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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

The Mayor and Council are excited to observe the progress taking place of the highly-anticipated Borough Hall. The new building will serve the community for generations as we anticipate a late November opening. In addition, everyone is equally excited to see the Fall Recreation programs utilizing the new sports fields located at Vivyen Park and the new Pickle Ball and Tennis Courts located at Clover Park. As the Fall season approaches, the community is also gearing up to embrace the spirit of Halloween with a spooktacular event, the Annual Halloween Parade held at Cooper's Pond along with the Annual Trunk or Treat held on Washington Avenue. Families and friends will have the opportunity to partake in thrilling activities, enjoy delightful treats, and showcase their creativity through vibrant costumes. Don't miss out on the chance to indulge in the festive ambiance and create long-lasting memories with loved ones. Over the Labor Day weekend, the Moving Wall visited Bergenfield that memorialized the fallen soldiers from the Vietnam War. This collaborative effort between with the Board of Education staff, Volunteers, our Veteran Advisory Committee, Veterans and the Department of Public Works, who played a pivotal role in making this event an enormous success. The heartfelt ceremony honored those individuals who have died and given the ultimate sacrifice. As the year comes to a close, Bergenfield will be embracing the holiday spirit with the much-awaited Holiday

in the Park at Cooper's Pond. This enchanting event will dazzle attendees with sparkling lights, joyful entertainment, and a myriad of attractions for people of all ages. From festive live music performances from the High School Band to delectable food offerings, Holiday in the Park is set to be a true winter wonderland that will warm hearts and bring the community even closer together. The community is invited to join in these upcoming celebrations and make the most of the exciting events that are set to unfold. Gather with friends, family, and neighbors to enjoy the vibrant atmosphere, embrace the holiday spirit, and revel in the completion of the Borough Hall, a symbol of progress and unity within our beloved town. For more information about upcoming events, please visit the Borough Website, Facebook or follow us on Instagram. Bergenfield is a thriving community known for its rich history, strong sense of unity, and commitment to progress. With a diverse array of events and attractions, it is a place where residents and visitors alike can come together to celebrate, create memories, and build lasting connections. Aprin Amatorio

Please Check out the **Department Reports Holiday Events Community Groups**

Boards and Committees

Mayor Arvin Amatorio Marc Pascual, Council President Thomas Lodato Ora Kornbluth Hernando Rivera **Buddy Deauna** Domingo Almonte



Volunteers Needed

Mayor Arvin Amatorio

Our Community Groups, Boards, Firefighters and Recreation are all looking for people to get involved please visit our Community Involvement Page (FORM)









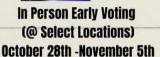


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Vote by Mail (formerly Known as Absentee Voting)







on Election Day Tuesday November 7th, 2023 Polls Open 6am-8pm

Municipal Clerk

2023 Election Timeline

October 17th:

Voter Registration Deadline for the November General Election (The Borough Clerk will hold a late-night voter registration @ the library till 9pm

October 28th to November 5th: In-Person Early Voting (Please See Early Voting Notice for Various Locations around Bergen County)

October 31st:

Deadline to Apply for Vote by Mail Ballot by Mail for the November General Election

November 6th:

Deadline to Apply in Person at the Bergen County Clerk's Office (One Bergen County Plaza, Room 130, Hackensack, NJ 07601) for a Vote by Mail Ballot by 3 p.m.

Tuesday, November 7, 2023:
General Election Day - Polls Open from 6 a.m.
to 8 p.m.



For more information on Elections Check out the Clerk's Website



Find your Polling Location

MUST BE:

- AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE
 A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES
- A RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY
 - A REGISTERED VOTER

POLL WORKERS NEEDED

ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 7TH

\$300 FOR THE DAY

APPLY @ ELECTION DIVISIONS (BERGEN.NJ.US)
OR SCAN OR CODE





Social Services

Our guidelines are minimal. We have an intake form to help us identify the applicant's needs. We require proof of residency in Bergenfield and proof of Income for the household. We advocate for families and interact with various county agencies such as Bergen County Board of Social Services, NJ Family Care, WIC, PSEG etc. we also refer our clients to various Food Pantries and Churches within Bergen County. We provide Information to parents for Childcare Resource and Referral Agencies in Bergenfield



Scan here for a report an outage, gas leak, or to see outage map.



