

BOROUGH OF FAR HILLS

SPRING 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.

Directory

Enclosed is
the
2015
Borough
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which has
important
contact
information.

from the Mayor's desk

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

As your Mayor it is a pleasure to welcome you to spring, and while spring is slow in coming, we leave behind a very long, very cold and icy winter season! Much has happened over the last few months and continues to unfold so let's get right to the important issues that are affecting our Far Hills Family.

The winter, as we all know, was a very harsh one. The repetitive thawing and freezing played havoc with many of our roads and this has caused cracks, potholes and runoff, which in and of itself causes flooding and ground erosion.

Councilman Surks has done and continues to do a thorough and professional job which requires much time to work with our shared Far Hills-Bedminster Road Department as well as the County and State Department of Transportation to address issues throughout the Borough as quickly as possible. Keep in mind that road repairs are extremely expensive and with the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund now insolvent, municipalities are in the position of having to do more with less and in some cases, no State support. If you see a catch basin that needs to be cleaned, let us know. If you have water drainage pipes on your property make sure that they are not draining across roadways, and if you are doing construction to your home be sure that cement, soil and other construction materials are not placed into catch basins as this is expensive to address and affects road integrity.

New changes have occurred in our Police Department. This past December, Lieutenant Thomas Kozak retired from our police force after many years of dedicated service to Far Hills. We all wish him well as he embarks on the next phase of his life. In February, a new patrolman, Officer Kevin Luckenbach was hired and we welcome Kevin to the Far Hills Police Department. Kevin was one of several hundred applicants for the position and was chosen by Chief Kenneth Hartman, members of the Police Committee, Council President Dave Karner, Councilman Joseph Carty, myself and approved by the entire Borough Council. We welcome Officer Luckenbach. A new four year PBA contract was also signed last month. This was the result of many meetings and we are proud that this contract was forged bilaterally, amicably and we believe fairly to all parties, most importantly to you, the taxpayer. After some discussion and the desire to spend more time with his family, Chief Kenneth Hartman, after 25 years in police service and 15 years as Chief of the Far Hills Police Department has decided to retire on April 30, 2015. Ken has done an excellent job in leading the Far Hills Police Department and we all wish him the very best in this new phase of his life. Lieutenant Michael DeCarolis, who has served Far Hills with integrity and professionalism, has been appointed Chief of Police effective May 1, 2015. Please join us at the May 11, 2015 Borough Council meeting when we will recognize the service and dedication Kenneth Hartman has given to the Borough of Far Hills. Also at this time, we will congratulate and conduct the swearing-in ceremony for Michael DeCarolis as the new Chief of Police for the Borough of Far Hills.

from the Mayor's desk

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As if that is not enough, we welcome three new members to the Planning Board, Mrs. Mary Chimenti, Ms. Marilyn Layton and Mrs. Debi Ross. Under Chairman Tony Petrilli, who has invested many hours in reviewing the Borough's Ordinances and updating our Master Plan, the Planning Board has and continues to update and modernize ordinances and I thank them for the diligent and time consuming work that they have and continue to do. Also, after some 40 years as Planning Board Attorney, Mr. Peter Henry will be stepping down and we all wish him well and thank him for his service to our Borough. Mrs. Nancy Probst who worked on a part-time basis as Planning Board Administrator now has joined Far Hills as a full time employee and will be the Planning Board Administrator and Board of Health Secretary. Nancy brings many talents and excellent work ethic to both positions and we welcome her to our family. Councilwoman Tweedie, in addition to myself, continues to represent the Borough Council on the Planning Board and I want to thank her for her dedication to the Borough and the numerous meetings that she attends there as well as her involvement with Borough insurance issues and sewer issues as well.

In our Courts, I want to thank Councilman Howland for his continued oversight and involvement. Judge Hornby who has served our Borough well was re-appointed as our Justice and, while being the oldest municipal court sitting Judge, brings great experience to Far Hills and we thank him for his continued good work. Court is held every other Tuesday and is an education in criminal justice, if you have the time it is an interesting way to spend several hours to witness our justice system at work.

Our municipal building continues to be improved, new servers and computers have been installed and shortly, new flooring will replace the old worn out flooring in the entry way, stairway and second floor. The VNA, Visiting Nurse Association of Somerset Hills, held their rummage sale on May 1, 2 and 3. Your generosity allows them to continue to offer services and support those in need. Our Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 25. This is a great event and a way to say thank you to all those Veterans who have sacrificed so much! Of course, the Far Hills Race will be held on October 17, 2015. Mark your calendars for all these special events. I want to thank Councilman Richard Hand for his work here in the municipal building and his oversight at the Fairgrounds here in the Borough.

