

POLICE DEPARTMENT GRANT



The 2006 Municipal Alliance Plan Update submitted by Chief Gregory Kallenberg has been reviewed and approved by the County in the amount of \$10,000. This money is dedicated toward efforts to prevent substance abuse. At this time volunteers are needed to be on the Ho-Ho-Kus Municipal Alliance Committee. Anyone interested should contact Chief Kallenberg at 201-652-1700.

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THINK SNOW

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IMPORTANT DATES

February 28th - Last day to register animals without a late fee of \$5.00 per animal.

Starting March 1st, 2006 animal control officers will be issuing violation notices for failure to license pets and failure to register electric fences.

April 1st - Return to twice a week solid waste pick-up.

Reminder - use the Ho-Ho-Kus Community Calendar for previously scheduled events and important dates.

MAYOR'S INTERN PROGRAM

Mayor Randall has announced the expansion of the Mayor's Intern Program instituted last year. The program seeks two high school students who are interested in learning about local government and in government service. Candidates should direct letters of interest to Mayor Thomas Randall by 2/28/06.



ENERGY COSTS

In the face of high natural gas and home heating oil prices, the State's Board of Public Utilities (BPU) is asking local leaders to inform their constituents of what they can do to reduce energy consumption and lower their home heating bills. The five most important tips are:

- program your thermostat to 68 degrees when home and 60 degrees when asleep - a 12% savings,
- weatherize by reducing leaks - up to 10% savings,
- reduce your hot water usage and lower the thermostat from 150 degrees to 120 degrees,
- keep warm air inside by closing vents or registers in rooms you are not using, and
- take a Free Home Energy Analysis on line at www.njcleanenergy.com <<http://www.njcleanenergy.com/>> or call 1-866-657-6278.



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A Community Newsletter from the Mayor and Council

Thomas W. Randall, Mayor
Douglas Troast, Council President
Council Members: Hugh Turk, John Mongelli,
Kevin Crossley, Gordon Hamm, Maryellen Lennon



Dear Residents:

At the January 1, 2006 Reorganization meeting, Mayor Randall made the following remarks:

"Looking back on 2005, the mayor and council have continued to keep pace with the challenges facing local governments in New Jersey.

In order to become more competitive in obtaining our fair share of ever more limited financial resources, we retained the services of grant writers, Capital Alternatives Corporation. Their efforts have been successful in obtaining some of the funding necessary to mitigate flooding problems that have occurred in the Arbor Drive area. Hopefully this year, their efforts will bring additional success to that project and to our downtown improvement application.

Efforts to improve public safety have remained in the forefront of council's agenda. In the coming year we anticipate the installation of the much needed traffic reconfiguration at Hollywood Avenue and Lloyd Road.

To comply with the complicated and ever-changing requirements of the Ho-Ho-Kus affordable housing obligations, we obtained the services of specialists in the field. This expertise will assure our compliance with the law while maximizing the preservation of our community's character.

Council Appointments
Employee Recognition
Up-To-Date Telephone Directory In The Making
Emergency Services
Police Department Grant

Think Snow
Important Dates
Energy Costs
Website



Looking back is also a time to remember those individuals who have helped make the town what it is today. We note with gratitude the retirement of long-time librarian, **Mildred Thurklsen**. Also with gratitude and sadness, we remember the passing of former Councilman **Bert McIntire** and **John Letz**. Bert was a councilman for eleven years, Fire Commissioner, Deputy Police Commissioner, Planning Board member and liaison to the Board of Health. Bert served for many years as an active member of the Volunteer Ambulance Corps. John Letz was an effective member of the Planning Board for thirty years. He contributed to the community as a member of the fire department even serving at one time as its chief.

The future remains bright for our borough. From the old year to the new brings a new member on the governing body, one I know will be a valuable addition. Without a doubt, she will serve our citizens extremely well. I am glad and pleased to welcome Maryellen Lennon to the council.

This year, hopefully, we will conclude successful negotiations with the police and DPW bargaining units whose members serve our town so well.

The important challenges of preserving the character of the Ho-Ho-Kus community requires a diligent review of our Zoning Code. This review, which is part of an over-all recodification process, will allow the Council and Planning Board to address the increased demand to use one's property while maintaining the standards that made this town desirable. We also will finalize our revaluation. Hopefully, this will be accomplished with a minimum of discomfort to our residents.

I thank the efforts of the council and particularly those of Council President **John Mongelli**. I thank Borough Administrator **Cathy Henderson**, all the wonderful staff at Borough Hall for making my job easier as mayor.

