

A Community Newsletter from the Mayor and Council

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Dear Residents:

The Mayor and Council have introduced the 2009 budget. Mindful that the State of New Jersey and our entire nation are experiencing the most challenging economy in recent memory, the task has been intense, involved and soul-searching. As a result, we have instituted across-the-board cuts to the discretionary spending within our borough departments and have instituted wage freezes where possible. These measures will partially offset the mandated increases, the decrease in revenues and the additional loss of state financial aid. Every attempt has been made to maintain all municipal services. As a result, we have kept the municipal budget to a 2% increase.

Recently, in an effort to improve effective communication with our residents, we have established two new means of contacting us. A virtual suggestion box titled, appropriately enough, "Suggestion Box," can now be found on our borough website along with another new link called "Council Email." Any messages sent to us will first be reviewed by the Borough Administrator and then forwarded by him to the appropriate elected official. We also have unveiled the new town message board located adjacent to the Ho-Ho-Kus Post Office. We thank the generous contribution of the Washington Elm VFW Post in re-establishing the bulletin board.

You may recently have noticed the beautiful plantings on the center traffic island along Sycamore Avenue. These were supplied and planted through the generous efforts of the Ho-Ho-Kus Garden Club with assistance from residents. We thank them for their efforts to beautify our downtown area.

As the warm weather is finally upon us, I wish you a safe and happy summer.

Sincerely,
Thomas W. Randall

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REMINDER WATER SPRINKLING SCHEDULE 2009



Ho-Ho-Kus continues to maintain an excellent supply of water, exceeding state and federal standards in quality.

This year all residents must strive to conserve water. Last year there were many residents who were watering on the wrong days. Over-usage by the borough may result in fines of up

to \$50,000. The Department of Environmental Protection can levy fines of up to \$5000 per day for as long as they deem the over-usage is not being properly addressed.

AREA 1- residents south of Hollywood Avenue and west of East Saddle River Road on **TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS.**

AREA 2- residents north of Hollywood Avenue and all those east of East Saddle River Road on **WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS AND SUNDAYS**

Please check the borough website at www.ho-ho-kusboro.com for specific streets and days.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Worth Pinkham library has a family pass that can be used to visit the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. This pass will allow two adults and four children free access to the museum. The library requires that you leave a \$40 cash deposit at the time you pick up the pass. The money will be returned once the pass has been returned to the library. Please call the library to make reservations for the use of the pass.

This year's Summer Reading Program is "Be Creative" which will run from June 29th through September 1st. Sign up is required. You can sign up for this program at the library anytime during the month of June. Children ages two and up are welcome to join us for a summer of books and surprises. The public school will provide and have available books for summer reading.

LOCAL FAMILY RECEIVES HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD

Kevin and Dawn Shea, residents of Ho-Ho-Kus, and owners of the Terhune-Demarest Dwelling House recently received the 2009 Historic Preservation Commendation Award from the Bergen County



THE NEW TOWN BULLETIN BOARD IS UP AT THE POST OFFICE

Thanks to the veterans in the Washington Elm VFW Post 192 for donating a new announcement board in commemoration of the 100th Year of Ho-Ho-Kus Incorporation. A town bulletin board has a long history. The first was an Eagle

Scout project of Benny Lewis Mulvaney. Illustrator, Kevin McVey, a resident, is responsible for creating the illustration that originally hung behind the board that lists the history of the seven names leading to our hyphens and ho's. This illustration will now be hung in the Borough Hall.

Call 201-652-4400 X 223 for further information.

SWINE FLU PRECAUTIONS

Most residents are aware, at this time, of the outbreak of swine flu in the metropolitan area. Like seasonal flu, swine flu in humans can vary in severity from mild to severe. Detailed information available on the website - ho-ho-kusboro.com

DO WE HAVE YOUR NUMBER?

