

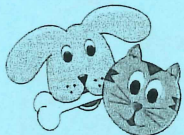


BOROUGH OF FAR HILLS

WINTER 2016

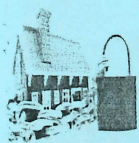


- **Borough Council** meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building.
- **Planning Board** meetings are held the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building.
- **Board of Health** meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at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



Far Hills dogs and cats must be licensed annually.

Licensing your pet can help identify them if lost and return them safely home.



Register your house alarm with the Far Hills Police Department.

Both are due by January 31, 2016

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

from the Mayor's desk

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very healthy, happy and prosperous 2016.

As this is our first newsletter of 2016, it is an excellent opportunity to look back over 2015 and review all that we have accomplished and what plans lie ahead for 2016. It is no secret that the strength of any organization is only as good as the people who work tirelessly and with dedication toward a common goal. It is with this in mind that I want to thank the members of this Council who, despite personal demands on their time, continue to work to make Far Hills a place we are proud to call home. The same is to be said for the members of the Planning Board, the Board of Health, our Police Department, Administrative Personnel and all the Borough Professionals who contribute in so many ways toward the common goal of excellence. Collectively and working collaboratively from a positive starting point, it is our personnel that makes a winning team, a team that I, as Mayor, am very proud of.

2015 saw the successful completion of the following, in the spring, a well-attended Easter Egg Hunt where children of all ages enjoyed a fun family-oriented day, a wonderful Memorial Day Parade that was a great success with the support of the Far Hills-Bedminster Fire Department and EMS members; and we thank them for their continued support. The Visiting Nurse Association had two successful sale events that required much planning with pre and post-sale meetings to ensure the safety of all attendees. I want to thank our Police Department and our Fire Code Official, Paul Bell for their diligent work with these events. The Far Hills Steeplechase event in October was very well attended and again, due to many meetings with this Council, our Police Department, Borough Clerk and Race organizers, significant improvements in making this event more family-oriented. We continue to work to improve and enhance this event as necessary, and are very proud of the positive enhancements that have taken place.

2015 saw several personnel changes, former Police Chief Hartman retired and the Police Committee lead by Council President Karner chose Corporal Michael DeCarolis to fill the position of Chief of Police. Chief DeCarolis is eminently qualified and will lead the department in a positive, resident oriented direction that has already become apparent.

Mr. Joseph Alicino, after many years of service as our Construction Code Official, has retired and we wish him well. After several decades as the Planning Board Attorney, Mr. Peter Henry has moved on and we wish him well in his new venture. After multiple interviews conducted by Chairman Petrilli, myself and others, we welcome Mrs. Susan Rubright as attorney for the Planning Board.

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In the municipal building, improvements include the installation of new non-slip carpet flooring, repainting of several rooms, installation of a power point projector to facilitate presentations and we thank Councilman Hand for his efforts here as well as improvement at the Fairgrounds with new flags, pennants and general maintenance. Cleaning of the outside of the building with restorative painting, remodeling of a public restroom are planned for 2016 and all of these projects have been budgeted for without debt.

Speaking of finances, after consultation with our CFO Debra Stern and Councilman Carty, I am pleased to announce that as 2015 ended, we have done so within budget despite unanticipated cost for Professional Services.

COAH, Coalition on Affordable Housing continues to be a very challenging and expensive issue for many NJ municipalities. In short, the government entity known as COAH was disbanded last year and the responsibilities were remanded to the court system. Every municipality has a responsibility under the Mount Laurel decision to provide affordable housing, whether it is needed or not. In short this is an unfunded mandate whose expense is borne by you, the taxpayers. This issue alone, has required an extensive amount of time and resources by all members of this Council and particularly by Councilwoman Tweedie and Councilman Howland. We have worked diligently to position Far Hills ahead of the curve on this issue and are confident that the courts will concur.