In addition to the above, the Council and I worked collaboratively on the 2015 budget. As always, our goal is to balance the needs of our residents with fiscal responsibility. After many meetings with our CFO, Debra Stern the budget was introduced on April 23, 2015. The public hearing and adoption will be at the May 11, 2015 Borough Council meeting.

Other issues, including COAH, are being addressed in conjunction with our Borough Planner and Borough Attorney. So, as we move into spring and anticipate the blooming of the flowers and trees, remember that this beautiful part of New Jersey we call home, depends on all of us doing our part, taking pride in our Borough and contributing wherever and whenever we can.

The Borough Council and I are always receptive to positive ideas and as I move through my fifth year as your Mayor, I thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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



2015 MEDICINE DROP EVENTS

Leftover medicines can pose serious safety and health threats and also raise environmental concerns. Medicines flushed down the drain or toilet can contaminate bodies of water, harm wildlife and end up in drinking water supplies. Unwanted or outdated prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications can be safely disposed of at Household Hazardous Waste events. These events will be held:

- June 20 in Somerset
- September 12 in Branchburg
- October 24 in Hillsborough

Residents who cannot make the scheduled RX drop-off or just want to get rid of medications around the home on a regular basis can take advantage of the Somerset County Sheriff's Office medicine collection drop box, 24-hours a day, 7-days a week, no questions asked. The drop box is located on the lower level of the Somerset County Administration Building at 20 Grove Street, Somerville, NJ.

For the convenience of residents, additional drop boxes are available Monday-Friday 6:30 am to 8:30 pm at:

- Bernards Township Police Department, 1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ 908-766-1122
- Branchburg Police Department, 591 Old York Road and Route 202 North, Branchburg, NJ 908-526-3830
- Franklin Township Police Department, 495 Demott Lane, Somerset, NJ 732-873-5533
- Hillsborough Township Police Department, 379 S. Branch Rd., Hillsborough, NJ 908-369-4323
- North Plainfield Police Department, 263 Somerset St., North Plainfield, NJ 908-769-2937



SOMERSET COUNTY PARKS

Lord Stirling Stable
256 S. Maple Avenue
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
908-766-5955

As part of the Somerset County Park System, *Lord Stirling Stable* offers a full complement of horseback riding activities for riders of most ages and abilities, including:

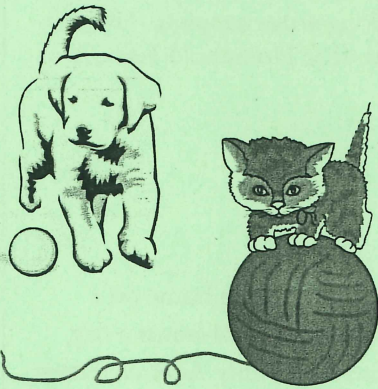
- Introductory rides
- Lead Line Pony Rides
- Pony Parties
- Summer Riding Lessons and Workshops
- Beginner Trail Rides
- Horse Rentals
- Group Trail Rides and Hayrides
- Spring Junior Horse Show



Garden Photography Workshop - Flower & Landscape

The Flower & Landscape Photography - Alternative Approaches class will involve technical instruction focusing on alternative approaches to landscape and flower photography, exploring the abstract side of photography from multiple exposure images, using filters, blur techniques and more. The class at **Leonard J. Buck Garden, 11 Layton Road, Far Hills**, will include a lecture and shooting session taught by professional photographer Brien Szabo of Nature Images, Inc. The class, designed for all levels of digital and film photographers, is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, from 9-11:30 a.m. Fee is \$35 per person. Pre-registration required, call 908-234-2677.

2015 DOG/CAT Canvass



New Jersey State Statute
4:19-15.15
requires the conducting of a
dog and cat canvass.

We would appreciate your assistance by answering the following questions and returning the bottom portion of this form to the Borough Clerk's Office by May 31, 2015.

- By mail to: Dog/Cat Canvass, PO Box 249, Far Hills, NJ 07931
- By email to: CDUNN@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
- 24-hour drop box located outside the entrance to the Municipal Building.



