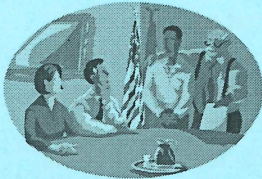


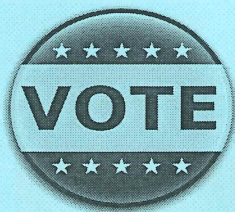
# BOROUGH OF FAR HILLS

FALL 2017

## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



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



### GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 7, 2017  
Polls are open from  
6:00 AM - 8:00 PM

**Borough of Far Hills  
Municipal Building**

**Voter Information  
ELECTIONS.NJ.GOV**

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

As we leave the remaining days of summer behind and look forward to the fall foliage, cooler nights and resumption of school for our children and grandchildren, I want to take a moment to update you on all of the good things that have and are happening around Far Hills.

As with any organization, its people are its strength and I and the Borough Council have worked diligently to ensure that our administrative staff lead by our Borough Clerk Dorothy Hicks continue to serve our residents with professionalism and efficiency. By structuring service hours of our employees we have effectively increased the hours that administrative personnel are there to serve you while maintaining a very cost effective result for our taxpayers. Speaking of taxes, by working closely with our CFO Debra Stern, I and the Borough Council were able to actually reduce our municipal tax rate for the Borough of Far Hills in 2017 while continuing to provide a sustainable plan of infrastructure improvements and maintaining a rainy day fund should we need it, something we all should be very proud of.

Our Police Department continues to do a wonderful job, and under the direction of Chief Michael DeCarolis we continue to address your concerns. Speeding through and around Far Hills has been an issue as motorists rush to their destinations. To address that we have taken many measures such as additional patrols during rush hour, speed warning signs have been purchased and are rotated throughout the Borough and most importantly, enforcement on all roads with special attention to cut-through roads such as Dumont Road, Lake Road, Railroad Avenue and others, are part of regular interdiction. These and other measures will continue to ensure the safety of our residents. I would like to welcome, Officer Demetrios (Jim) Pelsis who comes to the Borough with many years of experience and will be an additional asset to our Far Hills Police Department. I would also like to welcome, Janet Seylaz, Administrative Assistant in the Office of the Borough Clerk, and Kimberly Coward, Zoning Officer to our Far Hills team.

Our Far Hills business district continues to grow as we welcome several new businesses including The Red Toad, a women's clothing shop, a coffee shop, a skin care salon, and a delicatessen coming to the Mall at Far Hills this fall, and other business services are on the way. After much effort and discussion, the Butler's Pantry Trackside Restaurant signed a new lease and what has been a favorite establishment for many of our residents will continue to serve breakfast, lunch and dinner in an improved and more visually appealing environment.

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I want to commend the members of the Planning Board for the due diligence, time and effort that they devote to ensure that the pastoral and bucolic nature of Far Hills is maintained while encouraging growth in our business sector. I encourage our residents to support these and all of our businesses as often as possible. Improvements around the Borough continue as a few decaying trees on Borough property by the J. Malcolm Belcher Fairgrounds have been removed and new trees will be planted. We are working with Somerset County and "Go Green" initiatives to assist with the cost of these new trees and the planting of such. New sidewalks will replace the sections around the fairgrounds that are cracked and which are in need of replacement. Working collaboratively with neighboring Bernards Township, a section of Douglas Road was recently resurfaced and additional road projects are being evaluated for 2018. Remember that road resurfacing is extremely expensive and I and the Borough Council continue to work with the New Jersey Department of Transportation and Somerset County to obtain as much grant funding as possible to offset the cost wherever possible.

The VNA Fall Rummage Sale was held October 6 - 9, 2017 and was a huge success. I encourage everyone to support these biannual sales as it enables the VNA to provide much needed services to those in need. Saturday, October 21, 2017 will be the Far Hills Steeplechase and it should prove to be a wonderful family event. I, the Borough Council and our Chief of Police have worked with the State Police, County Police and Prosecutor's office to continually improve the experience for all. This year, additional measures are being taken and enforced by law enforcement to further address underage drinking.

Finally, I want to thank you, our residents, for your continued support. As I have said many times, working together and from a positive perspective, there is no issue that we cannot solve, no issue too great. If you have any suggestions, I can always be reached at 908.234.0611. Together, we can keep Far Hills a place that we are proud to call home.

Thank you and God Bless America.

