24 hour toll-free hotline: 1-877-WARN-DEP (1-877-927-6337)



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*The Mayor, Borough Council and Staff
of the Borough of Far Hills wish you a very
Happy and Healthy Holiday Season and Prosperous New Year!*

FAR HILLS, NJ 07931
PO BOX 249

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