

## THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL'S 1991 BUDGET MESSAGE

The proposed 1991 budget for the Borough of Hillsdale is \$7,732,393.16, representing a spending increase of \$547,765.89, or 7.6%, over 1990. This low spending increase, coupled with increased non-tax revenues and a slightly increased tax base, means that **for the second year in a row, there will be no increase in municipal taxes for Hillsdale residents.** (In other words, although the Borough will spend a little more than last year, you won't pay any more than last year). This extraordinary feat has been accomplished in spite of budget aggravations like the following:

- Because of the lower tax collection rate that inevitably accompanies economic hard times, we've had to increase our Reserve for Uncollected Taxes by \$127,559.
- Largely as a result of the ban on ocean dumping, we have had to anticipate an increase of \$154,320 in sewage treatment costs.
- Because of rate increases, we have had to budget for an increase of \$81,274 in the cost of health benefits for our employees.

It is obvious that in order to accommodate these increases while holding the line on taxes, we have had to emphasize efficiency and effectiveness in all

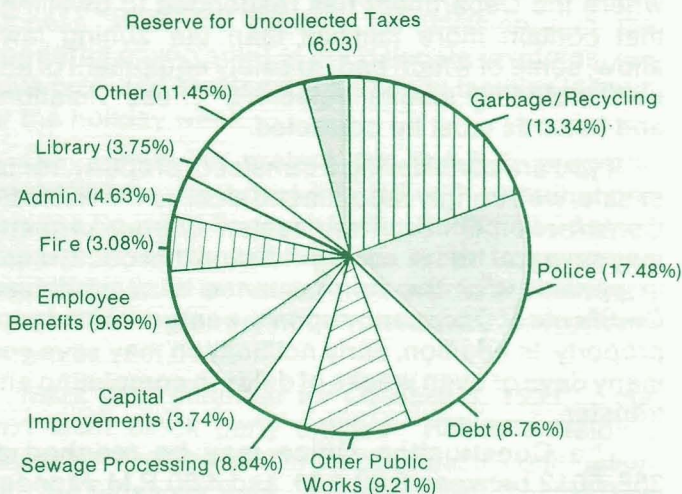
of our operations. In spite of this approach to the budget, we have been able to provide for many new improvements in Hillsdale:

- Stonybrook will have a beautiful, efficient new clubhouse, completely paid for out of the sale price of the property we disposed of in 1990.
- Our road program continues and, depending on the bid prices, may very well be completed this year, years ahead of schedule and at costs below those originally projected.
- We are seeking to contract for services such as grass cutting, which the private sector may be able to provide cheaper than we can do it.
- Our recreation program continues to grow in proportion to the revenue it generates.
- We continue to be successful at getting Bergen County to spend substantial amounts of money on projects that will benefit Hillsdale.

We invite taxpayers to compare Hillsdale's 1991 budget with those of other towns. It will be obvious that Hillsdale has budgeted a lower overall rate of increase in spending, coupled with a higher degree of services and--perhaps most importantly--**a stable tax rate, unchanged for the second straight year.**

