



Harrington Park's Newsletter



February 2009

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GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION

STARTING WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2ND



REGULAR GARBAGE COLLECTION

Wednesdays

**with the addition of Saturdays
(April 1-November 1)**

GRASS AND GREENS

**ONCE A WEEK ON MONDAYS
STARTING APRIL 1**

NEW CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Bundled papers-Newspapers, telephone books, magazines, corrugated cardboard, brown paper bags, shiny junk mail.

Tied in bundles or in a covered garbage pail to keep contained.

Collection on First & Third Thursdays of month.

Co-mingling in garbage can- plastic bottles, tin, aluminum and metal cans, clear, green and amber glass.

Collection on Second & Fourth Thursdays of month.

2009 DOG AND CAT LICENSES

**Any dog registrations not received by Feb. 15th
will be assessed a \$10 late fee.**



Licenses cannot be issued unless the rabies certification covers through the **end of October 2009.** If the date is prior to 10/31, and you have concerns about re-vaccination for the pet prior to that date, have your Vet contact the Clerk's Office at 201-768-1700.

**REGISTRATION FORMS ARE PROVIDED at Boro Hall
and on our website www.hpboro.net**



Borough Hall News

BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

Thomas E. Simpson, Fire Marshal
201-768-2585 201-321-9550
tsimp07640@aol.com Re: HP Resident

The Uniform Fire Code requires that before any residence is rented, leased or sold, a Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detector and Fire Extinguisher compliance inspection NEEDS to be conducted by the Fire Marshal. Please contact the Building Department at 201-768-2585 for info and applications.

Fee is \$60 unless the Closing is scheduled to be in less than 5 business days in which the fee is increased to \$100.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

William Blackinton, Acting Chief
201-768-0417

wblackinton@aol.com

HP's own Chief Brian McElroy is presently serving with the NJ National Guard on his second tour of duty in Iraq. In his absence, Assistant Chief Bill Blackinton will be Acting Chief until BJ's return in July. We are proud to have such a patriotic and dedicated volunteer to lead our Department. Please keep Brian and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

If you and your children want to check out the fire trucks, we have inspections every Sunday at 10am. Stop by for a tour.

The HPFD is alive and well, but always looking for new members. If you are at least 15 and are interested in serving your community, open to adventure, camaraderie and learning new skills, consider joining us. Stop by during one of our drills on the 1st or 3rd Thursday of every month at 8pm to pick up an application or email us.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

201-768-2100
Chief David J. Moppert
www.harringtonparkpolice.com

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Nicola A. Lepore 201-768-2585
Construction Code Official
Zoning Official

Electric, Plumbing and Fire
Inspections **201-768-7110**
hpbldgzoning@optonline.net

Building Official Hours:

Tuesdays- 9:30am-noon
Wednesday 11am-12:30pm
Thursday from 1-2:30pm.

DPW

Mark Kiernan
201-768-0944

As you clean your driveway of snow, it should be placed to the left (as you look at your driveway from the street) of the opening at the curb line. We apologize for the occasional damage done to your lawn during storm clean-up. Reflectors at your property line helps us.

Garbage –Wednesdays Only

BOARD OF HEALTH

Joan Gaffney 201-768-8790

Our Town Nurse, Cathy Flagg will be doing blood pressure screenings at Borough Hall:

2nd Wednesday of the month
from 10am-11:45am

3rd Wednesday of the month
from 11am-11:45am

Meals on Wheels speak with
Mrs. Gaffney in the Health
Dept. at 201-768-8790.

CHAIR YOGA Boro Hall

FREE TO ALL RESIDENTS
THURSDAYS AT 11AM.

Clerk's Corner....

Susan S. Nelson, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk and Registrar
201-768-1700 hpboro@optonline.net

Raffle Licenses- NO matter how
charitable the cause, a license is
required. Raffles or 50/50s, come in to get all the forms and paperwork.

Notary Public- 9am-4:30pm, and certain evenings. Please do not sign your documents beforehand.

