

Council Fights Sal-Car Expansion

■ The proposed expansion by Sal-Car Transfer Systems on Patterson Street has been met with strong opposition from the Borough Council. Faced with a proposal by the Bergen County Utilities Authority that would allow Sal-Car to triple the amount of waste currently being processed, the Council passed a strongly worded resolution highly critical of the action by the BCUA and called their proposal "factually incorrect".

■ The resolution decried adding to already overburdened streets, further destruction to the quality of the environment, the unconscionable increase in the amount of waste to be processed, and the arrogant manner in which the Authority ignored any discussion with the Borough itself.

■ The resolution in part reads: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the Borough of Hillsdale does hereby categorically object to the inclusion of Sal-Car Transfer Systems, Incorporated within the Bergen County Solid Waste Management Plan at a capacity of 1,000 tons per day

under any circumstances, but particularly without the prior approval of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy and without the execution of a Host Community Agreement, and will pursue all legal and equitable remedies at its disposal to defeat the proposed amendment."

Additional action was taken at a hearing held by the BCUA to listen to public comment on its proposed solid waste management plan. Held in Little Ferry on September 26, the hearing was attended by several hundred citizens including a number of representatives from Hillsdale.

Borough Attorney Thomas Randall raised several serious legal points with the commissioners. In addition, Councilman Douglas Groner expressed the attitude of the Hillsdale governing body when he told the Authority:

"The people of Hillsdale have been held hostage by this operation for far too long. The Mayor and Council are determined to do whatever is necessary to stop any further expansion."

Mental Health Center Celebrates 20th Anniversary

This fall the Pascack Mental Health Center will celebrate its 20th anniversary. In honor of the occasion, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale have proclaimed October to be "Pascack Mental Health Center Month".

The Pascack Mental Health Center was founded in 1971 and is a non-profit community service offering mental health services to those who live and work in Hillsdale and the surrounding Pascack Valley communities.

Located at 114 Kinderkamack Road in Park Ridge, the Center has been providing therapy and other valuable mental health services to those who live and work in our communities for the past 20 years.

Fees for services are on a sliding scale according to the household or family income of the person being treated. The Center subsidizes the fees charged to all clients.

In recognition of the valuable service the Pascack Mental Health Center provides for the citizens of the area, we in Hillsdale congratulate the Center on its 20th birthday.

The Autumn Leaves

You will find a green 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 January, February, March and April of next year. 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.

A Recreation flyer with the program of future activities.

Early Demographics of Hillsdale

The word "Demographics", (the study of human population, as to size, growth, density, distribution and vital statistics), has risen from scholarly obscurity to daily occurrence, pushed forward by advertising and politics. Let's look at the demography of Hillsdale just 75 years ago. Happily, we still have a number of our citizens who were youngsters then in town, who recall those days.

Altogether there were 1454 men, women and children in the Township then (we didn't become a Borough until 8 years later). Now, of course, we number over 10,000. There were 686 single individuals, with 40 more males than females, but they must have nearly all been minors, because there were 667 married and 98 widows/widowers, evidently constituting more than 400 families. There were only three divorced persons in town.

The tides of immigration hadn't flooded Hillsdale, but they had definitely been lapping. One in five, surely mostly adults, was foreign-born, with Germans in the lead, followed by English, Italians and Irish, but notably one in five came from "All Others" -- quite a diversity already. Only ten citizens claimed to be professionals; 185 were in commerce, equalled by 188 skilled laborers. The striking figure, though, is the 31 who were listed as farmers. Farmland, though surrendering to development for 45 years, was still a significant part of Hillsdale.

— J. Stanley Nants, Jr.
Borough Historian

Notes From The Board of Health

FREE FLU SHOTS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS -- and those with chronic illnesses, will be offered at Borough Hall on Monday, October 28 between 7:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. and on October 30 from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M..

FREE WELL-WATER TESTS -- For appointment, call Northwest Bergen Regional Board of Health at 445-7217.

RADON KITS AVAILABLE -- \$10.00 each. The Fall and Winter are the ideal times to test your home for radon. Kits include instructions for use, a charcoal absorption canister and the laboratory analysis.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS -- Wear only fireproof costumes too short to trip over; wear face masks that allow easy visibility; accept wrapped candy only, with no tears and no holes in the wrappers; carve your pumpkins with "safety knives"; always use electric lights instead of candles; watch for excited children dashing across the street to trick or treat; don't drive with masks on, or long costumes that can tangle in the car's brake or gas pedals; and NEVER, EVER, drink and drive.

Yours for a happy and safe Halloween!

— Hillsdale Board of Health

UPDATE:

Road Improvement Program

A report on the Road Improvement Program, which has been in full swing during the summer and fall, shows that half of the 32 streets in the program have been fully reconstructed, and all necessary drainage improvements have been installed to permit completion of the work on the remaining streets.