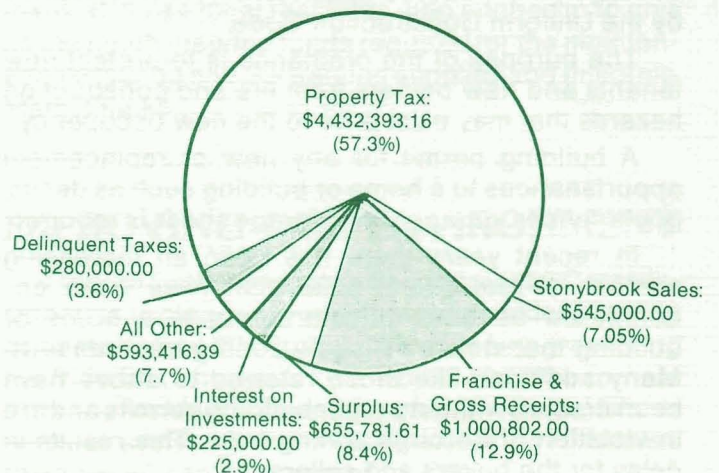
### EXPENSE ALLOCATION

Total: \$7,732,393.16



### REVENUES

Total: \$7,732,393.16





## HILLSDALE'S SILK MILL

When Hillsdale had carriage houses rather than garages, and most people walked to work, there were a number of manufacturing companies scattered across town. Just east of Kinderkamack Road, north of Dwight Avenue, for seven years at the turn of the century, there was a silk mill in a 50' by 100' building which employed about 40 local people. The raw silk was imported. Then spinner, winder and warper machines and French looms turned out scarves, handkerchiefs and yard goods in floral patterns, or with different colors on each side. Steam-powered, with water drawn from a stream downhill, the mill generated its own electricity. But competition from the Paterson silk mills eventually put Hillsdale's silk mill out of business.

**And now a request for old photos and pictures—** Readers who have postcards or old pictures, scenes or group photos made before 1950 that can be copied and returned, or which you may wish to donate, can help us all to have a visual record of ever-increasing interest. Any identification that can be provided with the photos will be very valuable. And, if you are in contact with former residents, mention our interest. Many good pictures that may have been taken in Hillsdale may have moved with them. Call me at 664-3767 if you have any pictures or if you have any questions.

*J.S. Nants, Jr. Borough Historian*

## A Report from the Board of Health

Dr. Mark Cohen, President of the Hillsdale Board of Health, announced two new services available to borough residents and reminds residents of several ongoing programs.

**WATER TESTS** — Hillsdale residents relying on private wells as their main source of potable (drinking) water may obtain a "free" test for bacteria by calling the Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission at 445-7217. Samples will be picked up at the property usually on Monday mornings. Test results will be mailed to the homeowner within a week of obtaining the water sample.

**RADON TEST KITS** — Radon home test kits are available in the Health Department office -- lower level of Borough Hall -- from 9:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M. Kits cost \$10.00. Make checks payable to the Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission.

**ADULT HEALTH CLINICS** — The Hillsdale Board of Health provides free adult health clinics where residents receive blood pressure, weight screening, health consultation and referrals from Stephanie Adams, RN, Hillsdale Nurse. Walk-in clinics are held on Tuesdays from 9 A.M. to 11:45 A.M. and from 1:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 380 Hillsdale Avenue. For further information, call 358-5028.

**CHILD HEALTH CONFERENCE** — The Hillsdale Board of Health offers free Child Health Conferences where children from birth to six years of age may receive all required immunizations, diagnostic screenings, physical examinations and health guidance. Dr. Emelina Goyco, M.D. and Mrs. Stephanie Adams, R.N., assisted by a Bergen Community Health Care nurse, are in attendance on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Municipal Building to provide the above services to children who are in good health. Appointments are necessary. Call 358-5028.

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## Important Notice

### Building Permits Required For "Accessory Uses"

★ Decks ★ Pools ★ Fences ★ Garages ★ Storage Sheds ★

Effective January 1, 1991, Borough ordinance 90-13 requires an inspection of all dwellings or dwelling units prior to the transfer of property to any new tenancy or new ownership. This inspection is conducted by the Code Compliance Officer as specified by the Uniform Construction Code.

The purpose of the ordinance is to protect new tenants and new owners from fire and construction hazards that may exist prior to the new occupancy.

A building permit for any new or replacement appurtenances to a home or building such as decks, pools, fences, garages and storage sheds is required.

In recent years there has been an increasing number of real estate sales that have been encumbered because of alterations to a home or building that violate Hillsdale zoning requirements. Many additions like those referred to above have been erected without proper building permits and are in violation of Borough zoning laws. This results in delay for the buyers and sellers.

The inspection required by the new ordinance

will be of great help in avoiding such problems.

The new ordinance will also benefit the Fire Department in its effort to protect the lives of local residents. There have been too many close calls where the Department has responded to dwellings that contain more families than our zoning laws allow, some of which had no safety equipment of any kind including smoke detectors. These violations and hazards must be corrected.

