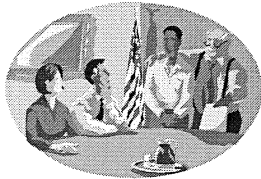
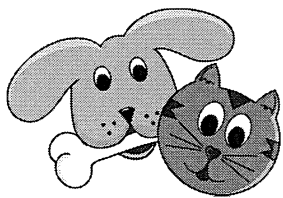


BOROUGH OF FAR HILLS

FALL 2018



- **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.



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An application has been included in this mailing for your convenience.

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Dear Neighbors and Friends:

Time seems to find a way to march forward ever rapidly and it is hard to believe that the end of the year will soon be upon us. As we enjoy Thanksgiving with family, friends and the upcoming holidays including school breaks for the children and grandchildren, I wanted to take a moment to update you on all of the progress that has been made so far this year.

After many meetings, discussions, public presentations and input from you, the residents, Far Hills has formulated and presented to the court, our plan to satisfy our Supreme Court mandated COAH requirements. The plan, presented at the October 9th Council meeting was very well received, as it not only provides the required affordable housing, but also enhances our downtown area as well as providing funds to enhance our fairgrounds for all to enjoy. I want to thank our Borough Council for their diligence and many contributions to this long process. I also want to thank our Borough Attorney and Planner as well as our Borough Clerk for their continued contributions to Far Hills throughout the year.

While COAH was at the forefront, many other areas of progress have been made. This year marked the initiation of the Borough's website, another avenue to keep you, our residents, informed. Our website is continuously updated and will be expanded as we move forward. In early October, the Visiting Nurse Association of Somerset Hills held their biannual Rummage Sale and, despite the persistent and extensive amount of rain we have experienced this year, the sale was successful allowing the VNA to continue their supportive work to those in need.

For the first time in its 98 year history, legalized gaming was allowed at the Far Hills Steeplechase Race Event which provided funding in support of local hospitals and charities that serve our community. I want to thank Police Chief DeCarolis and our police officers for their great work during the event which took place on October 20th and for their efforts throughout the year in keeping us safe and assisting our residents. This year, the police department requested and our Borough Council approved necessary equipment that allows our department to communicate with national and federal agencies further enhancing the FHPD's ability to be on the forefront of technology for the benefit of our residents.

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

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This year, the Borough of Far Hills has been working proactively with JCP&L representatives through their expanded tree trimming program in New Jersey to remove hazards that pose a risk to the power lines and electrical facilities in our area. With this in mind, and as we approach the winter season with the potential for inclement weather, please be sure to check your generators, heating units and home in general to ensure your safety as well as the safety of our first responders.

This month I will be meeting with our CFO to begin budgeting for 2019. Our 2018 municipal tax rate remains one of the lowest in the State of New Jersey and I and the Borough Council will continue to look for ways to continue that trend into 2019 by utilizing cost sharing programs and cooperative pricing that make sense for Far Hills. Plans for additional restorative road projects are on tap for spring/summer of 2019 working with NJDOT for funding and working collaboratively with our neighbors as well.

Over at the Clarence Dillon Public Library, a wonderful resource we share with Bedminster, Mr. Sandy Putnam, our Library Director, announced his retirement at the end of this year. A search for his replacement is under way and I, as a part of that search and interview team, will let you know of his replacement. We wish Sandy well and thank him for his exemplary leadership during his 10 years at the helm of the CDPL.

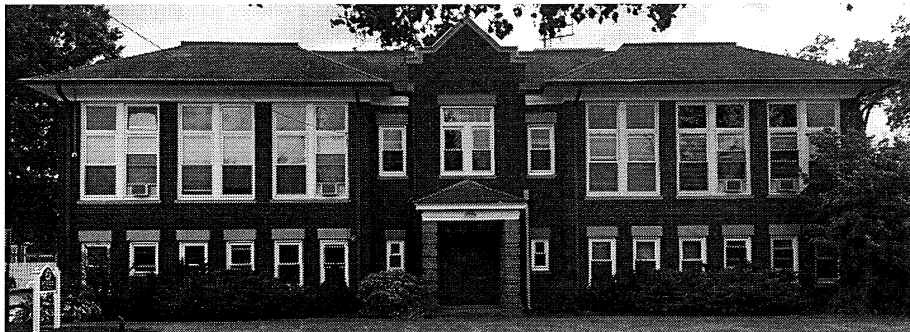
In the center of Far Hills, next to the Post Office, a new delicatessen and catering shop has opened and we welcome them and as always, encourage you to support all of our local businesses.