Roads have been keeping Councilman Surks extremely busy. This year, we have seen Liberty Corner Road paved, Layton Road has been paved and the bridge has been repaired. In the coming months, Railroad Avenue and Prospect Street will be repaved, and new curbing and drainage will be constructed. In collaboration with a neighboring municipality we have applied to the State for a grant to repair Douglas Road. Earlier this year we were notified by the NJDOT that the Route 202 Bridge, which is 95 years old, will be replaced sometime in 2017/2018. Rest assured that our residents' safety and the impact to our businesses have been the core of many meetings, which have also included our surrounding municipal neighbors whose concerns are in concert with our own.

With regard to our schools, I have meet with and continue to do so on a quarterly basis with our local school officials and Superintendent Dr. Frances Wood to stress the importance of good education but also to be cognizant of school costs. As taxpayers know all too well, the school tax component of your tax bill in many cases can be up to 50% of your taxes, municipal governments have NO control over this, only you as voters have a say so be mindful when school issues are on the ballot.

2015 has indeed been a very busy year. We have made great progress on many issues and look forward to 2016, simply, to do the very best for the residents we serve, to keep our costs low and taxes down, to challenge unfunded mandates where possible, to enhance the wonderful Borough we call home.

In short, the state of Far Hills is excellent and while there will be challenges; working together, I know that we stand ready to address them for all our residents.

Sincerely,

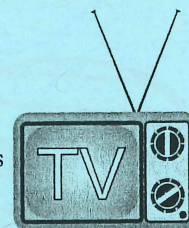
Paul J. Vallone, M.D.
Mayor, Borough of Far Hills



ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING

Locations to recycle consumer electronic waste (e-waste), free of charge in Somerset County have changed.

Saturday drop-offs will be February 6, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 9, August 6, September 10, October 1, November 5, and December 3 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the South County Public Works Garage, 410 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844.



Monday through Friday drop-offs from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the North County Public Works Facility, 411 Chimney Rock Road, Building B, Bridgewater, NJ 08807 and the South County Public Works Garage, 410 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844

Materials accepted: Computers (Desktops & Laptops), Monitors (Cathode-Ray Tube & Flat Panel), Televisions (Cathode-Ray Tube & Flat Panel), Telecommunication Equipment (Telephones, Cellular Phones), Telephone Mainframes, Copiers, Digital Cameras, DVD players, E-book Readers, Fax Machines, Keyboards, Mice, Cables, Wiring, Circuit Boards, Modems, Power Supplies, MP3 players, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), Printers, Scanners, Stereo and Radio Equipment, VCR's, Audio Visual Equipment, Typewriters, Mainframe Equipment & Controllers, Camcorders.

No Batteries will be accepted. Household batteries may be disposed in the regular trash. For other batteries refer to the HHW collection events.

PET WASTE POLLUTES OUR WATERS

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP PROTECT OUR WATER

Clean and plentiful water is important to our families, our environment, our economy and our quality of life. Did you know that animal waste from pets can pollute our waters? When left on the ground, pet waste is washed by rain and melting snow and ice into storm drains that carry it to our rivers, lakes, the ocean and drinking water.

Animal waste contains a high concentration of nutrients as well as bacteria and disease-causing microorganisms that can cause problems.

Pet owners or anyone who takes your pet for walks must properly dispose of the waste by picking it up, wrapping it and either placing it in the trash or flushing it unwrapped down the toilet.

Thank you for doing your part to keep New Jersey's waters clean.



BEAR FACTS FOR HOMEOWNERS



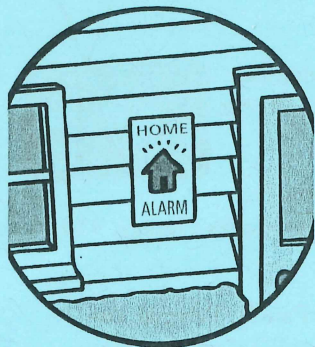
New Jersey residents, especially those in areas frequented by black bears, should take steps to avoid attracting bears with food or garbage. This is the best way to prevent black bears from becoming a nuisance near your home.

