



BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE

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John V. Lane
Mayor

Letter from Mayor Lane

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Dear Resident,

Today, in honor of the 150th Anniversary of Arbor Day, the Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission planted a tree on the grounds of the library. Thank you to the Shade Tree Commission, our Arborist, Kevin Alberta, and the Passaic County Technical Institute's media class, who videotaped the program and celebration.

Tomorrow at 9:30am is "Opening Day" for Hawthorne Baseball/Softball at the Wagaraw Fields. The Ambulance Corps will be doing a Tag Day in town, the Environmental Commission celebrates "Cel-Earth-Bration" at the pool grounds from 10am to 2pm, and Chamber of Commerce Member Ten86 Cigars will have their Grand Opening at 3pm at 1086 Goffle Road.

Annual hydrant-flushing will begin in town the week of May 2 and will continue for the next six weeks. The work will be done daily during regular business hours. There will be no interruption in service, but you may possibly experience a slight discoloration of your water or experience a drop in water pressure. If you do see a discoloration in the water, please let your tap run for a few minutes until it clears up.

This spring the Hawthorne Junior Police Academy celebrated its 24th year! I want to thank Sergeant Nick Tafuri and Sergeant Nick Robert for running a terrific program for our youth. Graduation is this Tuesday May 3.

I've personally witnessed numerous Gazette newspapers littering the streets of our town. I have instructed our property maintenance inspectors to follow up and issue summonses to the delivery people who throw the papers with little or no care. I am waiting for a return call from the Gazette so that I can speak with them directly regarding the unacceptable way the newspapers are delivered.

If you are planning to participate in the "Town-Wide Garage Sale" on Saturday, May 14, please submit your form to my office no later than Monday, May 2 at noon in order to be included in the master list of participating addresses.

Just a reminder that the new updated plans are in the office for the Goffle Road development. If you would like to review them prior to the May 3 meeting, please call Ellen at 973-427-1168 for an appointment.

I want to thank all the residents and businesses for doing their part to recycle. Our Recycling Coordinator, Maureen Cook, reports that in 2021 Hawthorne recycled over 16,000 tons of material. Thank you all for working towards saving our environment.

Last weekend two young ladies from Hawthorne participated at the Hershey Nations in the Youth Division and they won first place! Congratulations to the Cheernasium squad, and in particular to Khloe Stonehouse and Madison Khoury.

Last weekend our Environmental Commission and Green Team hosted a bird walk in Goffle Brook Park. While I wasn't able to join, I was told that it was great and very informative; not only were a variety of birds spotted, turtles were lounging on a fallen tree, and groundhogs were spotted across the brook. A few additional bird watching programs are planned; please go to the Borough website for details. Thank you to Environmental Commission members Lisa DeVos and Holly Cowen who led the walk, and to Veronica MacDonald Ditko of the Hawthorne Historical Society for providing some history of the park along the way.

Also last weekend the Hawthorne Soccer Association celebrated Earth Day by sponsoring a Wagaraw Field Complex and Riverwalk cleanup event, and the children at the Learning Tree Preschool did a cleanup at the Municipal Pool and at the 8-Acre Woods. Again, thank you for taking care of Hawthorne.

Last Wednesday evening the Hawthorne Municipal Alliance hosted "Dinner and Entertainment with the Mayor" for our Hawthorne Senior Citizens. I want to thank our Municipal Alliance Coordinator Lori Fernandez, Chairperson Nancy Agnello, the entire Municipal Alliance team, and Hawthorne High School for hosting the delicious dinner and providing the wonderful entertainment. It was a great night. As a reminder, lunch is provided weekdays at the Nutrition Center at the Ambulance Corps building for Hawthorne Senior Citizens; May's menu is posted on our website.

A couple of weeks ago I was invited to read to Mrs. Jarotski's second grade class at Roosevelt School. It was a special morning, and I want to thank Mrs. Jarotski and the students for the invitation. I look forward to being invited to read again in the future.

A few things to look forward to next week: On Monday at 1pm, the Borough will dedicate a portion of McKinley Avenue in honor of MoMM3C Francis J. Zinn, U.S. Navy who was killed in action in 1944. We will meet at the corner of Lafayette Avenue and McKinley Avenue. That evening we will raise the "Mental Health Awareness" flag at 5pm at the Municipal Complex at 970 Goffle Road (the Ambulance Corps location). Please join us.

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Mayor John V. Lane