Paul J. Vallone, MD  
Mayor  
Borough of Far Hills

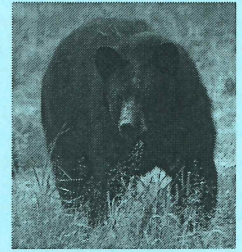


## BOROUGH OF FAR HILLS DIRECTORY

<b>MAYOR AND COUNCIL</b>			
Mayor	Paul J. Vallone, M.D.	908.234.0611	PVALLONE@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
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Councilman	Joseph Carty	908.234.0611	JCARTY@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
Councilwoman	Mary Chimenti	908.234.0611	MCHIMENTI@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
Councilman	Richard Hand	908.234.0611	RHAND@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
Councilman	David R. Surks	908.234.0611	DSURKS@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
Councilwoman	Sheila Tweedie	908.234.0611	STWEEDIE@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
<b>OFFICE OF THE BOROUGH CLERK</b> MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30AM-2:30PM			
Borough Clerk	Dorothy S. Hicks	908.234.0611 x19	DHICKS@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
Assistant to the Clerk	Samantha D'Antuono	908.234.0611 x19	SDANTUONO@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
Administrative Assistant	Claudia Dunn	908.234.0611 x10	CDUNN@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
Administrative Assistant	Janet Seylaz	908.234.0611 x10	JSEYLAZ@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
<b>CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT</b> MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:30AM-11:30AM			
Technical Assistant	Cindy Huljack	908.234.0611 x11	CHULJACK@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
Construction Official - BY APPOINTMENT	Steve Mahoney	908.234.0611 x26	SMAHONEY@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
Fire Official - BY APPOINTMENT	Steve Dill	908.234.0611 x11	SDILL@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
Zoning Officer - BY APPOINTMENT	Kim Coward	908.234.0611 x18	KCOWARD@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
<b>FINANCE DEPARTMENT</b>			
Chief Financial Officer	Debra Stern	908.234.0611 x12	DSTERN@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
Assistant to Finance Officer	Elena Martin	908.234.0611 x12	EMARTIN@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
<b>MUNICIPAL COURT</b> MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY 10:00AM-4:00 PM			
Municipal Judge	Mark S. Adler	908.781.1911	N/A
Court Administrator	Marjorie Freeman	908.781.1911	N/A
Deputy Court Administrator	Brenda Zimmerman	908.781.1911	N/A
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>			
Police Chief	Michael DeCarolis	908.234.1192	CHIEF@FARHILLSPOLICE.ORG
<b>TAX ASSESSOR - TAX COLLECTOR</b>			
Tax Assessor THURSDAY - 11:00AM-12:00PM AND BY APPOINTMENT	Ed Kerwin	908.234.0611 x13	EKERWIN@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
Collector WEDNESDAY - 1:00PM-4:00PM AND BY APPOINTMENT	Donna Cummins	908.234.0611 x14 908.212.7022	DCUMMINS@FARHILLSNJ.ORG
<b>PLANNING BOARD/BOARD OF HEALTH</b> MONDAY - 3:30PM-5:00PM			
Board Secretary	Trina Lindsey	908.234.0611 x28	TLINDSEY@FARHILLSNJ.ORG

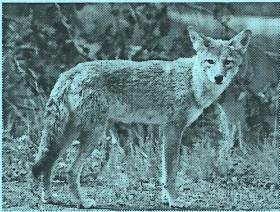
## KNOW THE FACTS BEFORE AN ENCOUNTER!

There is an increase in the population of bear and coyote in New Jersey. If you encounter an aggressive bear or coyote immediately notify local police or the DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife at 1.877.WARN.DEP.



### IF YOU ENCOUNTER A BEAR:

- ◆ Do not feed or approach the bear! Bears are wild animals and their behavior can be unpredictable.
- ◆ Remain calm and make the bear aware of your presence by speaking in a loud, assertive voice, singing, clapping your hands or making other noises.
- ◆ Avoid direct eye contact, which may be perceived by a bear as a challenge. Never run from a bear! Instead, slowly back away. If you are with someone else, stay together in a group.



### SAFETY TIPS FOR HOMEOWNERS:

- ◆ Put garbage out on collection day, not the night before.
- ◆ Clean outdoor grills and utensils thoroughly after each use and store grills securely. Grease and food residue attract bears.
- ◆ Avoid feeding birds if you live in an area frequented by bears. Birdseed also attracts rodents and other coyote prey.
- ◆ Avoid feeding pets outside and bring them in at night.
- ◆ Free roaming pets, especially cats may attract coyotes to the neighborhood.
- ◆ Install motion-sensitive lighting around your home.

