THE CHANGE BEGINS IN DOWNTOWN HILLSDALE

Among the first retail businesses to show the results of the program established by the borough’s Downtown Redevelopment Committee are Hillsdale Camera/Custom Photo and The Park Liquor Store, both on Broadway.

Park Liquor has been refurbished inside and out and the camera and photo shop has moved into the completely renovated building that was formerly Frantin’s Delicatessen. Hillsdale Camera was helped in its expansion by taking advantage of a low interest loan from Citizens First National Bank, one of the local banks participating in a joint project that includes Hillsdale’s local government, local financial institutions, local businesses and local property owners. The aim of the program which was instituted by the Redevelopment Committee is to keep the downtown business area attractive and vibrant.

Many additional improvements are scheduled for the next month. On May 9 an ordinance was introduced that will introduce “paired parking” on Broadway from Washington Avenue to Cross Street. Paired parking is similar to that found on Westwood’s main street where two cars parked one behind the other have room in front of the first car and behind the second car for maneuvering in and out of the parking spaces. In addition, the ordinance calls for a reduction from 2-hour parking to one hour to allow for a greater turnover of cars parked in the business area.

These changes, to be made in the next 30 days, are the first phase in a series of parking improvements being made throughout the downtown area.

Also within the next month new receptacles for trash and litter will be in place in the downtown area and the borough will begin the planting of 65 trees in the center of town. 40 of these trees will be placed on the west side of Broadway south of the railroad station to shield local traffic -- automotive and pedestrian -- from the buildings and the activity of the Department of Public Works. In addition, a local Boy Scout project calls for the building of flower boxes to be placed in front of the retail stores throughout the shopping area and Victorian-style street lamps will be installed to add a special ambiance to the downtown district.

1989 Concert Schedule

Beachwood Park Bandshell

Thursday, June 27 — 8:30 P.M.
(To be announced)
Friday, June 30 — 8:00 P.M.
Lost Boys (Rock)
Tuesday, July 4 — 8:30 P.M.
(To be announced)
Tuesday, July 11 — 8:30 P.M.
Community Band of Waldwick
Tuesday, July 18 — 8:30 P.M.
N.J. State Harmonica Club
FIRE PREVENTION TIPS FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS.....
THE HILLSDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

How to prevent kitchen fires and what to do if they should occur...

Always pay attention to your cooking. Never overheat grease and watch for grease overflows that can start fires. If you have to leave the stove to answer the telephone or the doorbell, be sure to turn down the heat. If you're going to be gone more than a few minutes, turn the stove off.

If your children help you when you cook, make them aware of cooking hazards. For example, turn all skillet or pot handles toward the center of the stove to prevent accidental overturning. Never leave towels or napkins on or near the stove. Never wear frilly garments, especially those with loose, floppy sleeves, while cooking. Have the pot lid handy to smother a small grease fire.

Never try to move or carry a pan in which there is a grease fire. Moving the pan is a common reaction when a grease fire develops, but attempting to move it too often results in burning the carrier and causing additional damage from the fire.

If the grease fire is small you may be able to stop it with a handful of baking soda. But do not use baking powder which contains flour or starch and could cause the fire to spread.

Never use water on a grease fire; it will splatter and burn you and cause a small fire to get out of hand.

Keep an ABC-rated fire extinguisher in or near the kitchen. An ABC rating on a fire extinguisher means it can be used on paper or wood, electrical appliances, or a grease fire.

Remember that cooking, especially when it involves grease, is one of the leading causes of fire in the home. Kitchen fires injure thousands of people every year and cause hundreds of millions of dollars in damage.

PRACTICE GOOD FIRE PREVENTION!

* Call the Fire Department first: 664-4200
* Get everyone out of the house.
* Have an escape plan and practice it with the whole family.
* Have a working smoke detector on every level of your home.
* These timely tips can save your life -- help us prevent fires in Hillsdale.

A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

During 1989 the borough will spend a total of $300,000 to continue the Road Improvement Program that was begun in 1987. The program calls for the reconstruction and resurfacing of Hillsdale's unimproved streets.

The streets selected for improvement this year are listed below. They were chosen as a result of recommendations made by the Public Works Committee after a review of a study of Hillsdale roads made by the Borough Engineer.

The following is a list of streets to be reconstructed:
1. Hazelwood Avenue.
2. Chestnut Street.
3. Dwight Ave. (from Vincent St. to Kinderkamack Rd.).

This year the work on Hazelwood Avenue will be funded up to $89,500 by a grant from the New Jersey State Department of Transportation.

Streets to be resurfaced in this year's road program are:
1. Dwight Avenue -- Broadway to Vincent St.
2. Stockton Street -- Hillsdale Ave. to Lawrence St.
3. Lawrence St. -- Kinderkamack Rd. to Stockton St.
4. The DPW Driveway.
5. St. Nicholas Avenue -- East of Kinderkamack Rd.
6. Stony Ridge Dr. -- Oak Trail Rd. to Upper Brook La.
7. St. Mary Street.

Memorial Day Veterans' Parade
Monday, May 29 at 10:30 A.M.

The Memorial Day Committee and American Legion Post 162 invite every resident of Hillsdale young and old, parents, grandparents and children, to line the streets for the Memorial Day parade to honor the men of every war, in every branch of the service, who died for their country and are unable to be with us today.

For this day of remembrance, the Memorial Day Committee and the Legion Post are asking every Hillsdale veteran who served in action somewhere around the world, or those who served in support services here in the United States, to join in marching, in uniform or in civvies, to honor their fellow soldiers who, having given "the last full measure of devotion", will not be marching this year.

