Street Improvement Program To Be Completed This Year

Hillsdale's road improvement program begun in 1987, a major project requiring the reconstruction and resurfacing of more than 70 of the Borough's roads and streets, will be completed before the end of this year.

Slow activity in the construction field has led to a bid 16% lower than if the same work had been done using 1990 prices. The cost of financing the project with today's prices is considerably less than it would have been if it had been continued on a year-to-year basis. This means the reconstruction and resurfacing of approximately 30 streets throughout the Borough will be done with no increase in local taxes.

In addition, the Borough will widen two blocks of Park Avenue to provide additional parking for the downtown shopping center. This is being done in anticipation of the major improvement of the Hillsdale Avenue/Broadway Intersection, a project to be completed by the county.

The resurfacing program for all the Borough's streets will be continued annually with the assistance of future state grants.

Recently, the Borough mailed questionnaires to residents living on the streets included in this year's program (see list below) asking whether they wished to participate in the construction of curbs along their frontage. The cost to the homeowner is $7.25 per foot. Responses should be made immediately to the Borough Administrator, 358-5077.

Following is a list of the streets to be **reconstructed** this year:

1. Columbus Avenue from Broadway to Vincent Street
2. Vincent Street from Columbus Avenue to Ralph Avenue
3. Vincent Street from St. Nicholas Avenue to Knickerbocker Avenue
4. Howell Avenue from Vincent Street to dead end
5. Park View Drive from Reservoir Road to dead end
6. Esplanade Drive
7. Manson Place
8. Central Avenue at Knickerbocker Avenue
9. Palm Street at Knickerbocker Avenue
10. Taylor Street from Hillsdale Avenue to Maple Avenue and from Crest Road to Washington Township Line
11. Park Avenue widening for parking, from W. Railroad Avenue to east dead end
12. Holdrum Street from E. Liberty to Hillsdale Avenue
13. Everdell Avenue from Washington Avenue south to dead end
14. Grove Street
15. Allwood Place
16. Hopper Street from E. Liberty north to dead end
17. Hopper Street from Hillsdale Avenue north to dead end
18. Riverdale Street from Lincoln Avenue to St. Nicholas Avenue
19. William Street
20. Dwight Avenue from Kinderkamack Road to Arthur Street
21. Legion Place from Howell Avenue to Knickerbocker Avenue
22. Millard Place
23. Florence Street, including extension to Wilts Avenue
24. New Street
25. Fernwood Avenue from Chestnut Street to Beech Street
26. Maple Avenue from Ell Road to Beech Street
27. Summit Street
28. Boulevard South from Summit Street to dead end
29. Sycamore Avenue from Glendale Avenue north to dead end
30. Beechwood Drive from Yesler Way east to dead end
31. Beechnut Street

An Important Notice to Those in the Service

The families of all Hillsdale residents serving in the armed forces during Operation Desert Storm are requested to contact Borough Clerk Elizabeth Rotar (666-4800). The Borough wishes to keep on file the service addresses as well as the home addresses of all our men and women in the military service.
Our Source For Hillsdale History? -- Our Hillsdale Residents

Fifty-Plusers, and especially those of you who are “over-qualified,” have you pulled together the notes for your autobiography? Startled? You shouldn’t be; it’s a serious question. Think of your parents and grandparents, and of the many questions you never asked and never got answers to; think of the many events and changes they witnessed but never thought to speak about. If you are blessed with children or grandchildren, have all your special experiences and family lore been passed on to them? That is the substance of history, to which we can all contribute.

I saw King George V and Queen Mary, and Aimee Semple MacPherson, and Harry Lauder. My wife remembers having to type with twelve carbons at the War Production Board because copying machines didn’t exist at the time. You’ve been places that have completely changed, and you’ve done things that can never be done again. These are things that should be set down and made “history.”

The widely-current “oral” history projects are simply thoughts from a stranger trying to ferret out recollections of past times, recollections from people like you who’ve never thought to take the time to put them down.

May I suggest, start a notebook. As current events or encounters trigger memories, as they do for all of us, put down some key words. Then, when you feel like relaxing, write up a paragraph or a page from the key words. Our children are frequently surprised, and delighted, by bits from our past that suddenly bob to the surface. And they are often regretful that we had never thought to record memories of the past of ourselves and our parents and the times we lived in.