If you are considering a transfer of property, rental or sale, we strongly recommend a call to the Hillsdale Construction Office. Their review of your property may save you from a zoning violation that could result in penalties, or the non-issuance of a continued Certificate of Occupancy upon the sale or rent of your property. In addition, early notification may save you many days or even weeks of delay in completing any transfer.

The Construction Office may be reached at 358-5012 between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

## BE PART OF THE CARING HILLSDALE FAMILY

Do you know a person or persons -- relative, friend or neighbor from Hillsdale -- who is serving in the Military Service as part of Desert Storm? If so, let's let each and every one of them know of the caring and concern their hometown folks have for them.

Here is our chance to share with one another the names and military addresses of those who are serving our Country.

How can we achieve this? Simply stop in, call in, or write in to our Hillsdale Borough Hall, 380 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale, N.J. 07642 (telephone number 666-4800), give the name and address of the military person(s) and your name and telephone number for verification and/or follow-up. This information will be placed on a **Caring For Our Troops Board** which will be located in the foyer at Borough Hall so that everyone may be able to come in, as frequently as they choose, to check the board... morning, afternoon or evening.

If there is someone you know or others may know, relative, friend, neighbor, or maybe former school-mate, share this information with them so they may also write a letter or note to our Hillsdale people in the Service. You may, however, also choose to write to someone from our town whom you have never met but would like to let them know they are being remembered in the thoughts and prayers of the people in their hometown.

Let the men and women from Hillsdale who are serving our Country hear from us, so they can be assured of how much we care and how well they are remembered.

**WE KNOW! WE CARE! WE REMEMBER!**

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## A REPORT FROM THE TASK FORCE

The Hillsdale School and Community Task Force reports that the Holiday Food Drive was a complete success. With the Welfare Commission and the wonderful giving spirit of the Hillsdale residents, our drive provided needed assistance to families in town for the holiday week.

Our continuing project, the **D.A.R.E.** program, received an extra boost this fall with contributions from the Board of Pascack Valley Realtors and other sources. D.A.R.E. will now be able to purchase needed films and materials for our students participating in this drug and alcohol resistance educational program.

Mark your calendar for **October 5, 1991** -- our next town block party entitled "**Hillsdale Helping Hillsdale.**" It will be held in the park and in conjunction with the **Sidewalk Sale.** This event is part of the task force's efforts to continue to provide assistance to needy Hillsdale residents.

## Join the Ambulance Corps; Get a Feeling of Belonging

Would you know what to do if a member of your family, or your neighbor, suddenly stopped breathing?

For most of us, the first thought would be to call an ambulance. However, it will probably take about five minutes for an ambulance to arrive. What do we do in the meantime? What can we possibly do to help?

Knowing the answer to questions like these can mean the difference between life and death. And knowing is one of the obvious benefits of joining the Hillsdale Ambulance Corps.

This year our ambulance service is starting its 38th year of service to Hillsdale. And, we are going to need additional volunteers to maintain our proud tradition of service to this community.

We hope you will join. By joining, you will have the opportunity to work with a fine group of people as well as having the satisfaction of meeting an urgent need right here in your hometown of Hillsdale.

Currently, the Corps rides with a total of 24 volunteers who are assigned to daytime or evening shifts. Each shift is assigned to fit into the schedule of the individual member. During 1990 this group responded to 559 calls. And the number gets greater every year.

But, as the calls on our service increase and our older members retire from this area, we need additional volunteers, men and women properly trained and dedicated to an ambulance service that is essential to the welfare of Hillsdale and its residents.

To join the Ambulance Corps is to get a feeling of belonging. That's the way our members feel about Hillsdale.

Please contact Alfred J. Murphy (666-0314) or Regina St. John (664-2180) for more information. We would like to welcome you aboard.

Also, the Hillsdale Ambulance Corps would like to thank all those local residents who pitched in to give us the much-needed funds required for the maintenance of our rig and our training supplies and uniforms. Many thanks.

