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Assessing the Quality Education Act of 1990

Over the summer months, the Pascack Valley Mayors Association has been meeting with the local Presidents of the Boards of Education and the respective Superintendents of Schools. The purpose of these meetings has been to evaluate the impact that the Quality Education Act of 1990 will have on our communities.

The exact figures necessary for this evaluation have just recently become available and they are being worked on by the Business Administrators and the School Superintendents. Their report will be available by the end of October.

However, let me make you aware of what we know. The educational financing plan adopted in June by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor, will deal every property taxpayer in Hillsdale a double blow.

Under the new state school aid plan (the broadest redistribution of state school money in New Jersey history), general education aid to communities considered the most affluent in the state, such as Hillsdale, will be eliminated after four successive school years beginning with 1992-1993. Hillsdale, whose affluence the state measures by a combination of property wealth and average income, will be left only with aid for specific activities like bilingual education, transportation and special education. The state aid lost by Hillsdale and Pascack Valley school

districts will be distributed among school districts considered to be the less affluent communities in the state.

The second part of the two-edged sword will begin this coming year when the Hillsdale Elementary School District and the Pascack Valley Regional High School District will assume pension and social security costs for their employees. These costs currently are paid by the state.

In the 1991-92 school year transition aid will be given our schools to assist in payment of pension and social security costs. Then, in 1992, this aid will begin disappearing at a rate of 25% a year.

This loss of millions of dollars per year in state aid to Hillsdale and Pascack Valley School Districts would have to be replaced by local tax dollars.

Although your municipal and school officials are still in the process of determining the impact this loss of state aid will have on your property tax, we believe it will be quite significant.

I wanted you to know that the mayors in the Valley and the School Boards in the Valley are working together to address this significant change in funding education and to determine the effect it will have on our taxpayers. We intend to keep you informed and ask for your support in this effort.

Robert T. Elder, Mayor

Stonybrook Renovations

Renovation of the Stonybrook Swim Club will start shortly with the demolition of the old main building to make room for the construction of a new administration building and pavilions.

Bids for the first of two contracts are due in mid-September. Assuming they fall within cost estimates work will begin on the removal of the existing buildings, site grading, parking lot construction, and the building foundation for the administration building and the pavilions will begin in early to mid-October.

The second contract which is expected to be awarded in October, will include construction of the administration building and miscellaneous improvements related to that facility.

Total cost of the project is estimated to be \$350-375,000. Funding will come from the \$1.35 million received from the sale of a portion of Stonybrook.



The Autumn Leaves



You will find an orange insert included in this edition of the Hillsdale Newsletter. Please read it carefully. It will give you the schedule of dates when leaves will be picked up in your area, including a map, and outlines in detail the collection procedures that must be followed along with safety tips that will prevent personal injury or property damage.

ADDITIONAL INSERTS INCLUDE:

Your new recycling schedule for October, November, December, and January. Post it in a convenient location for future use.

A Halloween flyer giving all details on this year's Halloween parade sponsored by the Recreation Commission.

HANDICAPPED PARKING Severe Rules To Be Enforced

Two bills signed by Governor Kean late last year have put real teeth into laws controlling abuse of handicapped parking spaces.

Today penalties under the new bill set a \$100.00 fine for first offenders and, for repeat offenders, an additional \$100.00 fine plus community service.

Those callous enough to ignore the necessity for the handicapped to have easy access to their destination should know that these laws apply to both public and private property. Also, under certain conditions handicapped persons can request the illegally parked vehicles to be towed away by law enforcement authorities.

The new law also requires the Chief of Police to include an expiration date on all temporary handicapped parking placards. These placards can be renewed upon expiration. Overtime parking violations by the handicapped themselves will be exempt only when the handicapped person is either the driver or a passenger in the vehicle.

The penalty provisions of these new laws are required to be posted on all handicapped parking signs in order to provide the public and the law enforcement community with a clear understanding of their responsibilities in

this area. All motorists will be informed of the consequences of violating the handicapped parking laws, and the signs will help to ensure that the needs of the handicapped will be met.

Vegetation Added to Recycling Recycling Gets Better Vegetation Added to Collectibles

In addition to grass which was added to our recyclable materials this spring, Hillsdale residents are now able to recycle other vegetation such as plants, brush, small branches and limbs. These items may be placed in garbage cans or tied together in small bundles for curbside collection on Thursday or Friday, whichever is your second day of collection.

