



## BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE

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*John V. Lane*  
Mayor

### Letter from Mayor Lane

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Dear Resident,

Borough Hall has been without air conditioning for a couple of weeks now. The system is being worked on and repairs should be completed today. This means Borough Hall should be back to normal staffing next week. I appreciate the public's patience during these last few weeks as some of our staff members, given the extreme temperatures in the building, were relocated off site for portions of each day. I would also like to extend my thanks to our Borough employees for their dedication and flexibility as they worked under difficult conditions, during two of this summer's hottest weeks.

Tax bills have been mailed. If you have **not** received your tax bill, please contact the Borough tax office. The grace period for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter taxes has been extended to September 12, 2022. **Please note, if the tax quarter isn't paid on or before the close of business on September 12, 2022, then interest will revert back to August 1, 2022 as per State Statute.**

If you live near Lincoln Middle School you may have seen – or heard – the NJ State Police helicopter landing this past Monday. This landing marks the official kickoff of the Police Department's week-long Leadership Camp program. Leadership Camp is for incoming LMS sixth graders, and is designed to assist the incoming sixth grade students with the middle school environment including school layout, classroom and locker organization, how to use a combination lock, the new academic curriculum and grading system, while promoting leadership and team building. This year 103 students participated in the program. Students were split among four teams- blue, orange, red and tan. Teams compete in various events during the week to earn points for their team. This year the winner was the red team! Congratulations red team! I was happy to be part of the culmination ceremony this afternoon and want to again congratulate the 2022 Leadership Camp campers. Thank you to our police and emergency personnel for once again providing a terrific experience for our students.

As many of you know, when you call my office, you are often greeted by my Administrative Assistant, Ellen Brogno. What you might not know is Ellen is an avid quilter. She recently entered two quilts in to the NJ State Fair and Sussex County Farm & Horse Show. Her first quilt, "Golden Days" won a blue ribbon in its category and overall, it won First Place and Best of Show for 2022. The second quilt, a wall hanging called "My Small World" won second place in its division. Congratulations Ellen!

On Saturday, August 20, the Hawthorne Cubs PeeWee Football team will face off in a scrimmage against Pompton Lakes Riverdale at MetLife stadium. Additional information about the event can be found on the Cubs website at <http://hawthornecubs.org/index.html>. Good luck Peewees – **GO CUBS!**

Saturday will also mark the start of the 13th annual Mark Sasso Softball Fundraiser. The annual event, hosted by Hawthorne's own ESPN host, Don La Greca, features a round robin tournament with the winning team going up against an ESPN team. Games start at 9:00 am, and all proceeds from the event help make the Mark A. Sasso Memorial Scholarship Foundation possible. For more information, contact Councilwoman Anna Marie Sasso at [amsasso@remax.net](mailto:amsasso@remax.net).

This Sunday, August 23, 2022, the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce will host their 10<sup>th</sup> annual Classic Car show in conjunction with the Hawthorne's Farmer's Market. The event, which features classic cars, motorcycles and trucks, is free to enter and free to attend. Registration begins at 9:00 am and showtime runs 10:00 am through 1:30 pm. Trophies will be awarded for various categories.

The Passaic County Surrogate will be at Borough Hall on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 from 5:00pm until 7:00 pm for will/probate services. The County Clerk will be here on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm for passports and other services. Appointments may be made in advance through the county's website at [www.passaiccountynj.org](http://www.passaiccountynj.org).

Our annual 9/11 Service will begin at 6:30 pm on Sunday, September 11, 2022 at the 9/11 site located on the corner of Lafayette Avenue and Goffle Road. This year's guest speaker is Assemblyman Brian Bergen. Please join us.

The Borough's 13<sup>th</sup> annual Hawthorne Day event will take place on Saturday, September 24, 2022 from 12:00 pm until 8:00 pm with fireworks at dark. If you are interested in being a vendor or sponsor for this event, please reach out to Ellen at 973-427-1168.

Our Food Pantry is currently accepting donations of nonperishable, dry, and/or canned food items such as cereal and pasta sauce. To those who have already donated, I thank you. In addition, the Borough is now accepting donations of dog and cat food for the PCSPCA animal food pantry. You may bring unopened, non-perishable dog/cat food to the PCSPCA drop box in the lobby at Borough Hall. For more information, or for those in need of food, please call 973-427-4011.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Mayor John V. Lane