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## IMPROVING OUR ENVIRONMENT

George Lucia, Hillsdale's Environmental Commissioner, is urging every resident to consider planting at least one tree this Spring. "*It would be a great thing for Hillsdale,*" he said. "*We would also like to hear from any resident with environmental-related talents who can assist this commission in making Hillsdale a town we all can be proud of.*"

To contact Commissioner Lucia, call 664-3892.



## Activity at the Library

1990 was a very good year at the Hillsdale Library. Circulation of library materials was up 18% from the previous year to about 85,000 items. We are now the busiest library in the Pascack Valley, and one of the fastest growing in all of Bergen County!

During 1990, we expanded our travel section, our business reference department and our educational reference section. In the Junior Room, social studies materials and pre-school reading materials have received very strong emphasis.

Videos are available for loan to Hillsdale patrons on a no cost basis. We receive a new selection of videos every month. Look to us for your video needs... you can't beat the price!

We are a "hometown" library with a very modern philosophy. New computers will be installed shortly to permit you to know the immediate availability of over 3 million books in Bergen County libraries.

A complete supply of Federal, New Jersey and New York state tax forms are available on the main floor of the library.

We are open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 A.M. to 9 P.M. On Thursday and Friday from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Saturday hours are 10 A.M. to 2 P.M., and Sunday from 1 P.M. to 5 P.M. (closed weekends in July and August)

Please stop by for your own "tour" of the library. Simply ask any of our staff members for details. During 1991, let us make the Hillsdale Library your library.

## "SAP'S UP..."

### Children Tapping Trees For Maple Syrup Festival and Pancake Breakfast

Warm days and cool nights are a signal for Hillsdale school children to start tapping Sugar Maples in anticipation of the annual Maple Syrup Festival sponsored by the Environmental Commission. The Festival, which is held in Beechwood Park, will include a Pancake Breakfast cooked by Mayor Robert Elder and Council Members.

Each year students from each of the schools in town tap nearby sugar maples under the guidance of their teachers. After a few weeks of gathering sap, it is boiled down to make a good tasting syrup which is used at the Pancake Breakfast.

Students also prepare related educational projects which go on display in the Park on Festival Day.

The Breakfast is free. **Festival Day is Saturday, April 27th. Pancakes 9:30-11:30.** (Rain date May 4th).

## Your Chance to Sponsor A Victorian Light

Have you joined the Victorian Lighting program? If not, plan to do so soon.

This program is a unique community project jointly sponsored by the residents of Hillsdale and the Borough administration. It provides local residents with the opportunity to have their name, their family name or the name of their organization indelibly inscribed in Hillsdale's history.

The Victorian Lights, which will be installed throughout downtown Hillsdale, are being sponsored by local residents at a total cost of \$1500 each. A brass plaque will be mounted on each light bearing the name of the individual or civic group contributing the Victorian Light. It may be inscribed "Donated by", "In Memory of", or any suitable inscription selected by the donor.

The cost of the light may be paid in a lump sum or in three equal installments of \$500 each. The first \$500 deposit reserves both the light and its location in the center of town.

The plan showing the various locations of these lights is now on display in the lobby of Borough Hall. We recommend that all residents stop by and review this program which will add beauty and charm to the center of town as well as develop a strong sense of community pride in their hometown of Hillsdale.

### IMPORTANT ELECTION NOTICE

Have you changed residence? Changed your name? Moved within Hillsdale? Failed to vote in four (4) years?

If the answer is "yes" to any of these questions, then you must register to be eligible to vote in future elections.

<b>1. Voting Dates:</b>	<b>2. Last Day To Register:</b>
School Election-April 30	April 1
Primary Election-June 4	May 6
General Election-Nov. 5	October 7

If you will be 18 years old on or before one of the above voting dates (See 1 above) you must register to vote on or before the last day of registration (See 2 above).

If you are disabled, ill or handicapped and cannot come to the Municipal Building to register, call Elizabeth Rotar, Borough Clerk, at 666-4800 and arrangements to come to your home or hospital will be made for you. Applications for absentee ballots will be provided upon registration.

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