Some residents may observe black bears using yards as part of their natural travel corridors. The mere presence of a black bear is not considered a problem. Generally, bears tend to be wary of people. It is important not to leave out any food or garbage that may encourage bears to linger in residential areas. One person feeding bears can create a problem that may affect the entire neighborhood.

Black bears learn very quickly and bears that are fed intentionally or unintentionally by carelessly leaving out food or garbage will associate people with food. Bears will eat almost anything including human food, garbage, pet food, birdseed and small livestock. Once they find an easily accessible food source they will lose their wariness of people and may return to the available food source. These bears can become a nuisance or aggressive and may have to be trapped and aversively conditioned or destroyed.

Report black bear damage or nuisance behavior to the DEP's 24-hour, toll-free hotline at 1-877-WARN DEP (1-877-927-6337).

ALARM REGISTRATION



Alarm systems must be registered annually with the Far Hills Police Department.

Complete the form and mail along with your payment of \$20.00 (made payable to the Borough of Far Hills), to:

Chief DeCarolis
 PO Box 722
 Far Hills, New Jersey 07931

A registration form is included in this newsletter for your convenience.

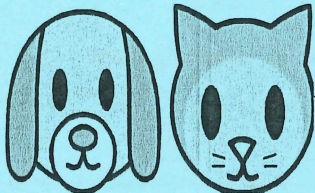
DOG LICENSES AND CAT CERTIFICATES

Licensing your pet is the law. All Far Hills dogs and cats must be licensed, as per NJ statute 4:19-15.1 et. seq. and Far Hills Ordinance 2015-13. All current dog and cat licenses expire on January 31, 2016. The licensing of animals is an important aspect of rabies and animal control.

A license identifies and protects your pet in case it becomes lost. You are required to renew your license yearly and to keep your license updated when you move and/or your pet is given away, lost, stolen or is deceased. A license is not only a requirement, but it provides the following benefits:

- A license tells everyone that your pet is not a homeless stray.
- When licensed, found pets can be quickly reunited with their owner.
- Your license is proof that your pet has been vaccinated against rabies.
- Animal licensing is an essential part of animal care and control in our community.

In order for a dog license or cat certificate to be issued, the owner must present proof that a licensed veterinarian has vaccinated the dog/cat against rabies. New Jersey State law requires that all rabies certificates must be valid through November 1st of the license year.



If you have any question or need additional information, please contact at 908-234-0611 or cdunn@farhillsnj.org.

An application has been included for your convenience.

NEW JERSEY'S SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRY FOR DISASTERS



For people with disabilities who need help during an evacuation or emergency.
 Call 2-1-1 or www.registerready.nj.gov

This registration website allows residents with special needs and their families, friends and associates an opportunity to provide information to emergency response agencies, so emergency responders can better plan to serve them in a disaster or other emergency. The information collected here is confidential and will not be available to the public.

The information will be held securely and only used for emergency response and planning.

Please be as complete as possible in your responses. You will be contacted occasionally to ensure the information is correct and to make any necessary changes.

Far Hills

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Michael C. DeCarolis
Chief of Police

Box 722
Far Hills, N.J. 07931



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. _____

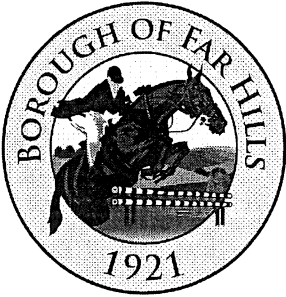
2. _____

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: _____



2016 PET LICENSE APPLICATION

Type: Dog Cat

DOG LICENSE	CAT CERTIFICATE <i>For up to 6 cats</i>
\$13.00	\$10.00

\$3.00 additional per animal not neutered or spayed.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY JANUARY 31, 2016

Late fee: After a 10 day grace period, the late fee shall be \$10.00 for each dog license or cat certificate.