Finally, thank you to you, the residents of Far Hills for re-electing me as your Mayor. It is an honor and a privilege that you have once again put your trust in me and I will do everything in my power to continue to make Far Hills a place we are proud to call home. As Far Hills nears its 100th Birthday, it continues to be a wonderful place to live and grow and we do so together.

As always, I can be reached at our Municipal Building at 908.234.0611. I wish you and your families a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.

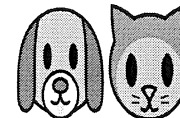
Sincerely,

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



FREE RABIES CLINIC

Free rabies clinics are available to Somerset County residents for both dogs and cats. Saturday, January 12, 2019 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm will be the first clinic of the new year and no appointment is necessary.



Location: Bernards Township Public Works Garage, 277 S. Maple Avenue, Basking Ridge, New Jersey 07920. For more information, please contact 908.204.2520.

2019 RECYCLING SCHEDULES

Recycling is beneficial to the environment because it protects habitats, saves natural resources and produces less pollution than traditional methods of waste disposal. It is also required by law in New Jersey.

Somerset County sells recycled materials to generate revenues that help to offset recycling costs for taxpayers. Recycling also saves residents money by reducing landfill disposal costs.

The 2019 Recycling Schedules are mailed to residents from Somerset County but are also available at Borough Hall or on our website at WWW.FARHILLSNJ.ORG

A new feature sponsored by the NJDEP to NJ municipalities is Recycle Coach which is a downloadable application that provides easy access to recycling schedules, custom reminders and additional handy information to make recycling simple and easy. Check out the app for your mobile device.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The Somerset County Park Commission will accept Christmas trees from December 26, 2018 through January 31, 2019 at either of these locations from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, seven days a week.

- North Branch Park, at 355 Milltown Road at the lighted baseball field in Bridgewater
- Colonial Park Gardens, Parking Lot F at 156 Mettlers Road in Somerset

For more information about Christmas tree recycling, call 908.722.9292, ext. 6.



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.

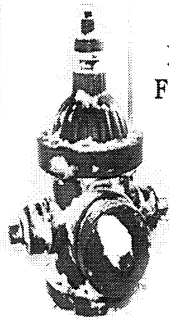
Some residents may observe black bears using yards as part of their natural travel corridors. The mere presence of a black bear is not considered a problem. Generally, bears tend to be wary of people. It is important not to leave out any food or garbage that may encourage bears to linger in residential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



Black bears learn very quickly and if fed intentionally or unintentionally by carelessly leaving out food or garbage will soon 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).

HELP KEEP FIRE HYDRANTS CLEAR OF SNOW



Please Clear Your FIRE HYDRANTS

Emergency Personnel
Need Your Assistance

Please Shovel a 3 Foot Area
Around All Fire Hydrants

When it is cold and blustery outside, it is understandable that you would want to stay indoors. However, it's important to keep an eye on what's happening outside too. Winter weather can create fire safety hazards, such as ice and heavy snowfall that can obstruct fire hydrants. You can help reduce the risk by keeping fire hydrants accessible and clear of ice and snow.

In an emergency, seconds count. Please do your part to ensure hydrants are cleared with a 3 foot area around them for easy access by our fire professionals.

A LICENSE CAN HELP KEEP YOUR PET SAFE

A license identifies and protects your pet. A license is required by law but also 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 the animal has been vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian. New Jersey State Law requires that rabies certificates must be valid through November 1st of the licensing year.