PSEG

What to Do During a Power Outage

Find out how to stay safe after you report a power outage.

Checking the cause of your power outage:

Your power may be out due to a utility issue or because of a problem inside of your home.

To check if the problem is in your home, locate your fuse box or circuit breaker box. If the surrounding area is clear of water, proceed to the box and ensure that none of your circuit breakers have tripped (indicated by the switch being in the OFF position.) Don't forget to check your main breaker switch as well. Blown fuses may be indicated by broken wires or scorch marks, but not always.

If the problem doesn't appear to originate in your home, check to see if your neighbors have power. If not, report the outage immediately.









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Over four days Veterans and Residents had the opportunity to give homage to the fallen soldiers from the Vietnam War. The Board of Education, Veteran's Committee, and the Mayor and Council spent months planning a great event that honored the fallen and those who served.

Vivyen Field

Sports enthusiasts and athletes in our community have something to cheer about as the much-anticipated Vivven Field, a premier three turf field complex, is now open for all to enjoy. This sprawling 25-acre field has been specially designed to cater to soccer, football, and baseball, providing a top-notch venue for athletes of all ages and skill levels.



Clover Park **Tennis Pickle Ball**

Vivyen Field is a true gem in our town, offering state-of-the-art facilities and amenities. Each of the three turf fields has been meticulously constructed to meet the highest standards, ensuring optimal playing conditions for athletes. Whether it's the precision required in soccer, the power and agility of football, or the precision bat and ball skills of baseball, Vivyen Field offers the perfect playing surface to showcase and enhance athletic performance. One notable feature that sets Vivyen Field apart is the installation of lighting throughout the complex. This enables athletes to continue enjoying their favorite sports even after sunset, extending playing opportunities and accommodating busy schedules. With well-lit fields, evening practices, late-night games, and tournaments can now take place, providing ample opportunities for athletes to train, compete, and excel. To maintain the pristine condition of the fields and to ensure the safety of all users, there are a few important regulations that need to be adhered to. Sunflower seeds, gum, metal cleats, and dogs are strictly prohibited from the field.

By implementing these rules, the management of Vivyen Field aims to minimize the risk of damage to the turf and maintain a clean and safe environment for all athletes.

Vivyen Field is not just a sports complex; it is a community asset that brings people together, fosters camaraderie, and promotes an active and healthy lifestyle. Athletes, young and old, can now take advantage of this first-class facility right here in our own town. From youth leagues and high school competitions to adult recreational games and regional tournaments, Vivyen Field is set to be a hub of athletic excellence and a source of pride for our

So, lace up your shoes, grab your gear, and head to Vivyen Field to experience the thrill of playing on professionally maintained turf fields. Whether you're a passionate sports enthusiast or an athlete aiming for victory, there's no better place to pursue your sporting dreams than Vivyen Field, where quality meets athleticism and memories are made.







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Borough Hall Construction Update

The town is set to get a much-needed boost in its communication infrastructure as part of the new borough hall. A new cell tower is being installed to help improve communications for both first responders and residents in the area.

The new cell tower is an important addition to the town's communication capabilities, especially during emergencies where quick response times can be critical. With better connectivity, first responders can receive information more quickly and respond to emergencies more efficiently.

Additionally, residents will also benefit from the new cell tower as they will have better access to communication services. This means improved call quality, faster data transfer rates, and fewer dropped calls.

The town's decision to install a new cell tower demonstrates its commitment to improving its communication services for both its residents and first responders. It is a much-needed investment that will benefit the community for years to come.









