



BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE

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John V. Lane
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Letter from Mayor Lane

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Dear Resident,

As you know, we have a terrific complex at the corner of May Street and Wagaraw Road, which includes our Municipal Pool, Boro Bandshell, Little Franklin ballfield, tennis courts, and a newly constructed playground. I am pleased to announce a community-wide contest to “Name the Park” to give this complex a proper name. I invite all Borough residents to submit your idea to us at namethepark@hawthornenj.org. Residents are limited to one entry per person, and the submission must include your name, address, email and telephone number along with your entry. Failure to include this information may void your entry. The contest will run from midnight tonight until Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 11:59pm. The judging committee will review all valid submissions and choose a winner. If duplicate name suggestions are received, only the first received entry will be counted. The winner will be announced at Hawthorne Day on September 24, 2022, and a sign bearing the winning name will be unveiled. Prizes will also be awarded to “honorable mentions”. Borough employees, elected Borough officials, members of the judging committee, and their immediate families may enter the contest, but are not eligible for a prize.

Hawthorne’s own Abigail Camacho, a Junior at Hawthorne Christian Academy and a soprano 1, has been chosen to perform with the 2022 New Jersey All-State Mixed Chorus. Abigail auditioned and was chosen from a very large pool of talented high school vocalists throughout the State of New Jersey. This fall Abigail will be performing in special concert performances in Atlantic City and at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. Congratulations, Abigail, you have made us all very proud! Best of luck!

Congratulations to the 5/6 Boys Lacrosse team for winning the “Battle of the Brook” Championship last Sunday and bringing home the trophy. Congratulations on a great 21-2 season! We are proud of you.

The Boro Bandshell 2022 Summer of Fun Concert Series schedule is attached. On the first day of summer, Tuesday, June 21, at 7pm, the Boro Bandshell will feature the *Soul Cruisers*. I want to thank our Chairman, Michael Pasquale, and the Boro Bandshell Committee for their hard work in planning to bring a great program of entertainment to the bandshell this summer.

The St. Anthony’s Feast continues through Saturday night. Come out and celebrate and enjoy the food and entertainment.

The Pool will be open this weekend, June 11 & 12, and the weekend of June 18 & 19 from 11am to 8pm. Beginning Monday, June 20, the pool will be open weekdays at 10am for Adult Swim only, and at 11am it will open for general swim (with weekend hours 11am to 8pm, and no Adult Swim). Just a reminder, that the whistle will blow at 7:45pm, giving swimmers time to exit the water, gather their belongings, and exit the pool area by 8pm.

This Tuesday, June 14, we will be naming a street in honor of Private First Class James P. McGrath, United States Army, who was killed in action during World War II. The dedication will take place at the corner of Dixie Avenue and Lincoln Avenue. Please join us at 1pm as we honor our serviceman.

The Hawthorne Police Department is now taking applications for Leadership Camp (August 15-19), which is for students entering 6th grade at Lincoln Middle School. For more information and for the registration form, please go to www.hawthornenj.org/police

Just a reminder that the Hawthorne Police Department and the Hawthorne Municipal Alliance will present a Bike Rodeo on Saturday, June 25 at 10am in the Police Headquarters parking lot. Bike safety education, skills course, registration/engraving, free bicycle locks, and certified child safety seat inspections will be offered.

The Chamber of Commerce Farmers' Market will be starting on Sunday, June 26, in the parking lot of the Louis Bay 2nd Library from 10am to 1:30pm. The Market will continue through October 30.

Lastly, just to update you, the new lighting around the pool grounds is 90% complete; please don't forget about the new playground for our children and tennis courts that are available daily for your use. Work at the ballfields has been completed, and our DPW is doing ongoing maintenance to keep the fields in top shape. The lacrosse program has completed their season, and the field has now been filled with top soil and seed for the upcoming football season.

Our NPP Coordinator and Stakeholders have reported that work continues in the NPP district. Due to delays in the manufacturing of the planter brackets for the light posts, temporary brackets are being created and installed, and hanging baskets will be hung in the next week or so. Planters will also be placed at the pool complex as part of the beautification of that area as well.

Enjoy the weekend.

Sincerely,

Mayor John V. Lane