All Far Hills dogs and cats are required to be licensed, per NJ Statute 4:19-15.1 et. seq. and Far Hills Ordinance 2015-13.

Current dog and cat licenses expire on January 31, 2019.

If you have any questions, please call 908.234.0611 x10. For your convenience, a Pet License Application has been included in this newsletter and are always available on our website at WWW.FARHILLSNJ.ORG

NEW JERSEY SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRY

The New Jersey Special Needs Registry is designed to help emergency responders locate and safely evacuate people who could find it difficult to help themselves in the event of a major disaster.



The registry is free, voluntary, and strictly confidential.

Register online - WWW.REGISTERREADY.NJ.GOV

Register by telephone - 2-1-1

This registration provides residents with special needs and their families an opportunity to provide information to emergency response agencies, so emergency responders can better plan to serve them in the event of a disaster or other emergency.

HOW LITTER AFFECTS OUR WATERSHED

Water is one of our greatest natural resources. We sometimes take it for granted but it is essential for life. Each year there are reports of polluted waterways, fish and crabs that are unsafe to eat and beaches closed due to pollution. Littering and illegal dumping present a serious danger to our watersheds.

A watershed is the land area from which water drains into a lake, stream, river or ocean.

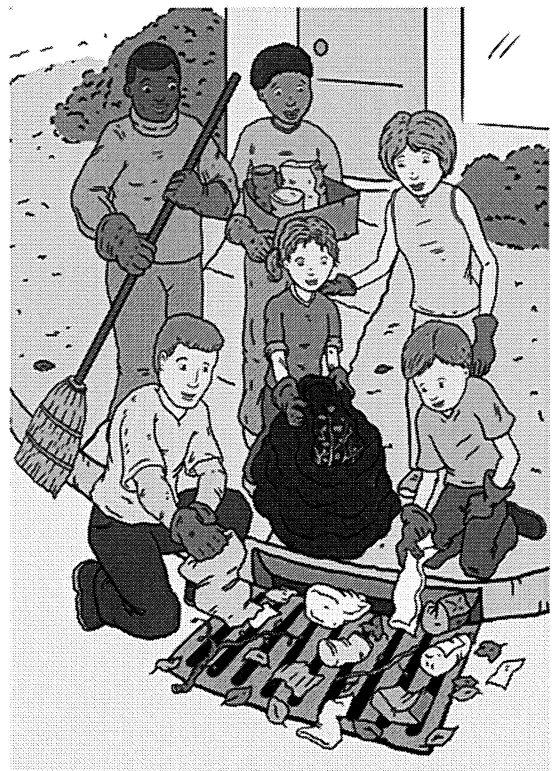
Far Hills has several creeks that drain into rivers and lakes. Water from our roadways drain into the storm drains and into the creeks. Unfortunately, many people believe that the storm drain water is treated and filtered before it reaches our waterways. This is not the case. Storm drain run-off is untreated and unfiltered.

Litter, debris, automotive fluids, leaves and grass that are washed or dumped into the storm drain will contaminate not only the local creeks but also the rivers and eventually the ocean. Our watershed is shared with wildlife that depends on these waterways for life. They include fish, birds, turtles, and some mammals.

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

- Adopt a storm drain near your home. Remove debris as it accumulates on top of the grates. This will not only keep our watershed clean, it will reduce the chance of flooding.
- Do not litter. Keep a small bag in the car for garbage and dispose of it properly.
- Do not dump anything into a storm drain, this includes pet waste, automotive fluids, paint, chemicals, grass and leaves. Bring hazardous materials to the Household Hazardous Waste Days. For more information refer to your Somerset County Recycling schedule.
- Report littering and illegal dumping. Call the Far Hills Police Department at 908.234.1192. Please have the license plate of the vehicle or the name of the person, date, time, location and what was littered. Do not confront anyone!
- Report broken or sinking storm drains to the Borough Clerk's office at 908.234.0611.
- Secure your garbage in a can with a tight fitting lid to prevent spillage and animals from tearing open bags.
- Properly secure loads on your vehicle or work trucks to prevent items from falling off.
- Business owners should check their garbage dumpsters each day to correct any overflow problems or illegal dumping.
- Reduce, reuse, and recycle materials whenever possible to create less waste, which could end up on our streets and contribute to storm water pollution.
- Make sure to properly dispose of leftover household chemicals, paints and automotive fluids. These leftover chemicals should never be thrown away. Take them to a household hazardous waste collection center where they can be recycled.
- Always put your cigarette butts in ashtrays or solid garbage cans, not on the streets.