Exciting developments are underway in our town as the long-awaited Borough Hall is set to open its doors this November. This state-of-the-art building will not only serve as the central hub for various departments, but also be equipped with the latest technological advancements, establishing it as one of the best in the state. The Police Department, responsible for ensuring community safety and security, will now be conveniently located on the first floor of the new Borough Hall. This strategic positioning will provide easy access for officers to respond swiftly to emergencies and maintain a strong presence within the community. On the second floor, several essential departments will be housed. The Building Department, the Fire Official, the Health Department, Social Services Department, Recreation Office, Tax Department, and Municipal Clerk will all operate from this floor, creating a convenient one-stop destination for residents to address their administrative needs. With all these services under one roof, residents will significantly benefit from streamlined processes and improved efficiency. The third floor will host the Court, Council Chambers, Finance, and Administration offices. This design choice demonstrates thoughtful planning, as these functions can work synergistically to promote effective governance. The Court will provide a dedicated space for legal proceedings, ensuring fairness and justice for all. The Council Chambers will serve as the platform for local decision-making, where community voices will be heard, and important matters will be discussed and resolved. The Administration Offices will be the driving force behind the smooth operation of Borough Hall, actively supporting and coordinating various functions of the building. In addition to its functional layout, the new Borough Hall will be fully modern and equipped with cutting-edge technology. The integration of advanced communication systems and smart facilities will optimize operations, improve connectivity, and enhance overall efficiency. Residents can expect faster response times, seamless interactions, and an overall improved experience when engaging with the various departments and services present in the building. Overall, the opening of the Borough Hall marks a significant milestone in our community's development. The purpose-built structure, with its thoughtfully designed layout and modern amenities, is a reflection of our town's commitment to progress and meeting the evolving needs of its residents.





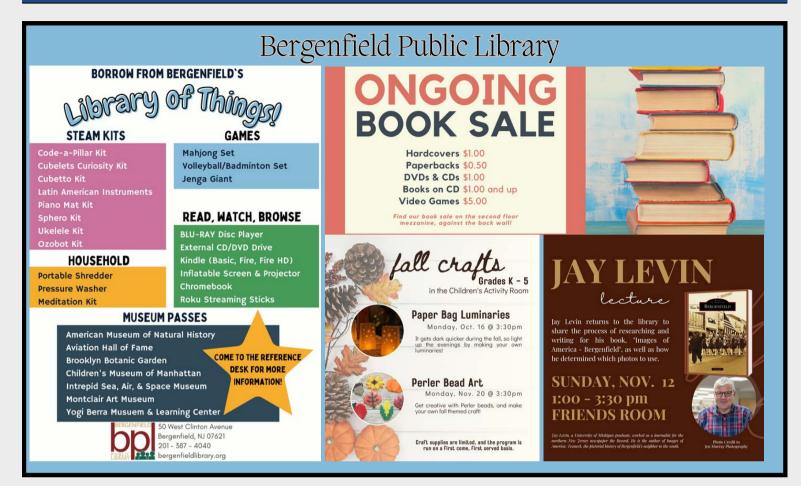








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Department of Public Works



For questions please call the Bergenfield DPW Office at 201-387-4055 option 3 or email dpw@bergenfieldnj.gov

Last day of Vegetative collection (in cans) is as listed below:

> Quadrant 1: Oct. 10th Quadrant 2: Oct. 11th Quadrant 3: Oct. 12th Quadrant 4: Oct. 13th

After this, leaves and grass can be left at the curb (in the street). Branches should be kept separate from those piles, and kept to the side. Last day for Leaves is the week of December 8th.

We will have bulk pick up, as listed below:

Quadrant 1: Oct. 4th Quadrant 2: Oct. 18th **Ouadrant 3: Oct. 25th** Quadrant 4: Nov. 1st





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Community Updates:



The Bergenfield Department of Public Works planted a tree at the John Aversa Bocce courts in memory of the many bocce players who enjoyed the facility.









THE GREDEN CLUB

We have a diverse group of gardeners in the Bergenfield Community Garden. This family has some good tomato plants, and the children are active participants in the project. We also had a great turn out from the Alternative School 2023 Garden Club, this growing season we will have lots of fresh vegetables for the food pantry.



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Emergency Services



www.bergenfieldpd.org

CALLER ID and calls may falsely appear to come from police, government agencies or your utility company.

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BERGENFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT SCAM ALERT

THE BERGENFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT WANTS TO PROTECT YOU FROM FINANCIAL LOSS.