Downtown, Park Avenue has been widened to provide for additional parking for shoppers and an installation of brick paving around the site of one of the Victorian lampposts has been completed. If the paving is acceptable, it will be used around all the lampposts to be constructed in conjunction with the improvement project.

During the summer, many calls were received by the Borough and the office of the Borough Engineer regarding the disturbance of lawns, trees, driveways and sidewalks due to the work on road improvements. However, the residents have been patient and understanding when it was necessary for streets to be closed in order to complete the paving operations. The DPW is following up the new construction with stop signs and the painting of new bars.

The Borough is also installing new concrete sidewalks along portions of Piermont Avenue, Kinderkamack Road and Hillsdale Avenue so students will not have to walk in the street on their way to local schools. Portions of the work are being funded by a Community Development Grant which is part of the Reconstruction Program. Approximately \$100,000 will be spent on the sidewalks.

1991 State Grants Requested

The Borough has also applied for grants for the reconstruction of East Liberty and Hillsdale Avenues from the New Jersey Department of Transportation. \$121,000 has been requested for East Liberty between Everdell Avenue and Cedar Lane, and \$115,000 has been requested for Hillsdale Avenue between Kinderkamack Road and Everdell Avenue. Last year the Borough received \$40,000 for the reconstruction of Columbus Avenue, jointly funded with Woodcliff Lake for the same amount.

Broadway-Hillsdale Avenue Project

The County is expected to advertise for bids for the reconstruction and drainage improvements at the Broadway-Hillsdale Avenue intersection this month. Although the project has been delayed by other county priorities, there is a good chance it may be entirely funded by the New Jersey Department of Transportation. If that is the case it will save the Borough approximately \$35,000 in layout and construction costs. However, in order to qualify for the additional savings the contract for the work could not be awarded until November.

Hillsdale Helping Hillsdale

A Warm "Thanks" and a Hope for Help

The Local Assistance Board (L.A.B.) and the Hillsdale School and Community Task Force wish to thank our residents for their donations to the L.A.B.'s Community Assistance Fund to help needy neighbors.

The Task Force which worked with the Fire Department at the 4th of July Fireworks Display has donated its 50% of the receipts to the Community Assistance Fund.

This summer for the first time the L.A.B. was able to sponsor children to the Recreation Day Camp in Hillsdale. It was also able to purchase food certificates for needy local families.

The L.A.B. recognizes that there are families, many with children, which may not be on welfare but are in need of assistance. Children are the innocent persons the Board is especially anxious to reach. In addition to Recreation Commission activities, a child may wish to join the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts or need necessary school supplies -- things of great importance to every youngster.

As Hillsdale's welfare rolls have increased so have the number of homeless, and the Borough's Welfare Director has been very busy providing assistance to needy residents during the past year. The records of such assistance are CONFIDENTIAL.

Soon the holidays will be upon us and the need to help the less fortunate becomes very great at this particular time of year. Please consider a modest donation to the Community Assistance Fund and help us to help the needy. Make checks payable to the Local Assistance Board, Borough of Hillsdale and mail to: Local Assistance Board, Municipal Building, 380 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale, N.J. 07642.

(If you are in need of assistance and wish more information, please call the Welfare Director at 358-0529, or the Local Assistance Board Chairman at 358-5007. And remember, all calls are CONFIDENTIAL.)

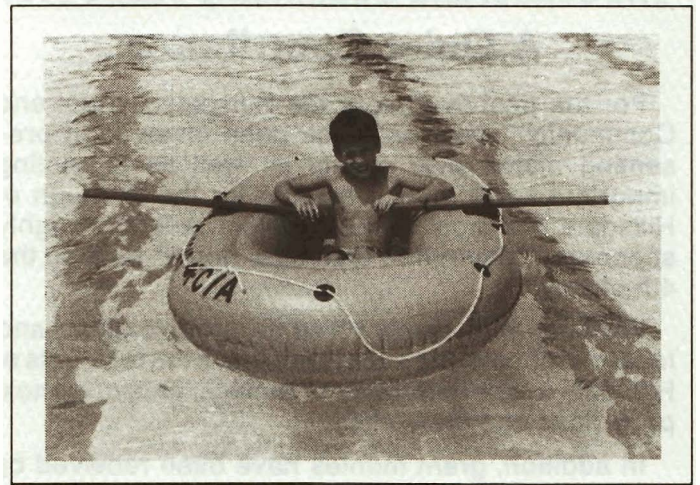
Cat Licensing A Must!

Effective August 1 of this year, local Ordinance 91-14 requires all cats in Hillsdale to be licensed by their owners.

For cat-owners who have not yet done so, licenses may be obtained from the office of the Borough Clerk during normal working hours. Proof of rabies inoculation is required and there is a licensing fee of \$6.00 (\$9.00 for a non-spayed or non-neutered cat).