Clear the drains before it rains!



INFORMATION EASILY ACCESSIBLE ON OUR WEBSITE



Visit the Borough of Far Hills website at WWW.FARHILLSNJ.ORG to find up to date information on happenings in the Borough, as well as agendas and minutes for the Borough Council, Planning Board and Board of Health. Easily reach out to your elected officials or Borough staff via email hyperlinks from your computer or smart phone. If you have any suggestions for additional items that you would to see on the website, please contact the Borough Clerk's office.

HOW TO OBTAIN A TEMPORARY HANDICAP PLACARD

If you have a temporary disability, you can apply for a temporary handicap placard. Application forms are available on our website and must be submitted in person to the Far Hills Police Department. The application must also include a certification from a medical practitioner and \$4.00 check or money order payable to the MVC. Temporary placards are valid for six months. Permanent placards are issued directly from the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission.



ANNUAL ALARM REGISTRATIONS

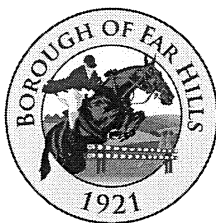


Both residential and commercial alarm systems must be registered annually with the Far Hills Police Department by January 31st. A registration form is included with this newsletter for your convenience. The annual fee is \$20.00 by check or money order made payable to the Borough of Far Hills Police Department and must submitted along with your completed registration to: Chief Michael DeCarolis, Far Hills Police Department, 6 Prospect Street, Far Hills, NJ 07931

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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





BOROUGH OF FAR HILLS
 6 PROSPECT STREET, FAR HILLS, NJ 07931
 T. 908.234.0611 F. 908.234.0918
 WWW.FARHILLSNJ.ORG

**ANNUAL PET LICENSE
 APPLICATION**
 PER ORDINANCE 2015-13

OWNER'S NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

PET'S NAME: _____ BREED: _____

TYPE: DOG LICENSE CAT CERTIFICATE SEX: MALE FEMALE

HAIR: SHORT MEDIUM LONG COLOR: _____

NEUTERED OR SPAYED? YES NO RABIES CERTIFICATE EXPIRATION: ____/____/____

*New Jersey State Law requires that all rabies certificates MUST be valid through November 1st of the license year. If the rabies certificate is not valid, the license cannot be issued.

FEE SCHEDULE:

Annual Dog License (per dog)	\$ 18.00
Annual Cat Certificate (up to 6 cats)	\$ 15.00
Not neutered or spayed (per animal)	\$ 3.00

DUE DATE: Applications are due by January 31st of the licensing year

LATE FEE: After a 10 day grace period, a late fee of \$10.00 per dog license/cat certificate shall be assessed

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed application mailed to the above address - Attn: Borough Clerk – Pet License
- Per Fee Schedule, check made payable to the “Borough of Far Hills”
- A COPY of the valid rabies certificate*
- If you would like the license/certificate mailed to you, kindly enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY			
PET LICENSE:	<input type="checkbox"/> LATE FEE	<input type="checkbox"/> NOT NEUTERED/SPAYED	<input type="checkbox"/> RECEIVED \$ _____ / CHECK # _____
LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE YEAR-#:		ISSUED BY:	DATE:

Far Hills

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Michael C. DeCarolis
Chief of Police

6 Prospect St.
Far Hills, N.J. 07931



ALARM REGISTRATION (Per Ordinance No. 2005-10)

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: _____

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

**Please include a \$20.00 ANNUAL ALARM REGISTRATION FEE CHECK
(made payable to the Far Hills Police Dept.)**