The loyalty of our employees and the dedication and commitment of our volunteers continue to be the life blood of our small town as we adapt to new challenges.

Finally, my love and gratitude to my family for their continued support of me in these on-going efforts. I look forward to the continued confidence that I receive from Ho-Ho-Kus residents which is appreciated.

God bless you and a happy and healthy New Year to you and your families."

With residents, family members and friends in attendance, the Oath of Office was administered to re-elected Councilmember **John Mongelli** and to newly elected Councilmember **Maryellen Lennon**. **Douglas Troast** was elected council president.

Mayor Randall made the following council assignments for 2006:

Public Safety:	Hugh Turk	Deputy:	Douglas Troast
Finance:	Kevin Crossley	Deputy:	Hugh Turk
Fire:	John Mongelli	Deputy:	Kevin Crossley
Ambulance:	Kevin Crossley	Deputy:	John Mongelli
Public Works (Roads):	Gordon Hamm	Deputy:	Douglas Troast
Public Works (Water):	Douglas Troast	Deputy:	Gordon Hamm
Community Relations:	Maryellen Lennon	Deputy:	John Mongelli

In addition to council information, Mayor Randall announced Board liaison appointments:

Zoning Board	Gordon Hamm	Library Board	Hugh Turk
Ambulance Corps	Mayor Randall	Insurance	Kevin Crossley
Board Of Health	Maryellen Lennon		

With Council approval, Mayor Randall made the following Board appointments:

Planning Board:	Catherine Henderson, Douglas Troast, Timothy Corrison, Fredrick Nicol and James Pierson
Zoning Board:	Eleanor Portsmore, Franklin Cox
Board of Health:	Martha Painter, Steven Vargo
Library Board:	Daniel Griffin
Local Assistance Board:	Margaret Kelly, Susan Biswurm
Recreation Commission:	Gordon Hamm
Shade Tree Commission:	Frank Grieder
Solid Waste Commission:	Douglas Troast, Kevin Crossley, Gordon Hamm

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Special "Employee Recognition" pins were given to employees who have achieved a five year level in their tenure of service:

<i>FIVE YEARS</i>	<i>TEN YEARS</i>	<i>TWENTY YEARS</i>
Lori Hill	Anthony Grego	Leo Milano
Rosemarie Novelli	Laura Kallenberg	
Gary Tyler	Joseph Mazzone	
Heather Watson	Allison Minchin	
	Carol Rosazza	
	Carol Tyler	
<i>TWENTY-FIVE YEARS</i>		<i>THIRTY YEARS</i>
Michael Pattman		John Guerin

UP-TO-DATE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY IN THE MAKING

Letters have been sent to all residences and businesses requesting information for the new Ho-Ho-Kus telephone directory. This directory is being compiled by members of the Ho-Ho-Kus Woman's Club. If you want to be included in it, it is your responsibility to complete and return the form. **Emma Lou Sayers** is chairperson of the project. Forms are available in the Borough Hall.

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

FIRE DEPARTMENT officers sworn into office for 2006 are:

Chris Joy, Sr.	Chief
Chris Raimondi	Asst. Chief
Don Seltmann	Captain
Chris Joy, Jr.	1st Lt.
Mark Zatorski	2nd Lt.
Richard Waywell	President
Kevin Duffy	Vice-president
Walter Peterson	Secretary
Richard Keely	Treasurer



By way of a grant, the Ho-Ho-Kus Fire Department has received an "Automatic External Defibrillator" as a gift from the State of New Jersey Division of Fire Safety. The AED is valuable piece of equipment that access vital life signs and administer appropriate levels of shock energy. The department will be working with the Ambulance Corps on training and procedures. This valuable gift may save someone's life

Nine new members have joined the department and have completed Fire Fighter One Class. This grueling twenty-eight hour course is a combination of classroom and practical experiences. The graduates are: **Ed Iannelli, Matt Menzel, Glen Mitchell, David Pfeiffer, James Rorty, Craig Rypkema, Joseph Sanzari Jr., Ryan Stewart and Peter Vella.**

AMBULANCE CORPS members assuming leadership roles for 2006 are:

Gary Tyler	President
Jeff Pattman	Vice-president
Carol Tyler	Captain
Matt Freeman	Corresponding Sec.
Michele Wing	Recording Sec.
Chris Minchin	Treasurer



The corps membership roster as of January 2006 includes ten new members. They are: **David Alvarez, Kelly Bayersdorfer, Jason Goodrich, Matt Goodrich, Greg McBain, Matt Metzger, Alison Minchin, M Mosca, Kevin Scarpa, and Scott Toombs.**