In the event a cat loses its license tag, a duplicate tag will be issued free of charge upon presentation of the license certificate.

Because the licensing requirement is new and some cat-owners have not been aware of the program, no RENEWAL fee will be charged for the year 1992. For any questions call the office of the Borough Clerk at 666-4800.



Stonybrook a hit for the summer? Just ask Eric Wolf who says, "Ah, the good life." (Photo by Community Life)

Stonybrook A Hit For Summer of 1991 !!!

The "NEW" STONYBROOK opened on schedule this past Memorial Day to sunny skies and record crowds. Membership increased a very rewarding 33% over 1990. The club operated at a healthy profit margin, assuring Hillsdale of a solid future with ample reserves for the continued enhancement of a great facility.

The highlight for the summer (at least for the adults) was the sold-out First Annual SPLASH PARTY held in July. Members and their guests dined and danced the night away poolside under a full moon.

STONYBROOK has become a major asset to Hillsdale. It will serve as a magnet to attract new homeowners to our town. Though the club offers memberships to residents of surrounding towns, Hillsdale residents enjoy a significantly lower membership rate.

A much higher percentage of Hillsdale residents joined the Club this past season; consequently it is expected that next year the club will reach or exceed its membership limit. For this reason the Stonybrook commissioners are urging Hillsdale residents to sign up as early as possible. The first membership mailing will reach the homes shortly after the first of the year. All current members and Hillsdale residents will be given the first opportunity to join or renew their membership.

The commissioners meet the first and third Tuesday evening of each month at 8 P.M. All residents are welcome to attend meetings. (Call our Secretary Roseann (358-5023) at Borough Hall to make sure a meeting date hasn't been changed for an evening you plan on attending.)

The School and Community Task Force A Quiet Contributor

For the past five years the Hillsdale School and Community Task Force has been involved in presenting major civic events as well as promoting important social improvements for the Borough of Hillsdale. Its most recent project was the highly successful "Operation Welcome Home" held on the 4th of July.

Working with many Hillsdale organizations and local merchants, the Task Force gave the residents of Hillsdale a wonderful day of picnics, music, games, pony rides and fireworks.

In addition, grant monies have been received by the Borough Administrator from the Bergen County Office of Alcohol and Drug Dependence. Through this grant, the Borough Youth Officer and D.A.R.E. Director, Peter Hard, will be working with members of the Task Force to establish a film library of D.A.R.E. materials to be made available at local schools. The purpose of the library will be to provide students and parents with information on the savage effect of drugs upon the individual and the disastrous effect they have upon society.

Active members of the Task Force include Borough Clerk Elizabeth Rotar, Recreation Director Edward Baumbach, Meadowbrook Teacher Marie Hanlon, Higgins Agent Nancy McKerahan and Pascack Hills Teacher Barbara Ann DeCaro.



"Watermelon anyone?" Billy Everett (20 months) and Jillian Hult (6½ years) had so much fun at the 4th of July picnic they can't wait until next year -- and more watermelon.

(Photo by Community Life)

Storytime at the Library

Library Storytime begins in October and will run until December 18. The youngest children (2½ to 3½ years of age) will meet on Tuesdays at 10:30 A.M. Registration is now open.

Children from 3 to 5 years can register to attend on Tuesdays at 1:30 P.M., or Wednesdays at 10:30 A.M.

Each Storytime session will last for one-half hour and parents are requested to remain in the library (but not attend Storytime itself) until the session is over.

Phone 358-5073 to register your youngsters.

Notes From The Environmental Commission

PESTICIDES -- Proven dangerous to small children, dogs and birds as well as posing a serious threat to the general water supply, pesticides on lawns and gardens should be used only when absolutely necessary. Whenever possible, pesticides such as nicotine sulfate which is environmentally safe should be used.

VIDEO TAPES -- The Commission has made video tapes available to Hillsdale residents. Subjects such as "The Jersey Meadowlands" and "Bluebirds Up Close" may be obtained from the Hillsdale Library.

THINK COMPOSTING for your grass and leaves. Keep Hillsdale's natural plant nutrients *in Hillsdale*.

Holiday Changes For Your Recycling Calendar

Because the Christmas and New Year's holidays fall on Wednesdays, the Borough will be unable to follow its regular schedule. Please make a note of the following changes for January.

- Thursday, Jan. 2** Important paper pick-up. To include newspapers, boxes and gift wrappings.
- Friday, Jan. 3** Pick-up of comingled recyclables.
- Friday, Jan. 3** Pick-up of all Christmas trees.
- Friday, Jan. 10** Pick-up of all Christmas trees.
- Monday, Jan. 6** The regular schedule resumes according to the calendar enclosed with this Newsletter.

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