



BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE

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John V. Lane
Mayor

Letter from Mayor Lane

11-4-2022

Dear Resident,

Congratulations to Hawthorne resident Angela Appiah-Kubi for being named the 2022-2023 Governor's STEM Scholar. Angela is pursuing her degree in biotechnology/molecular biology to research and develop treatments for cancer at Kean University. Angela's resume is quite impressive, as she has also participated in the Biotech Club, Tri-Beta Honors Society, STEM outreach program and Women in STEM club. She's been awarded the Lamda Alpha Sigma Honors award for academic excellence and has appeared on the Dean's List every semester. Her future plans are to receive a Ph.D. in cancer biology and aid in the development of new and effective treatments for glioblastomas and other cancers. We are so very proud of you, Angela!

I want to acknowledge our exceptional police department and first responders. Very early last Saturday morning, a motor vehicle collision occurred on Goffle Road, near Mohawk Avenue. The driver of the car struck a pole, and the car ignited, trapping the driver inside his car. Our Hawthorne Police, Fire, and Ambulance Corps responded. Police Officers Tom Hughes and Jason Minch extracted the driver from his burning vehicle, who was attended to by our ambulance corps, while the fire was extinguished by our fire department. We are so grateful to have all of you serving our town.

Later Saturday afternoon, Hawthorne residents Kristen Graham and Lindsay Gordon entered their dogs in the Essex County *Strut Your Mutt* costume parade. Sadie, Benji, Ollie and Rinny were dressed as the three little pigs and the Big Bad Wolf. They won first place in the Group Costume category! On Sunday the group again competed in the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce's *Howl-O-Ween* costume contest and won. Congratulations to all!

The Hawthorne Soccer Association Division 3 Girls Pirates shut out Ridgewood Fire with a 5-0 win on Saturday night. Congratulations to the team on a great win!

Just a few reminders: as of Tuesday, November 1, property taxes are due. You have until 4pm Thursday, November 10, to pay your taxes without incurring an interest penalty.

Grass and other yard waste collection at the curb has ended; however, on your regular "yard waste" day, bagged leaves at the curb will be picked up. Leaf pick up in the street will be according to the leaf schedule which is on page 17 of your Borough calendar and attached to my letter.

This Sunday, November 6, at 2am the clocks go back one hour as daylight savings time ends. As our evenings will get darker earlier, please drive safety and be on the lookout for people walking and crossing the streets. Also, it's a good time to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Please don't forget to go to the polls on Election Day (this Tuesday, November 8) for the General Election and School Board Election. The polls are open from 6am to 8pm.

On Friday, November 11, the Borough and the Louis Bay 2nd Library will be closed for Veterans Day; the Recycling Center will be open. At 11am we will have our annual Veterans Day Service on the front steps of Borough Hall, followed by a street dedication on the corner of Rea Avenue and First Avenue at 1pm in honor of WWII Flight Officer Leo A. Braddell who was killed in action. Please join us as we honor our Veterans.

The 14th Annual Operation Toy Train, in conjunction with the NYS&W Railway, will roll into Hawthorne on Saturday, December 10 from 10am to 10:30am. The Marine Corp's *Toys for Tots* program really makes a difference in the lives of the less fortunate children at this holiday season. We will be collecting unwrapped toys in our lobby until Friday, December 9.

Enjoy the weekend, the expected warm weather, and continue to stay safe.

Sincerely,

Mayor John V. Lane