BE AWARE: SCAMMERS CAN MANIPULATE



IF YOU RECEIVE A PHONE CALL, EMAIL OR TEXT MESSAGE INSTRUCTING YOU TO PURCHASE A PREPAID MERCHANT

GIFT/DEBIT CARD, CRYPTOCURRENCY, BANK WIRE TRANSFER OR MONEY ORDER TO PAY:

- LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR BAIL
- . IRS FOR OWED TAXES
- UTILITY COMPANY TO AVOID SERVICE INTERRUPTION
- IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS TO AVOID DEPORTATION/ARREST
- SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICIALS FOR FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY/WARRANT/ARREST INVOLVING YOUR
- SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
- RANSOM
- HOSPITAL FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT OF A LOVED ONE JUST HANG UP, IT'S A SCAMI

The Bergenfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc. is the independent not-forprofit emergency ambulance service of Bergenfield, New Jersey. BVAC operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and answers over 2,300 calls annually. Also, the Ambulance Corps just expanded its fleet to 5 ambulances (previously 4). This allows us to station ambulances in more locations around town so we can respond to emergencies faster. Best of all, BVAC ambulances are funded by donations - not taxes.





Chief: Steven Naylis 1st Deputy Chief: Norman Hoyt, Jr. 2nd Deputy Chief: Alex Kneisler Captain: Edward Kneisler III Captain: Rvan Zadrozna Captain: Kevin Schade Lieutenant: Izzv Infield Lieutenant: David Byrne www.bergenfieldFD.org







During the colder months it is important to make sure you have newer, working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. The Fire Department sees an increase of carbon monoxide incidents during the holidays due to excessive cooking. It is very important that residents ventilate their residences by opening a window to allow fresh air in. If they do have a detector activate or sound that they are to call 911 and evacuate the residence immediately.

For more information or fire safety tips, you may visit the National Fire Prevention Agency website at www.NFPA.org. From all of us here at the Bergenfield Fire Department, we want to wish you a happy, healthy, and safe fall and winter.



Bergenfield Municipal Court

Bergenfield Municipal Court is conducting court appearances virtually via Zoom

conferencing instead of having participants physically attend the court.

- on how to participate. If you have a matter that is scheduled with this court and if you have not already done so, please contact Bergenfield Municipal Court via email. Provide your name, summons number, email address and, telephone number.
- nadia.cavli@njcourts.gov
- kim.grimaldi@njcourts.gov
- 201-387-4055 ext 2

PAYMENT INFORMATION

- You may pay your traffic ticket/complaint through one of the following methods:
- In-person at the Violations Bureau Window 9:00AM- 4:00PM.
- ndividuals will receive notices through the mail and/or by email with instructions You may pay with cash, check, money order or by credit-card. By mail with either check or money order. Please remember to
 - provide either the ticket or complaint number with your payment method.
 - On the New Jersey Courts website directly at www.njmcdirect.com. Mastercard and Visa are accepted for payment of fines. Bergenfield's Court Code is 0203





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The Building Department

Driveways

- 1.With fall coming it is always a good time to work on repairing your driveway, expand your driveway to add an additional parking space, or just resurface your driveway to cover all the cracks in your asphalt from the sun weathered days of the hot summer sun. If you'd like, you can even upgrade the appearance of your property by using brick pavers with a Belgian Block border.
- 2.The maximum allowable width of your driveway by Borough Ordinance is 19 Feet wide, with a 20-foot curb cut. Keep in mind you can only cover your property with an impervious surface up to the maximum allowable improved lot coverage of the size of your property.

There are a few things you should know before you move forward with the above-mentioned projects.

A zoning permit and an application for Zoning approval are required by the Borough.

- You must first apply for zoning approval.
- You will need a zoning permit application filled out and signed. You may be required to submit a survey.
- Once your zoning application is approved your permit must be paid, processed, then issued.
- Do not start the work before you have a permit.

Please enjoy the remainder of the year, the Holidays to come, and remember if you need us, please call.

We are here to help you!

The Building Department

(201) 387-4055 ext. 4

Building Dept Forms

Tax Clerk

Be advised, the final 2023 / preliminary 2024 tax bills have been mailed out. The grace period for the 4th quarter 2023 is extended to November 13th.



For more information scan QR Code



FALL/WINTER REQUIREMENTS

- High grass and weeds must be cut and properly disposed.
- Parking of vehicles on the lawn or non-driveway areas is prohibited.
- Unregistered or inoperable vehicles are not permitted to be parked anywhere on your property.
- Trash cans cannot be left out on sidewalks & must be removed as soon as possible after garbage pickup.
- At no time is construction debris to be placed at the curb.
- Do not park your vehicle on the leaves, as it may cause a fire.
- As of October 9, 2023, leaves and grass clippings must be placed in the appropriate paper bags and placed at the curb on designated pick-up days.
- Branches and twigs must be bundled.
- Make sure storm drains are clear of leaves and other debris.
- Snow must be cleared from sidewalks within 24 hours
- Icey sidewalks must be immediately addressed.
- Do not plow or shovel snow onto the street.
- Holiday lights must be tested prior to use inside and/or outside the house.
- Portable basketball hoops cannot obstruct the sidewalk or street when not in use or during a snow event. The ordinance will be strictly enforced.