In addition, grass and vegetation waste may be dropped off at the DPW garage from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM on Saturdays.

By recycling grass, leaves, and other plant materials Hillsdale can reduce the amount of solid waste by approximately 30%, saving more than \$50.00 per ton off a disposal cost of \$124.00 per ton amounting to a saving of **more than \$100,000 a year.**

Please call the Public Works Department at 358-5053 with any questions or suggestions you may have about the recycling program.

Join Your Friends and Neighbors In Making a Lasting Gift to Your Hometown

Pride in Hillsdale and a deep appreciation for the role it has played in their lives plus the desire to have their names recorded in the history of their hometown — these have been the motivating factors for more than 20 residents, businesses, and civic associations to become sponsors of one of the Victorian Lights that will shortly be installed in the center of town.

According to Elizabeth Rotar, Borough Clerk, who is helping in assigning the location of the lights:

"We're hearing from three basic elements in the community — residents who have a strong affection for Hillsdale, and this includes some who, although they have moved away, still consider Hillsdale their hometown and want to be remembered; also, our civic associations which have always contributed to the

growth of the community; and the members of the Chamber of Commerce and businesses which are proud of their place in the community and respect their reputation as good citizens."

A brass plaque bearing the name of the individual, group or business contributing the Victorian light will be mounted in a prominent place on each light. It may be inscribed "Donated by", "In memory of", or any suitable inscription selected by the donor. The price of each light is \$1500 payable in 3 equal installments of \$500 each.

The lighting plan for the downtown area is on display in the lobby of Borough Hall. The plan shows all the lights that are available for sponsorship, on both the main streets of town and on the path through Memorial Park.

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Fill in the information requested below and mail or deliver to Borough Hall:

Yes, I wish to purchase _____ Victorian Light(s) at the price of \$1500 each.

(Payment may be made in 3 installments of \$500 each.)

I (we) would like the brass commemorative plaque to read as follows:

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ _____ . (\$500 deposit required).

The balance due is \$ _____ .

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

(Mail to: Elizabeth F. Rotar, Borough Clerk, Municipal Building, 380 Hillsdale Ave., Hillsdale, N.J. 07642.)

Hillsdale Police Present Crime Prevention Program

Have Your Premises Inspected

Hillsdale residents are encouraged to call the Police Department (664-4200) to arrange for a visit to your home or business by an officer trained in crime prevention techniques.

Crime Prevention Officer Donald Reiman will survey the premises to determine how they can be made more burglar-proof. He will provide a suggestion sheet for each of the premises visited and give the owners important information on locks, lighting and burglar alarm systems. He will also be sure that the burglar alarm systems are registered with the Police Department.

Information on burglar alarm systems and registration forms are available at Police Headquarters.

For Outside Security

Shrubbery around the basement and first floor windows should be trimmed low enough so that it cannot be used as cover by a burglar who may attempt to enter your home or business. Also, lighting along the walkway shrubbery will prevent someone from using these bushes for cover. Spotlights equipped with motion sensors around the house or building are also recommended.

Dead bolts should be installed on all external doors. All windows that are easily accessible from the outside should be locked with a keyed window latch when you are not at home.

Tell-tale signs of a vacant home, for a long vacation or a short period of time, should be avoided. The accumulation of mail and newspapers, electric

lights left on when they should be off, well-mowed lawns that are left untended, these are all signs of a vacant home. Ladders and outdoor furniture should not be left around your building. They can easily be used to gain access to your home or office.

For Inside Security

During daylight hours when you are not at home, turn the bell on your telephone off, but leave your radio on loud enough to be heard from outside your windows and doors.

Adjust curtains, drapes, shades and blinds to prevent anyone from looking in your windows. Basement windows, especially, should be covered.

Planning a Vacation? Going Away? Register Your Home

The Hillsdale Police Department provides a superior service whereby its patrols periodically check homes that are on the vacant house list.

In order to have your home checked by the police you must personally register at police headquarters providing them with the dates the house will be empty. For obvious security reasons, the Police Department cannot accept this information over the telephone.

For Any Emergency and for All Information Regarding Crime Prevention

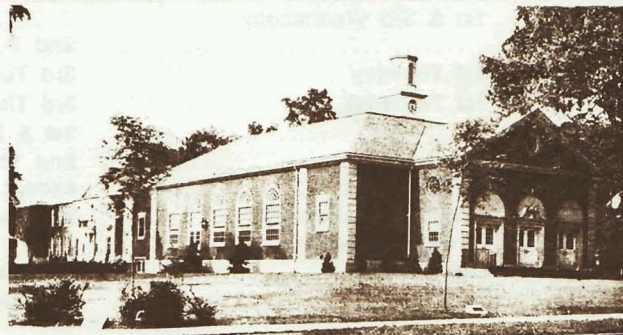
Please call the Hillsdale Police Department—664-4200.