Resident Feedback- Please call my office or email me at **hpboro@optonline.net** and I will be sure to pass the information to the appropriate personnel. There is also a form on the Borough website at **www.hpboro.net** that can be filled out and sent in.

Registrar-Marriage License and Civil Union applications and Domestic Partnership agreements-by appointment.

For Certified copies of Marriage licenses, Civil Unions, Domestic Partnerships, Birth and Death Certificates-please call ahead. I can only **certify** the event if it **OCCURRED** in HP.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

INFORMATION

REVERSE 911

201-768-1700

HP VOL. AMBULANCE CORPS

Steve Beubis 201-767-8640

hpvac526@gmail.com.

WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF
VOLUNTEERS AND WILL HELP
TRAIN YOU-PLEASE JOIN AND
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

HPFD 5th Annual Comedy Night

March 7, 2009

Look for the flyer in the mail or call
201-660-8431

hpfdcomedynight@optonline.net

TOWN NEWS

HP LIBRARY-Judy Heldman 201-768-5675

Mon., Wed., Thurs. 10am-9pm Tues. & Fri Noon-5pm
Sat. 10am-1pm & Sun. 1pm-4pm

Holiday Closings: Monday, Feb 16– President's Day

MONDAY NIGHT MADNESS-Feb, 23- 7pm
Science +Stories=FUN with Piccirillo Storytelling
Join us to learn about the science of fire and light.

VALENTINES CRAFTS with Mrs. Ciccoricco
Feb. 13 3:30-5pm, please sign up at desk.

LIBRARY BOOK GROUP-Feb. 17, 1pm
THE CLOTHES THEY STOOD UP -Alan Bennett-Please join in.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE-Join us for an
informal weekly chat on Wednesdays at 10am.

Remember we have Tales for Tots, Little Listeners and
Reading with Rover, too.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY– Lynne Warshavsky
Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Ann Lott Bistriz, 201-768-1714

HP Naturally.... by HP Girl Scout Troop 702
Tired of shoveling snow yet? This winter, Bergen
County has had colder temps and more snowfall than
usual. HP requires that sidewalks be cleared of snow
within 24 hours of the end of the storm.

HP has 19 miles of improved roads, 5.8 mi. of County
Roads and .6mi. of unimproved roads. The Borough
uses a 3:1 mixture of salt to sand with a calcium liquid
to help remove the snow and ice.

Remember, anything put on our roads and driveways
ends up in the storm sewers and then directly in the
Oradell Reservoir. SO try to use them as sparingly as
possible, always keeping safety first.

MAYOR'S OUTREACH TASK FORCE

Confidential HOT LINE for those who need help or
if you know of anyone who needs help-Especially
during the winter season **201-768-0873**

**Anyone who missed the Art Auction can still
support the Task Force by purchasing art work at
www.marlinart.com. On checkout enter code #50862
and the Task Force will be donated 20% of your
purchase.**

Attention Middle School students– For Community
Service Mrs. Martin– robinmartin73@optonline.net

NEXT MEETING-2/9/09 at HP School LIBRARY

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE 201-768-1588

**Property Taxes are due
February 1, 2009**

BOARD OF EDUCATION- 201-768-5700

Dr. Adam Fried, Superintendent

Melissa Simmons, Business Administrator

A school newsletter will be sent to each home in
Harrington Park with details for Kindergarten Registration.
Please note key dates:

March 5 @ 6:30pm– Kindergarten Orientation for Parents
May 8 @ 12noon– Kindergarten Visitation for Parents and
Children

Week of June 1-Registration

The Students of HP School are collecting Box Tops found
on General Mills products. Send them in with your
children– this is a great and easy fundraiser!

HARRINGTON PARK POST OFFICE

Mark M. Hannan, Postmaster

201-784-6754

For Passport information ask for
Marilyn.



