



BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE

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John V. Lane
Mayor

Letter from Mayor Lane

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Dear Resident,

Another great day for Hawthorne's finest. Yesterday our Police Department received approval as an Accredited Agency. An agency voluntarily enters the accreditation program and is evaluated by independent assessors from the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. The highly trained assessors verify an agency is following all policies and procedures set forth by the Attorney General, the County Prosecutors Office and that the agency is operationally effective meeting the highest standard in law enforcement. In November 2020 the Hawthorne Police Department began to prepare for accreditation. After many months of preparation, the Department was inspected in December 2021. A final hearing was scheduled for March 10, 2022 and attended by Chief James W. Knepper and Detective/Lieutenant Matthew Hoogmoed. All inquiries asked by the Accreditation Commission Review Board were answered satisfactorily, and the Commission voted unanimously approving the Hawthorne Police Department as an Accredited Agency.

There will be a prayer vigil for peace in Ukraine on Friday night, March 18, at 7pm at St. Anthony Roman Catholic Church. There will be clergy from St. Anthony's, St. Clement's, Hawthorne Gospel Church, and a Ukrainian church in Passaic; a Ukrainian children's choir from Passaic will sing. I ask you to come out and show our support for the people in Ukraine.

Another great accomplishment by our Hawthorne Sundevils Roller Hockey. The Senior and Junior teams both won the North Jersey Roller Hockey League Championship this past week. Congratulations! You have made Hawthorne proud.

The developer on Goffle Road has asked the Planning Board for an extension for their hearing. The developers are redoing the project as per the questions that were asked at the last meeting in February. The Planning Board did approve the extension request to the developer. As soon as I receive the new plans, I will put out a notice on social media and on the Borough website, letting you know that the plans are here and if you would like to review them, you will be able to call my office to make an appointment. My number is 973-427-1168.

I again met with the manager of the Hawthorne Post Office. We are continuing the dialogue on how to improve services for our residents. There are two new window clerks to help you when you go to the post office. I received several emails regarding the progress that we have so far made, and I have been told that "The two post office clerks are, to say the least, lovely. They accommodate above and beyond."

The Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission will be holding an Arbor Day tree planting on April 30, 2022 at the Hawthorne Pool. More information to come.

The Hawthorne Municipal Alliance will be hosting dinner and entertainment at Hawthorne High School for our Hawthorne senior citizens on Wednesday, April 27. More information to follow. Please call the Municipal Alliance Coordinator for details and to RSVP at 973-427-4493.

The Registration Form and accompanying information is now on the website for the Town-Wide Garage Sale set for Saturday, May 14. You can find the information on the front-page drop-down menu "About Hawthorne" "Community Events" "Town-Wide Garage Sale".

The Borough of Hawthorne will be holding our Memorial Day Service and Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30th. Mark your calendars and come out and support all of the people marching. More information to come as time gets closer.

The total number of Covid-19 positive cases since 3-04-2022 is 17. I would like to share with everyone some good news regarding Covid-19 cases in the Borough. Because of our Hawthorne residents working responsibly to get this very bad virus under control, the three-month comparison of positive cases is as follows: December 2021 - 1,039 positive cases; January 2022 - 744 positive cases; February 2022 - 107 positive cases. A big thank you to everyone for the good work that you are all doing.

Enjoy your weekend and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Mayor John V. Lane