Please detach and return completed form.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

1. Does anyone in your household own a dog or cat? Yes No

2. Number of dogs over 7 months old _____

Number of cats over 7 months old _____

3. Does your dog have a 2015 dog license? Yes No Not Sure

Does your cat have a 2015 cat license? Yes No Not Sure

4. If not licensed under your name, please list the name of the person the dog(s) and/or cat (s) are licensed under: _____

If you have any questions please call the Borough Clerk's Office at 908-234-0611

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

PLANNING BOARD

Meetings: 1st Monday of the month at 7:00pm

Anthony Petrilli, Chair (Class IV) (2015)
144 Sunnybranch Road 908-938-0132

Tom Rochat, Vice Chair (Class IV) (2016)
222 Mine Brook Road 908-672-4054

Sheila Tweedie, Secretary (Class III) (2015)
123 Lake Road 908-204-0266

Paul J. Vallone, M.D., Mayor (Class I) (2015)
159 Sunnybranch Road 908-901-9501

Kip Cleland, (Class IV) (2015)
3 Chukka Way 908-963-2153

Cheryl Devine, (Class IV) (2016)
7 Millburn Way 908-470-0588

Debra Ross, (Class IV) (2015)
PO Box 869, Bernardsville 908-285-0666

Kevin Welsh, (Class IV) (2016)
19 DeMun Place 908-938-6650

Mary Chimenti, (Alternate 1) (2016)
111 Lake Road 908-295-3641

Marilyn Layton, (Alternate 2) (2015)
180 Ashington Club Road 908-234-2623

Nancy Probst, Planning Board Administrator

908-234-0611, Ext. 27

Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:30am-2:30pm

NPROBST@FARHILLSNJ.ORG

POLICE

NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS

POLICE: 908-234-1192

FIRST AID: 908-234-2666

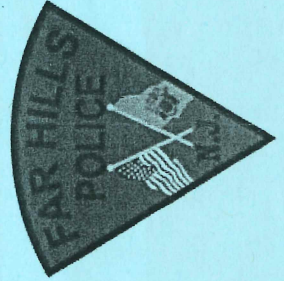
FIRE: 908-234-1179

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

DIAL 911

Far Hills Borough
Police Department
P.O. Box 722
Far Hills, NJ 07931

Michael DeCarolis, Chief
Christopher Kocur, Detective
Jason Shanaphy, Patrolman
Curtis Mulch, Patrolman
Kevin Luckenbach, Patrolman
Norman Jenkins, Class II Officer
Fred Ryan, Class II Officer



BOROUGH OF FAR HILLS 2015 DIRECTORY



Borough of Far Hills
Municipal Building

6 Prospect Street
Far Hills, NJ 07931

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 249
Far Hills, NJ 07931

Clerk's Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
9:30am-2:30pm

Office: 908-234-0611
Fax: 908-234-0918

MAYOR & BOROUGH COUNCIL

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7:00pm.

- Paul J. Vallone, M.D. - Mayor** (2018)
159 Sunnybranch Road
908-901-9501
PVALLONE@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
- Joseph Carty - Borough Council** (2017)
Finance & Insurance
15 Sherwood Farm Road
908-334-7169
JCARTY@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
- Richard Hand - Borough Council** (2015)
Fire, Water, Light Buildings & Grounds
485 Lake Road
908-872-6306
RHAND@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
- Thomas Howland - Borough Council** (2015)
Laws, Ordinances & Elections
18 Polo Club Road
908-719-0417
THOWLAND@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
- David Karner - Borough Council President** (2016)
Police
PO Box 163
908-234-0916
DKARNER@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
- David Surks - Borough Council** (2016)
Roads
40 Hurlingham Club Road
908-719-9988
DSURKS@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
- Sheila Tweedie - Borough Council** (2017)
Health & Sanitation
PO Box 21
908-204-0266
STWEEDIE@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
- Borough Clerk** 908-234-0611 Ext.19
- Registrar of Vital Statistics**
- Dorothy S. Hicks, RMC, CMR**
- DHICKS@FARHILLSNJ.ORG**
- Administrative Assistant** 908-234-0611 Ext.10
- Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics**
- Claudia Dunn, CMR**
- CDUNN@FARHILLSNJ.ORG**

- Tax & Sewer Collector** 908-234-0611 Ext.14
Hours: Wednesday 1:00pm-4:00pm
- Donna Cummins CTC**
- DCUMMINS@FARHILLSNJ.ORG**
- Tax Assessor** 908-234-0611 Ext.13
Hours: Thursday 11:30am-12:30pm
and by appointment
- Edward Kerwin, CTA**
- Chief Municipal Financial Officer** 908-234-0611 Ext.12
Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
10:00am-5:00pm
- Debra Stiern, CMFO**
- DSTERN@FARHILLSNJ.ORG**
- Construction Code Office** 908-234-0611
Hours: Tuesday 8:00am-2:00pm
- Joseph Alicino, Construction Code Official and
Plumbing Inspector:** Ext. 26
JALICINO@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
- Karen Richards, Construction Secretary:** Ext. 11
KRICHARDS@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
- Paul Bell, Fire Sub Code Official:** Ext. 11
PBELL@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
- Roger D. Vanderhoof, Electrical Inspector:** Ext. 11
- Geoffrey Price, Zoning Official:** Ext. 18
ZONING@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
- Municipal Court Office** 908-781-1911
PO Box 858, Far Hills, NJ 07931
Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10:00am-4:00pm
Court: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 10:30am
- Robert K. Hornby, Esq., Judge**
- Marjorie Freeman, Court Administrator**
- Brenda Zimmerman, Deputy Court Administrator**
- Richard Guss, Esq., Prosecutor**