RADON TEST KITS AVAILABLE

Concerned about radon levels in your home? The Bergen County Department of Health Services is now offering to Hillsdale residents a radon-testing kit for only $8.00. The kits may be picked up between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday at the offices of the County Department of Health Services, 327 Ridgewood Ave., Paramus. Checks are to be made payable to "Radiation Data"; cash will not be accepted.

For further information phone the Bergen County Department of Health Services at 599-6189 or 599-6105.
Just six years after the Hackensack and New York Railroad reached its new terminus in Hillsdale, at which time there were only a half dozen houses within half a mile of the railhead, the nucleus of the town had formed. David Patterson, president of the railroad, had earlier purchased extensive acreage north of the Pascack Brook, and had by 1876 laid out streets and lots that remain today. Not many of the lots show houses yet, but Hillsdale House stands opposite the railroad station. Mr. Patterson's mansion -- now the residence of St. John's teaching sisters -- dominates the area. He has donated land for Memorial Park, and as sites for the Methodist church (now its parking lot) just being built in '76 and for School No. 2, where G. G. White now is, not to be erected until 1889.

"LET'S KEEP HILLSDALE CLEAN!"

The governing body, the Department of Public Works, the Park Department and an unusually large number of local citizens have asked us to impress upon local residents their responsibility to help keep Hillsdale clean. Their message (as well as their ire) is aimed particularly at the owners of dogs, cats and other animals who allow their pets to despoil some of the nicest public areas of the town, particularly the parks and the grassy areas along the main streets of the town.

The irresponsibility of some pet owners has made many areas in our parks unusable for children to play or adults to walk. In addition to the parks, some of the grassy areas along the public streets have been so covered with animal droppings that it has doubled and tripled the work of the Parks Department in their continuing effort to keep the town attractive and clean.

The mayor and the chief of police wish to remind the owners of pets of the borough ordinance specifically prohibiting animal waste in public places, and the responsibility of the owners to "remove such defilement in a sanitary manner for placement in a plastic bag or other suitable container such as a paper bag or newspaper, which shall then be placed in a sealable garbage container."

Violation of this ordinance will result in a fine of up to $50 for each offense.

A companion ordinance prohibits the deposit of any litter "in or upon any street, sidewalk or other public place in the Borough except in public receptacles or in authorized private receptacles for collection... no person shall sweep or otherwise deposit in any gutter, street or catch-basin, or other public place, any accumulation of litter from any public or private sidewalk, driveway or lawn. Any such sweepings shall be properly containerized for disposal."

The law is very clear on all this and includes the requirement for storing bulky materials like appliances, old mattresses or tires in an enclosure until the day for pickup.

It is hoped that the community effort to "Keep Hillsdale Clean" can be accomplished as a result of the pride we have in our borough; but if it cannot, the laws must be enforced.
"HANDS ACROSS HILLSDALE"

"Hands Across Hillsdale", a community-wide project for residents of all ages, is being planned for Saturday, September 23. It will be sponsored by the Hillsdale School and the Family Task Force, a committee composed of town officials, teachers and residents whose goal is to instill greater pride among the citizens of Hillsdale.

The sponsors promise a gala event to be held in Veterans Park on Broadway in the center of town. Beginning at 10:00 A.M. and lasting until 2:00 P.M. it will feature activities for residents of all ages culminating in a joining of hands symbolizing the linking together of all the residents of the community.

The Family Task Force looks forward to having every resident of Hillsdale, young and old, join us in Veterans Park on that day. We encourage you to become part of a community effort for a renewed spirit in Hillsdale.

Mark the date on your calendar today -- Saturday, September 23rd. We'll see you then.

RECYCLING UPDATE

The Hillsdale recycling program has been extremely successful. In its first year Hillsdale achieved a recycling rate of 22%, considerably above the 15% required by state law, and the borough is well on its way to meeting the 25% rate required for the second year.

The increase was due to the proper recycling of newspapers which were up 415 tons to 948 tons, and the increase in mixed recyclables which were up 250 tons to 288 tons.

Recollecting Schedule

Enclosed with this newsletter is the recycling calendar for pickups during the months of July, August, September and October. You may wish to post the calendar for convenient reference.

However, when your recyclables start piling up they may be taken to the Hillsdale Recycling Center located at the DPW Garage behind Kings Shopping Center. The recycling center is open Monday through Friday from 6:00 A.M. until 3:30 P.M. and on Saturdays from 8:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.

Recycling Check List

1. All recyclables must be stored in reusable containers.
2. When curbing your recyclables and trash for pickup, remove all caps and lids and throw in garbage.
3. Rinse all bottles and cans.
4. Remove all wrap-around labels.
5. Do not use plastic bags to store recyclables or paper; and do not mix newspaper and recyclables.
6. Papers and recyclables must be separated when placed at curbside.
7. Newspapers, magazines and cardboard must be bundled, boxed or grocery-bagged.

Recycling Reminders

RECYCLABLES

Aluminum and tin cans
Glass jars and bottles
These plastic containers:
Beverage; Detergent; Bleach; Anti-freeze; Milk; Spring Water.

NON-RECYCLABLES

Waxed milk/ juice cartons; Aerosol cans; Aluminum foil and trays; Wire hangers; Light bulbs; Styrofoam; Ceramic dishes.

NON-RECYCLABLE PLASTICS

Vegetable and Oil bottles; Medicine bottles; Catsup bottles; Mustard bottles; Shampoo bottles; Syrup bottles; Household chemicals; Draino, Liquid Plumber; Plastic bags.

Recycling Suggestions

We're always open to ideas and suggestions that will improve the Borough's recycling program. If you have any suggestions please send them to: Borough Hall, 360 Hillsdale Ave., Hillsdale, N.J. 07642 - Attention: Recycling Coordinator.