HILLSDALE

JUST 50 YEARS BACK

42 YEARS A MUNICIPALITY

17 YEARS A BOROUGH



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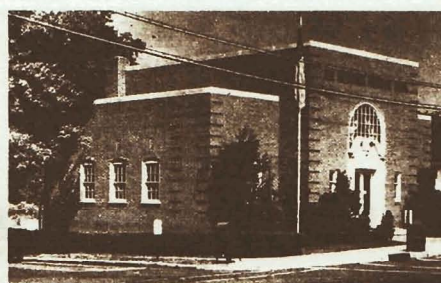
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1. *George G. White School*-the new auditorium
2. *Methodist Church*-already 64 years of service
3. *Borough Hall*-upstairs to the offices

4. *St. John the Baptist Church*-15 years after Riley property donated
5. *Bank of Hillsdale*-four years in its own building
6. *Holy Trinity Episcopal Church*-moved from Park St. at the railroad

Hillsdale's Streets and Roads — An Update

Wierimus Road/Hillsdale Avenue Intersection

Recent work on this county intersection improvement project has included the realignment of Melville Road, and the construction of drainage improvements. Despite conflicts with utility pole relocations and a high voltage underground electric cable, the project should be completed before the end of the year.

Parkview Drive Railroad Crossing

Construction improvements, including the installation of curbing, new pavement, and signing and striping, were constructed at the Parkview Drive Railroad Crossing. Gates and an advance warning signal design have been completed and are scheduled to be installed in October. The project was a joint venture between the Borough of Hillsdale, the N.J. Dept. of Transportation and N.J. Transit.

1990 - 91 Street Improvement Programs

Under the 1990 Street Improvement Program, the Borough has reconstructed Beech and Evergreen Streets, and repaved Windham Drive, Forest Drive, Loretta Street, David Court, Sebastian Court, and Everdell Avenue. Although the top pavement courses on Beech Street and Evergreen Street were delayed by the utility companies in relocating their poles, all work was completed by the first week in September.

The New Jersey Department of Transportation has contributed \$90,000, or 30% of the total construction cost.

1991 Project Applications

Hillsdale has applied to the New Jersey Dept. of Transportation for state aid for three 1991 projects, with the goal of one reconstruction project being selected. The proposed applications are: 1. Columbus Avenue, Vincent Street, and Howell Avenue (Joint project with Woodcliff Lake); 2. Legion Place; 3. Riverdale Street.

Lost and Found

Missing Your Bike? The Police Department is holding a number of bicycles. Anyone who has lost a bicycle or a dirt bike should contact Police Headquarters at 664-4200. All bicycles that are not claimed will be sold at public auction.

ITEMS FOUND AFTER THE FOURTH OF JULY

1. A Mason Coin in Lodge 273. Inscription dated 1919. Edward T. Lovatt
2. A key on an orange-colored key clip

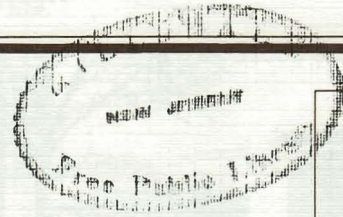
CALL POLICE HEADQUARTERS — 664-4200

BOROUGH MEETING CALENDAR

Council/Boards/Commissions	Agenda Work Sessions	Regular Public Meetings	Time
Mayor & Council	1st & 3rd Wednesday	7:15 P.M.
Planning Board	1st Tuesday	2nd Tuesday	8:00 P.M.
Zoning Board	1st Thursday	3rd Tuesday	8:00 P.M.
Swim. Pool Commission	3rd Thursday	8:00 P.M.
Recreation Commission	1st & 3rd Tuesday	8:00 P.M.
Environmental Commission	1 week subsequent to regular meeting	2nd Thursday	7:45 P.M.
Board of Health	Last Monday	except Nov. 5th Thursday	8:00 P.M.
Hillsdale Library	3rd Thursday	8:00 P.M.
		1st Monday	8:00 P.M.
		2nd Wednesday	8:00 P.M.

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