Senior Bus Services HANDICAPPED & ELDERLY TRANSPORATION PROGRAM

- Providing residents with transportation to Doctors, Hospitals or Clinics in this area.
- Also provides a shopping route every Wednesday.
- · Operation Days: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
- Operation Hours: 9AM-1PM
- Contact: DPW Dispatcher at 201-387-4055 x4088





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October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 • Pickle Ball @ Conlon Hall 7pm-10pm	Bergenfield Museum 1:30pm- 3:30pm M & C Meeting @ 8pm @ Library	4 • Pickle Ball @ Conlon Hall 7pm-10pm	5	6 • Pickle Ball @ Conlon Hall 7pm-10pm	7 Bergenfield Museum 1:30pm-3:30pm
8	9 • Pickle Ball @ Conlon Hall 7pm-10pm	10 • VFW Members Meeting 7pm @VFW • Bergenfield Museum 1:30pm- 3:30pm	11 • Pickle Ball @ Conlon Hall 7pm-10pm • VFW AUX Meeting @7PM	12	13 • Pickle Ball @ Conlon Hall 7pm-10pm	Bergenfield Museum 1:30pm-3:30pm VFW Advisory Meeting @ 11AM
15	Barrier Free Committee Meeting 11AM Zoning Board Meeting 8pm @High School	17 • Bergenfield Museum 1:30pm- 3:30pm • M & C Meeting @ 8pm @ Library	18 • Pickle Ball @ Conlon Hall 7pm-10pm	19 • Library Board of Trustees @7:30PM	20 • Pickle Ball @ Conlon Hall 7pm- 10pm	21 Bergenfield Museum 1:30pm-3:30pm
22	23 • Pickle Ball @ Conlon Hall 7pm-10pm	24 Bergenfield Museum 1:30pm- 3:30pm	25 • Pickle Ball @ Conlon Hall 7pm-10pm	26 • Dominoes @ Conlon Hall 7pm-I0pm	Pickle Ball @ Conlon Hall 8pm-10pm Haunted Walk @ Coopers Pond 6:00pm-9:30pm	Bergenfield Museum 1:30pm- 3:30pm Halloween Parade 11AM Haunted Walk © Coopers Pond 6:00pm- 9:30pm
29	30 • Pickle Ball @ Conlon Hall 7pm-10pm • Planning Board Meeting 8pm @High School	 Halloween Trunk or Treat 4:30pm- 6:30pm on Washington Ave 	JOMES			







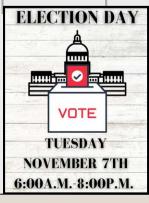
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November



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5	6 • Pickle Ball @ Conlon Hall 7pm- 10pm • Zoning Board Meeting 8pm	7 ELECTION DAY	8 • Pickle Ball @ Conlon Hall 7pm-10pm	9	10 • Pickle Ball @ Conlon Hall 7pm-10pm	• Bergenfield Museum 1:30pm- 3:30pm • Veterans Day Ceremony @ 11AM
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Winter Sports Sign Up

Scan here to Sign Up









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December



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 • Pickle Ball @ Conlon Hall 7pm-10pm	2 Holiday in the Park 1pm-5pm
3	Pickle Ball @ Conlon Hall 7pm-10pm Planning Board Meeting 8pm	5 • M & C Meeting @ 8pm @ TBD • Bergenfield Museum 1:30pm-3:30pm	6 • Pickle Ball @ Conlon Hall 7pm-10pm	7	8 • Pickle Ball @ Conlon Hall 7pm-10pm	9 • Bergenfield Museum 1:30pm-3:30pm • Army vs Navy Game 3:00pm- 9:00pm VFW
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Bergenfield Fire Department

- Sunday, December 10th @ 1pm Hanukkah Gift Run!
- Saturday, December
 16th @ 12pm Santa Gift
 Run