BOROUGH MEETINGS

8 pm at Municipal Center except where noted

Mayor and Council:

Agenda Meeting: February 9

Regular Meeting: February 17****

(President's Day Feb. 16)

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: February 26

BOARD OF HEALTH: February 2 @ 7:30pm

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION: February 4

MAYOR'S OPEN HOUSE: by appointment

LIBRARY BOARD: 7:30 pm at Library Feb. 4 & 18

PLANNING BOARD: February 10

RECREATION COMMISSION– February 18

GENERAL COURT SESSIONS: *2nd Thurs.* at 5:30 pm

Office open 1:30 pm through court

Court Administrator: Lindsay Taglieri 201-768-0500

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 1:30-4:00 pm Tues. 9:00-11:00 am

Lindsay.Taglieri1@judiciary.state.nj.us

Cub Scout Pack 111

John Gorman 201-750-6989

Gorman.john@epa.gov

New Scouts & Volunteers welcome

Meetings 7pm Community Church
February 4, 2009 – Blue & Gold Banquet at
The Assembly East.

March 5, 2009 (Note Change in Meeting
Date) - "When I Grow Up"

Pinewood Derby –Feb. 7-Comm. Church

Scout Ski Days-Belleayre Fe. 20-22

Overnight Campout - March 6-8

Girl Scouts of Harrington Park

Robin Martin 201-660-8661

robinmartin73@optonline.net

Laura Latrenta 201-750-2013

Llatrenta@aol.com

Information Hot Line– 201-768-3748

COOKIE SALES START THIS

MONTH-call Sue Evanella

201-784-5752

Snow Tubing-Feb 12th 6-9pm.

At Camp Gaw- \$10 Call Robin.

Mother Daughter Brunch-please ask
your Leaders for more information.

All you favorite GS Cookies are still
available-call Robin Martin at

201-768-3748

Boy Scout Troop 616

Tom Betancourt 201-750-3330

tomscourt@gmail.com

Meetings-Mon. at the Comm. Church.

We collect Ink Cartridges and Cell

Phones for recycling at Borough Hall.

The HP Lions Club is sponsoring a

50-50 Raffle to benefit Boy Scout

Troop 616. The proceeds will be used

to offset the cost of the Troop's high

adventure trip to Philmont Scout

Reservation in Cimarron, New

Mexico. Each ticket costs \$50

To purchase call Tom Betancourt at

201-750-3330, tomscourt@gmail.com



Harrington Park Lions Club

Pat McHugh, President 201-784-9658

Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Feb 1st 8am-11:30am-Comm. Church

\$6 for adults/children under 5 -free.

All proceeds to benefit the



NJ National Guard

Family Assistance

Program.

Jr. Women's Club of Harr. Park

Kathleen Jaeger 201-750-1949

Leslie Galioto 201-750-4998

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Leslie Galioto 201-750-4998

Meetings 2nd Wed, 7:30pm Library

Make a difference in our town. Join an

organization of women who are

committed to promoting volunteerism

and improving our community through

effective action and leadership.

New in town? Contact Brandy

Wohner at 201-750-1997 to receive

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Town Karaoke Party-Feb. 7 @8pm

HP Firehouse \$25pp-Call Brandy

201-750-1997

First Friends Playgroup

FirstFriendsHP@aol.com

www.FirstFriendsHP.com

First Friends is a non-denominational
playgroup for babies, toddlers and their
caregivers. Registration is ongoing.

Home and School Association

www.hphsa.com

Mary Oakes, President

Club 60

Ed Higgins, President

Membership call Olive: 201-768-3150

"The Friendly Club" of Harrington

Park Meetings are the 2nd Fri. of every

month, (except July & August) at the

Community Church. All senior

citizens are welcome. Keep an eye out

for the New 2009 Schedule of Events!

Harrington Park Woman's Club

Margaret Sommer 201-768-8159

Barbara Savoye 201-768-6825

*The Woman's Club would like to thank
both HP and neighboring residents for*

their generous response to their hat,

glove and mitten collection.

Because you all cared, many children

in Bergen County received an extra

gift of a warm piece of winter

clothing.