## FALL LEAF CLEAN UP HELP AVAILABLE



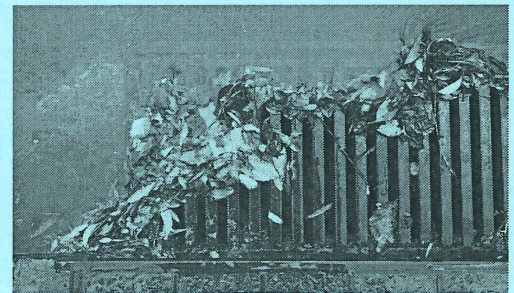
Do you know an elderly or disabled person who needs help getting his or her yard ready for the winter months?

The Somerset County Office of Volunteer Services will have volunteers available in November to rake leaves for elderly and disabled homeowners around the county who have no other means to do yard work.

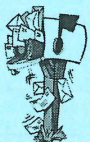
If you need this service or know someone who does, contact the Office of Volunteer Services by **October 31st** at 908.541.5715

## MAINTAIN THE DRAIN—WHY IT MATTERS

- ◆ Litter and leaves can clog a storm drain, causing rainwater to back up onto your property and into your home.
- ◆ Debris that washes into a storm drain can travel underground through pipes and come out into lakes, rivers, streams and even the ocean.
- ◆ Litter can attract rodents and disease, posing a health risk.
- ◆ Litter can pose a risk to animals and marine life as sometimes it can be mistaken for food and ingested.
- ◆ Maintain your car as fluid leaks can contaminate the roadway and rain-water can carry it into fresh water!



## OUR MAILING ADDRESS HAS CHANGED!



The official mailing address for the Borough of Far Hills is 6 Prospect Street, Far Hills, NJ 07931. Prior PO Boxes are no longer in service and any correspondence utilizing them will not be forwarded and may be returned to you.

## ACTIVITIES AROUND AT THE LIBRARY!



Don't forget to check out all the interesting happenings at the Clarence Dillon Public Library. There are a myriad of activities available for all ages including Book Groups, Movie Screenings, Instructional Classes, the Art Scene and Sandy's Music. For more information call 908.234.2325 or go online at [www.dillonlibrary.org](http://www.dillonlibrary.org)

## ARE YOU IN THE KNOW?



**NIXLE SIGN UP IS FREE!** Get trusted alerts from your local police and other towns of your choosing. Receive updates on road and traffic conditions, weather alerts and important local information. Sign up at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) or simply text your zip code to 888777.

## DON'T BE A VICTIM OF IDENTITY THEFT!

The Somerset County Board of Freeholders and the County's Records Management Division will be sponsoring "Operation Secure Shred" events throughout Somerset County. Documents will be commercially shredded safely, privately and properly by trained, licensed and bonded document destruction specialists. Staples and paper clips do not have to be removed.

Residents may bring documents in up to six boxes, containers or bags per visit and will be asked to take back their receptacles.

All events are Saturday from 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM or until the trucks are full. For additional information call 908.203.6018.

- ◆ October 28, 2017 - Municipal Building, 111 Greenbrook Road, Green Brook
- ◆ January 20, 2018 - Engineering Services Building, 277 South Maple Avenue, Basking Ridge



## PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY



The Borough of Far Hills is taking part in the DEA Diversion Control Division's 14th Annual National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on October 28, 2017 from 10:00AM - 2:00PM at the Borough of Far Hills Police Department. This program aims to provide a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse.

For more information, contact the Far Hills Police Department at 908.234.1192.

## HOW CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT MY PROPERTY TAX?

For your convenience, property tax information is now available online at [www.taxlookup.njtown.net](http://www.taxlookup.njtown.net). Residents can look up property and sewer tax information quickly and easily. Of course, you can always reach out to our Tax Collector Donna Cummins at 908.234.0611 x14 or via email at [DCUMMINS@FARHILLSNJ.ORG](mailto:DCUMMINS@FARHILLSNJ.ORG) with any questions.



## WHERE TO REPORT A POWER OUTAGE



During the times of a power outage please ensure the incident is properly reported. Contact JCP&L at 1.888.LIGHTSS (1.888.544.4877) or go online at [www.firstenergycorp.com](http://www.firstenergycorp.com) and click on the link to "View or Report Outages."

# IDENTIFYING & PREVENTING STORMWATER POLLUTION



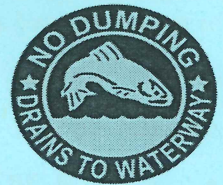
Storm water runoff is water from rain that does not soak into the ground. It flows from rooftops, over paved areas, bare soil, and sloped lawns. Municipal storm sewer systems, storm drain inlets, pipes and ditches collect storm water runoff and convey it directly to local bodies of water.

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.

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
- ◆ Dispose of household waste properly
- ◆ 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



WISHING YOU A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

BOROUGH OF FAR HILLS  
6 PROSPECT STREET  
FAR HILLS, NJ 07931