BOARDS & COMMITTEES

BOARD OF HEALTH

Meetings: 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00pm

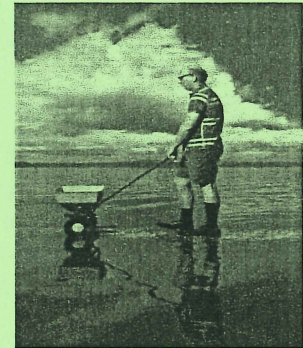
- Marilyn Layton, Chairwoman** (2016)
18-O Ashington Club Road
908-234-2623
- Joseph Sucamele, Vice Chair** (2016)
12 Hurlingham Club Road
908-781-2553
- John Lawlor** (2015)
14 Sherwood Farm Road
908-766-1326
- Sheila Tweedie** (2015)
PO Box 21
908-204-0266
- Paul J. Vallone, M.D., Mayor** (2018)
159 Sunnybranch Road
908-901-9501
- Nancy Probst, Secretary** 908-234-0611 Ext. 27
Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:30am -2:30pm
NPROBST@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
- Health Department**
Somerset County Department of Health
27 Warren Street
Somerville, NJ 08876
908-231-7155
- Paul Masaba, MD, MPH&TM, DTM&H**
Director of Public Health & Health Officer
- David DeRosa, MAAS, CHES,**
Senior Registered Environmental Health Specialist
- Recreation Committee**
- David Karner** (2015) 908-234-0916
- Lori Morris** (2015) 908-781-2759
- Douglas Sutton** (2015) 908-234-9404
- Clarence Dillon Public Library Board**
Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm
- Terry Byrne** (2017)
- Karen Larson** (2018)
- Janis Vallone** (2019)
- Paul J. Vallone, M.D. Mayor** (2018)
- Kathleen Howland**
- Board of Education Representative**
- Susan Pettilli** (2015) 908-938-0132

8 SIMPLE STORMWATER SOLUTIONS

Nonpoint Source Pollution, or people pollution, is a contamination of our ground water, waterways, and oceans that results from everyday activities such as fertilizing the lawn, walking pets, changing motor oil and littering. With each rainfall, pollutants generated by these activities are washed into storm drains that flow into our waterways and oceans. They also can soak into the ground contaminating the ground water below.

Human activity is largely responsible for stormwater pollution. Everything that we put on the ground or into the storm drain can end up in our water. Each of us has a responsibility to make sure these contaminants stay out of our water. Whether we have clean water is up to you. Simple changes in YOUR daily life-style can make a tremendous difference in the quality of New Jersey's water resources. Here are eight simple ways you can reduce nonpoint source pollution.

1. Reduce or eliminate all use of fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides.
2. Vegetate your yard to filter and absorb rainwater.
3. Limit the amount of impervious surfaces on your property.
4. Use biodegradable soaps.
5. Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces.
6. Take your car to a car wash instead of washing it in the driveway.
7. Maintain your car and recycle your used motor oil.
8. Pick up after your pet.

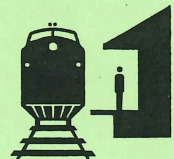


PARKING AT THE FAR HILLS TRAIN STATION

Overnight parking permits are required Monday to Friday and are available at the Municipal Building. Overnight permits cost \$3.00 per day.

Six-month parking permits are also available and allow parking day and night. Permits cover the period from January to June; and July to December. Six-month permits cost \$190.00; and are not prorated.

For further information or to receive an application, please contact the Clerk's Office at 908-234-0611.



IMPORTANT NJ ELECTION DATES**MAY**

- May 12, 2015: Voter Registration Deadline for Primary Election.
- May 26, 2015: Deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot for Primary Election

Voter Registration forms are available at:

- Far Hills Municipal Building - Monday- Friday, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm.
- www.njelections.org

**JUNE**

- June 2, 2015 - Primary Election Day
- Polls are open 6:00 am - 8:00 pm at the Far Hills Municipal Building

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FAR HILLS, NJ 07981