Garden Club of Harrington Park

Gerri Gibney 201-768-2615

themerchantmouse@aol.com

"Annual Members' Night"

Feb. 5th 7:30 in HP Library

Slide presentation of members own

gardens. Plus a presentation on

"The Great Botanical Gardens of North

America: The New York Botanical

Garden and the Montreal Garden" by

Esther and Davis Ross.

Historical Society

Gerri Gibney 201-768-2615

themerchantmouse@aol.com

American Legion Post #30

Bob Shortal 201-768-9577

Smile Forever Foundation

Janice Raymar 201-767-8225

www.smile-forever.org

This local organization helps provide

families in our community cope with

the financial and emotional stress of

cancer and other disabling illnesses.

**HARRINGTON PARK REMEMBERS
HELP SUPPORT OUR LOCAL
TROOPS**

YELLOW RIBBON CAMPAIGN

Show your support for Harrington Park men in Iraq and Afghanistan by displaying a YELLOW RIBBON on your home. These yellow ribbons are free to our residents and have been donated by local organizations. The goal of the Yellow Ribbon Campaign is to have as many homes as possible displaying the ribbons in support of our men when they come home. Please show your support. Email travhp@aol.com or call 201-394-4089. If you are unable to hang the Yellow Ribbon yourself, please let us know and we will have someone do it for you. Harrington Park Remembers is still receiving donations:

Please send your donations to:

Harrington Park Remembers
PO Box 20
Harrington Park, New Jersey
07640

Or call Joanne Scalpello
(Travel of HP) 201-394-4089

We gratefully accept monetary donations, letters or cards to the servicemen. Phone cards may be dropped off at:

Travel of Harrington Park
Travel Agency

Our Servicemen truly appreciate
your donations!

Staff Sgt. Brian McElroy
Sgt. Nicholas Colletti



RECREATION COMMISSION

Chris Apostle, Chair 201-767-0779

Look for additional information:

www.hp-sports.org

Help support HP's Sports Program

Save the date....

March 24-

2nd Annual Casino

Night

Look for details in
next month's
newsletter or on our
Website

www.hp-sports.org email Scott
Weiner adalex@optonline.net



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Rev. Diane Lynn Rhodes Interim Rector
201-768-0819

standrewhp@gmail.com

www.standrewsharringtonpark.org

Sun. Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10 AM

Sunday School at 9:45 AM

Wednesday Holy Eucharist 12:15 PM

Inter-Religious Fellowship

Homeless Shelter

Saturday evenings. All help welcomed
and appreciated.

Call Paul Shackford 201-768-6885

**Our Lady of Victories
Roman Catholic Church**

Fr. Bryan Adamcik
Deacon Al McLaughlin
201-768-1706

Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday Dinner

February 24 6pm. Featuring some
New Orleans fare. Contact
Greg Evanella at nvot78@yahoo.com

Community Church

Reverend Kaden: 201-768-2457
cchp@verizon.net

***Continued from Mayor's
Desk
(Back page)....***

CAN YOU HELP US OUT?

We are still looking for
volunteers to help with driving our
Senior Van.

In addition, the Meals on
Wheels project is looking for
people willing to give two (2)
hours per month to help deliver
meals to local shut-ins.

If you have
the interest
and/or time, we are
still looking to
update our list of
crossing guards and
substitute crossing
guards.