Nostalgic postcards are great—a real view of the past, but only from one spot at one moment. Diaries are great, flavorful but rarely detailed and usually without the perspective of the look backwards. But recollections are incomparable.

If some of your paragraphs or pages focus on Hillsdale happenings, local places or people, take them to the copy shop, and have a copy made for me, for these are the threads of history that sew together the patchwork quilt of our past.

I look forward to hearing from you.

—J. Stanley Nants, Jr., Borough Historian

HILLSDALE HELPING HILLSDALE

The Local Assistance Board and members of the Hillsdale School and Community Task Force recognize the extremely difficult times many Hillsdale residents are facing as a result of the present recession. Our welfare rolls have greatly increased and there are many Hillsdale families which may not be on welfare, but are badly in need of assistance. ALL RECORDS OF NEEDY ASSISTANCE ARE CONFIDENTIAL.

This year the L.A.B. and Task Force members are sponsoring a Community Assistance Fund for the purpose of providing needy children with the opportunity to participate in our local recreational activities --Borough sponsored activities such as day camp, baseball, football, soccer, even including, perhaps, a season at Stonybrook.

Your help is needed to help us to help these children, those whose families cannot afford to have them participate in community activities. That’s the reason this program is called “Hillsdale Helping Hillsdale”.

Please send whatever you can afford to the Community Assistance Fund and help us to help our needy local children enjoy a wonderful summer. Send your contribution to:

The Local Assistance Board
Municipal Building
380 Hillsdale Avenue
Hillsdale, N.J. 07642

Please make check payable to the Borough of Hillsdale (L.A.B.).

If you are in need of assistance or wish more information, please call the Welfare Director at 358-5029 or the Local Assistance Board Chairman at 358-5007.

HILLSDALE HAPPENINGS

Beechwood Park Concerts

July 2 ........................ “Ramapo Fault”
July 9 ........................ “Waldwick Community Band”
July 16 ........................ “The Boisterous Banjo Band”
July 23 ........................ “The Saddle River Concert Band”
July 30 ........................ “Suburban Sound Chorus”

(See flyer enclosed in this newsletter.)

Summer Day Camp

The Recreation Commission advises that the Summer Day Camp has been moved to the George White School. This is a change from the Smith School. All other information remains the same.

Free Public Library

Beginning June 16 the Library will be closed weekends until September 7. Hours Monday through Wednesday--10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Details of the Summer Reading Program, “Castle Readmore”, are available in the Children’s Department. “Storytime”, for pre-schoolers, will be held at 10:30 on Wednesdays. Call 358-5073 for details and information.
A Fun-Filled Fourth Features "OPERATION WELCOME HOME"

The Hillsdale School and Community Task Force is again planning a fun-filled Fourth of July! This year’s theme is “Operation Welcome Home,” in answer to President Bush’s request that communities pay special tribute to our service-men and women.

The celebration will kick-off on Tuesday night, July 2, with the concert at Beechwood Park featuring the Ramapo Fault String Band.

On the morning of July 4, a 5K Run/Walk will take place starting and ending at Beechwood Park. There will be music by local student groups, refreshments, games, pony rides and free popcorn, lemonade and watermelon.

Our evening celebration will begin at 8:15 p.m. It will be a tribute to all our veterans of the Persian Gulf, the men and women who served in the armed forces during our recent military involvement in the Far East. All Hillsdale veterans are invited to join in a "Victory March" around Pascack Valley High School’s athletic field.

RECYCLING... A Report And A Reminder

Hillsdale residents receive well-deserved congratulations for their recycling efforts during the year 1990. Residential recycling reached 54% for the last year. However, with a few changes and reminders, we hope to increase that percentage for 1991.

This year Hillsdale is recycling all vegetative waste including brush, grass clippings, leaves and trimmings from bushes. All such vegetation should be bundled in 4-foot lengths or placed in cans for pick-up on normal trash days. Also, it may be taken to the Borough’s recycling center on Saturdays between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Residents agree that comingling cans, bottles, aluminum cans and plastics, instead of being forced to separate those items, has been a great help in allowing them to comply with recycling regulations.