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 and certificates 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/certificate is \$.49, 2 or more tags 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 RENEWAL LATE FEE NOT NEUTERED OR SPAYED

License or certificate No. _____ Received by _____

Date Received _____ Amount Paid \$ _____

FAR HILLS-BEDMINSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Far Hills-Bedminster Fire Department is looking for new members!

If you are interested in joining, please fill out a membership application in person or print out a PDF application at <http://www.fhbfd.org/membership.htm> and mail it in or drop it off at the firehouse on one of their drill nights:

- Extrication training is on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.
- Regular Training and Work Detail Nights are the 3rd and 4th Thursdays of the month



No experience necessary; all training will be provided at no cost to volunteers.

Attention High School Seniors

If you are a senior in high school and approaching your 18th birthday then you are eligible to join the Far Hills-Bedminster Fire Department. Membership applications may be filled out three months prior to your 18th birthday.

Did You Know?

There is a Volunteer Tuition Credit Program available to Volunteer Firefighters. This program allows you to receive a college tuition credit of up to \$600.00 per year for four years.

Community Service Hours

You can also earn community service hours for high school at the firehouse. The Fire Department needs people to maintain equipment and trucks and many other activities. You could easily gain all your hours there. Feel free to call the Far Hills-Bedminster Fire Department at (908) 234-1179 for more information.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of free Blood Pressure and Health Counseling Services offered locally in two locations:

- 1st Tuesday of the month from 10 am to 12 pm at the Somerset County Wellness Center located at 202 Mt. Airy Road, Basking Ridge. (Walk ins are welcome; no advance notice necessary).
- 4th Monday of each month from 1 pm to 3 pm in the Peapack Gladstone Municipal Building.



THANK YOU "ANGELS OF THE BOROUGH"



Due to the overwhelming support by many "Angels of the Borough" the Far Hills Police Department is close to its fundraising goal for the purchase of new Automated External Defibrillators (AED) units and first aid equipment.

This new equipment will serve the Borough of Far Hills and can save lives.

If you would like to become an "Angel of the Borough" please contact Detective Curtis Mulch at Mulch@farhillspolice.org for more information.

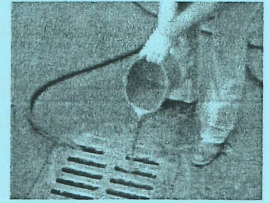
All donations are greatly appreciated.



IDENTIFYING & PREVENTING STORM WATER POLLUTION

Storm water runoff is water from rain or melting snow that does not soak into the ground. It flows from rooftops, over paved areas, bare soil, and sloped lawns. Municipal storm sewer systems, storm drain inlets, pipes and ditches collect storm water runoff and convey it directly to local bodies of water.

Ideally, the storm water runoff is contaminant free. In reality, it picks up pollutants such as soil, animal waste, salt, pesticides, fertilizers, oil and grease, and debris and transports them to waterways where they are discharged with no treatment. This is storm water pollution.



Illicit discharge is any discharge to a municipal storm sewer system that is not composed entirely of storm water. Pollutants end up in storm sewer systems in a number of ways, many of which are easily preventable. In some instances, individuals have waste pipes tapped into storm water pipes. In other cases, individuals use the storm drain inlets to dispose of various types of waste. DISPOSAL OF ANYTHING OTHER THAN STORM WATER IN STORM SEWERS IS ILLEGAL.

It is important to remember that municipal storm sewer systems are not set up to treat or process anything and exist solely to transport rain water to surrounding river, streams, and other bodies of water.



THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT OUR WATER QUALITY

- Never dump anything down storm drains
- Use fertilizer sparingly, sweep up any excess from driveways, sidewalks and roads
- Avoid pesticides
- Pick up after your pet
- Direct downspouts onto grassy areas away from paved surfaces
- Check vehicles for leaks
- Wash vehicles on grass instead of on the driveway, or take your car to the car wash

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

FAR HILLS, NJ 07931
PO BOX 249

BOROUGH OF FAR HILLS