If interested, in any of these
positions please call Borough Hall
at 201-768-1700

~~~~~**Paul A. Hoelscher,**  
**Mayor**



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201-767-3740  
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crmelec@verizon.net  
Michael Casenta & Colleen Connors Casenta

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1 Park Street, Suite 1 Harr. Pk.  
201-768-0106  
James H. Dykstra

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[www.princeofpeacej.org](http://www.princeofpeacej.org)

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 Bill Miller

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[hpnewsletter@optonline.net](mailto:hpnewsletter@optonline.net)

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**NEWSLETTER....MAILED OR E-MAILED?...****let us know your OPINION.**

As part of the budget process every opportunity to cut spending is being reviewed. The Newsletter you are currently reading may be cut back and/or eliminated as of the May 2009 issue; posting it only on the Borough website.

The yearly cost to print the Newsletter is \$7750 (2008 figure), mailing to the residents is \$2600 (2008 figure). A total expenditure of \$10,350 which is subsidized by our local advertisers by \$6840 (2008 figure). The net cost of the Newsletter is therefore a total of \$3510/ per year (10 issues).

My question to you is...."Should we continue the Newsletter in its present format, mailed to your home, or should we just have it available on the Borough website?"

PLEASE let us know your thoughts.

Contact us via:

**E-mail:** [hpnewsletter@optonline.net](mailto:hpnewsletter@optonline.net)

**Tel:** **201-768-1714**

**Fax:** **201-768-3038**

Or mail us your written comments!

Thank you...  
 Paul A. Hoelscher

## ***From the Mayor's Desk...***

### **THE 2009 BUDGET PROCESS**

On Wednesday, January 14, 2009, I took part in the Mayor's Legislative Day in Trenton. There was nothing that I heard from Governor Corzine that leads me to believe there will be much help (standard State aid) coming from Trenton.

Following this event, I wrote to our State Senator and both of our representatives in the Assembly asking them to oppose any "unfunded State mandates" and to pursue real property tax reform.

The good news is that our new contract for waste removal will save us a tremendous amount of money. This will help offset our potential loss of State Aid. Please know we (Mayor and Council) are working hard to trim the municipal portion of your tax bill.

### **MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE**

In an attempt to take advantage of potential funding in an *Municipal Economic Stimulus Package*, the Borough has submitted to Congress six (6) "Ready-to Go" projects for consideration. They total \$5,324,600 and include the following:

- HP Municipal Building (Addition & Renovations)
- Pondside Park Field Expansion and Pond Dredging
- Roadway Repaving Program
- Watercourse Clearing Project
- DPW Required Work

While there is no guarantee we will secure any funding, but I feel it is well worth the effort to at least apply for consideration.

### **HUMC/ PASCACK VALLEY HOSPITAL UPDATE**

It is a slow and arduous journey, but we are making progress. On Wednesday, January 21, 2009, I attended a meeting in Westwood that featured representatives from HUMC and Legacy Hospital Partners Inc. There were approximately 100 people also present. The "open" portion of the meeting was a testimony to the public support of this project.

The following day I was in Trenton at the Governor's office, with three other area mayors, representatives of HUMC and the business sector to present our position in support of the "Certificate of Need" that must be approved before the hospital can be re-opened. We are probably two months away from the open public meeting notice.

If you have any stories or incidents to report that support our effort to secure the "Certificate of Need" please send them to me if you are unable to attend the public hearing.

### **SHARED SERVICES UPDATE**

Discussions continue with the Borough of Closter, Norwood and Northvale regarding shared service agreements. I am pleased to report progress is being made in two areas.

We are close to an agreement with Closter regarding the use of their fuel facility for both gasoline and diesel. In addition, our discussions with Norwood and Northvale continue. We met again on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 regarding a joint venture to develop an agreement to share services within our Building Departments. We have asked the County for funding to secure a feasibility study related to this effort.

In another attempt to save tax dollars, I attended a meeting with Dr. Fried, members of the school community and Borough representatives to review areas where we can cooperate to save your tax dollars. Ten possible areas were reviewed and there is already positive movement to coordinate our needs.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION**

On Thursday, January 22, 2009, Councilwoman Dunlea and I attended the CD meeting in Dumont. Our application was in the amount of \$12,500. This includes \$4000 for Senior Citizen activities, as well as \$8500 for our share of the costs of the Senior Van Driver.

As you may already know, we share the Senior Van with Haworth. The use of the van service has increased greatly during the past two years. The same can be said regarding Senior Citizen Activities. If you have the time, you should join us on some of our trips and lunches. Please call for details.