Waste oil, tires and batteries, all potential fire hazards, can be dropped off daily at the recycling center.

For the pick-up of heavier items such as refrigerators, appliances and metal objects and debris, an appointment must be made with the Department of Public Works. Call 356-5053 by Wednesday and pick-up will be made that Friday. Refrigerator doors must be removed before they are placed at the curb.

Recycling Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily; Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Residency I-D is required.

SUMMER ALERTS FROM THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Rabies— carried by raccoons and other wild life, is much to often transmitted to humans. Unless treated immediately, it can be fatal.

All domestic dogs and cats should be protected by serum available from your veterinarian or from the Board of Health’s "Free Rabies Clinic".

If you are bitten or scratched— when domestic pets are involved, find the owner of the biting animal and call the police. When wild life is involved, call the police.

WASH ALL WOUNDS THOROUGHLY WITH HOT SOAP AND WATER

To report bites and receive more information on rabies call: Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission, 445-7217 weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Lyme Disease— resulting from tick bites, can result in complications of the heart, nervous system, and “Lyme disease arthritis”. The infectious ticks live on deer, raccoons, mice, birds and domestic pets, and plague the outdoorsmen—gardeners, hunters and hikers during the high risk summer months.

Board of Health’s advice— long sleeves buttoned at the wrist; pant legs tucked into socks; hats to keep them off your head; especially in wooded and tall grass areas.

For further information call the Hillsdale Board of Health, 358-5025.
Results of BCUA Contest: “Keep Recycling Moving”

This year Hillsdale’s school children again participated in the annual recycling contest sponsored by the Bergen County Utilities Authority.

“Keep Recycling Moving” was the theme around which the students were asked to create a sculpture portraying methods of transportation made qnly from recyclable materials.

The imaginations of our children went to work and the contest judges saw everything from trucks, bicycles, space shuttles, aircraft carriers and river-boats, to name a few.

After a difficult judging of Best in Grades at each school, the Best in Municipality was selected to compete in the Best in the County Sector (our Sector consisted of twelve towns).

Following is a list of the winners by grade and then by municipality (note every grade in each school did not participate in the contest):

BEST IN GRADE
Ann Blanche Smith School
Kindergarten ★ ............. Meg Markman
Grade 1 ..................... Megan Priody
Grade 2 ★ .................. Richard Knichel
Grade 3 ..................... David Wolf
Grade 4 ..................... Julia Bondy
Grade 6 ..................... Linsey Rosen

Meadowbrook School
Kindergarten .................... Brian Telesmanich
Grade 1 ..................... Gregory Gerardo
Grade 2 ..................... Jackie Nicholas
Grade 3 ..................... Glen McElroy
Grade 4 ..................... Colin Corcoran
Grade 5 ..................... Janet Telesmanich
Grade 6 *(Special Ed) ....... Michael Pellegrino

St. John the Baptist School
Grade 3 ..................... Nicole Wagner
Grade 6 ..................... Michael Pellegrino

BEST IN MUNICIPALITY
The students whose Grades are marked with a star (★) are those selected Best in Municipality.

The two Hillsdale children who won in the County Sector from among the twelve towns are:
Grade 2 -- Richard Knichel, $100 Bond, Ann Blanche Smith School.
Grade 6 -- Michael Pellegrino, $100 Bond, St. John the Baptist School.

All of the above-named children received awards at the Council meeting held on May 14, 1991.

We wish to thank all our children for “Keeping Recycling Moving”.

Of Trees and Bluebirds

The Environmental Commission has initiated a program to “Bring Back the Bluebirds” and bird watchers and bird fanciers are asked to help.

At present there are about 25 special nesting houses spread throughout Hillsdale. All residents interested in building a new house, monitoring an existing one, or starting their own Bluebird trail, please contact Environmental Commissioner George Lucia, 664-3892, and help to “Bring Back the Bluebirds”.

And here’s a good way to save trees for ourselves as well as for the bluebirds--
Each year Americans receive almost 4 million tons of junk mail (44% is never even opened). If 100,000 people stopped their junk mail we could save up to 150,000 trees.

To have your name removed from the list, write to:
Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, 6 E. 43rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.