The police department would like to request that all homes and businesses be numbered for safety. All address numbers should be visible from the street without difficulty. The numbers should be at least three inches in height and be of a contrasting color to the surface to which they are attached. Reflecting numbers are a plus. Houses that are set back in excess of 150 feet should display the number near the driveway, no more than twenty feet from the street.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The Garden Club of New Jersey has awarded the \$3000 GCNJ Scholarship for Environmental Studies to Keith Brunner, son of Gail Brunner, our Borough Health Inspector. Keith will continue his studies at the University of Vermont.

SUGGESTIONS AND QUESTIONS FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

If you have any questions for the mayor and council please feel free to e-mail them at council@ho-ho-kusboro.com.

Any suggestions can be e-mailed to suggestionbox@ho-ho-kusboro.com. Both e-mail addresses can be found on the borough website. <http://www.ho-ho-kusboro.com>.

Historic Preservation Advisory Board. The house is cited as an excellent example of Historic Preservation effort in the Preservation/Restoration Project Category.

Kevin and Dawn Shea, Tim Adriance and John Hanlon, chairman of the Ho-Ho-Kus Planning Board and town historian, are congratulated for a very successful collaboration.



ENJOY THE SWIMMING THIS SUMMER

Ridgewood, Waldwick and Allendale have agreed to provide use of their swimming facilities. Information on hours and fees are available and it is the responsibility of residents to call the community municipal building in the town of your interest for information.

ARBOR DAY 2009

Ho-Ho-Kus celebrated Arbor Day 2009 on Monday, May 25 on the front lawn of the Borough Hall. The celebration was presided over by Chris Raimondi and Frank Grieder, Shade Tree Commissioners.



Going back in history, Ho-Ho-Kus established a Shade Tree Commission in December of 1961. For the last ten years or more, the commissioners have been Frank Grieder, Paul Portsmore and Chris Raimondi. In the year 2000, former Mayor Rusty Thompson spearheaded a movement to have Ho-Ho-Kus declared a Tree City, USA.

This year, Arbor Day had a special meaning as we remembered with affection one that contributed to the beauty of our community.

Paul Portsmore, who passed away on January 5, 2009, graciously and generously volunteered his knowledge and talents to preserve and promote trees in Ho-Ho-Kus.

The tree that was planted on Arbor Day in front of the Borough Hall is a Double Flowering Cherry and in memory of a very special person- Paul Portsmore.

VFW UPDATES

The Washington Elm VFW Post 192 is asking for the names of personnel from Ho-Ho-Kus who are presently in the military (overseas or not) so that their families may be presented a Blue Star Banner from the Post. Contact Stanley A. Kober at 201-445-1121 with the information. This information will permit us to keep in touch with those men and women while in service and when they come home if assistance is needed. The securing of these names also will permit the borough to keep the plaques up to date in the Memorial Park on Franklin Turnpike.

THANK YOU WOMANS' CLUB OF HO-HO-KUS

Once again, the Womans' Club of Ho-Ho-Kus has made a significant contribution to our community. Residents will see and can enjoy the addition of two picnic tables and benches located in Ho-Ho-Kus Park (across from the post office).



This project adds to the list of the significant contributions that the Club has made to our community in the past, e.g. the display case in the entrance to the municipal complex, the picnic tables and benches on the town green and the valuable directory of residents and telephone numbers.

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

The department actively is seeking new members! There are many residents who can qualify to contribute to the safety of our town. Come any Tuesday evening to the firehouse and see volunteers in action. Our department volunteers serve us on a 24/7 basis and continue to improve firefighting skills. Recently Fire Commissioner John Mongelli presented seventeen certificates for advanced training to the men and women in the department. Officers are required to take eight National Incident Management Systems (ICS) courses. *For additional information regarding membership and training view hohokusfire.org.*

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR AMBULANCE CORPS

Since the beginning of the year, the Corps has responded to over 200 calls! The Corps is in need of help and encourages residents to become involved. This involvement is another way to contribute to the safety of our town. *Call 201-652-4400 X 229 for further information.*



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