



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE FOR 1992

Streets, Roads and Curbs -- Parking, Parks and Pools

A busy construction schedule lies ahead for 1992.

The 1991 Road Program will be completed in the next few weeks and this year's program will begin with the reconstruction of Hillsdale Avenue from Kinderkamack Road to Everdell Avenue (Beechwood Park). This work will be funded by a \$100,000 grant from the State Department of Transportation. The 1992 program also includes the widening of Hillsdale Avenue at Pascack Road to construct a left-turn lane running westbound.

The County has awarded the downtown reconstruction project to the contractor and work on the improvements should begin this summer. A scale model of the changes to be made is on display in the lobby of Borough Hall.

The Borough is continuing to construct barrier-free ramps and curbcuts at various intersections within a six block radius of public facilities. Through the Community Development Grant Program the Borough will receive up to \$54,000 for this work. Also, the new bathrooms in Beechwood were partially funded by the Community Development Program. In conjunction with the 1992 Road Program, additional parking areas along Hillsdale Avenue will be provided for Beechwood Park and a number of streets are scheduled to be resurfaced.

At Stonybrook Swim Club, the Borough is in the process of completing pool renovations that will include an automatic chlorination system and hand-railings to aid in accessibility. The second phase of the landscaping contract for the Swim Club was completed on schedule in April.

Also, the Borough is in negotiations with the County to purchase some of the property owned by the county in Glenbrook Park. If successful in obtaining the property, the Borough plans to keep it as open space, or for municipal purposes, thereby

minimizing the effect of development in this flood-prone area. The Borough is in the process of preparing a report indicating the environmental value of each of the lots that are available from the County.

For next year, 1993, the Borough is applying for state aid from the State Department of Transportation for three projects: Reconstruction of Lincoln Avenue between Magnolia Avenue and Kinderkamack Road; East Liberty Avenue from Kinderkamack Road to Cedar Lane; the construction of underdrains and the resurfacing of Werimus Lane.

In Perspective

Your Local Property Taxes

- ★ The Hillsdale Municipal Budget has risen \$1,500,000 from 1988 through 1992.
- ★ \$1,318,000 of the increases arose from the following non-discretionary charges:

BCUA Sewer Fees	\$ 400,259
Police Department Salaries	\$ 358,805
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$ 256,734
Employee Health Benefits	\$ 201,621
Library	\$ 78,792
Police Pensions	\$ 25,553
- ★ During this time Borough taxes rose 4.5%.
- ★ During this time the Northeastern Consumer Price Index (inflation) rose 19%.
- ★ The Municipal Taxes in neighboring towns rose nearly 40%.

HILLSDALE HELPING HILLSDALE

The Local Assistance Board recognizes 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.**

The L.A.B. is continuing to sponsor 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 whose families cannot afford to have them participate in community activities. That's the reason this program is called "**Hillsdale Helping Hillsdale**".

Hillsdale History

LAW and ORDER

With much local interest in the Police Department, a glance at its past is in order.

From earliest days, in the English tradition, the Counties had Sheriffs. With the division of Counties into Townships in 1693, Constables were elected annually in each. As settlement spread, original new Barbadoes Township split off Saddle River Township, which split off Harrington, which split off Washington (1840), which split off Hillsdale Township in 1898. At this point law and order became local; we had our own Constable. Three years later the Township Committee provided him with a pair of handcuffs; after 10 years, "Special Officers" were appointed to arrest when needed. In 1913 the first uniformed Special Officer was appointed with pay: \$5/week; he also ran a butcher shop on the present site of Citizens 1st National Bank.

The local Board of Trade donated the first "headquarters", the Hillsdale police booth, in 1925, soon to be moved; a car was purchased in 1926. When the officer went out in response to a call, he asked one of the neighboring merchants to respond to the booth phone. By 1927 the force had increased to four, and in 1928 a Police Department was created with the Chief starting at \$2000 and the Roundsmen (patrolmen) at \$1200. "Headquarters" moved to the old Borough Hall at Park and Central Avenues in 1931. Chiefs in succession were Lawrence Foley, William Bulach, Henry Koelsch, Frank Stoeckel who served for 23 years, and Philip Varisco who served from 1968 until our present Chief Ronald Schramm took over.

— J. Stanley Nants, Borough Historian

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.

DPW Asks Your Help

Proud of their own work in keeping Hillsdale clean and beautiful, the Department of Public Works has made a number of suggestions that require the cooperation of the residents in keeping the appearance of Hillsdale in first class condition.

1. Please do not rake or throw cut grass into the streets. Catchbasins become filled with the cuttings and when the grass comes to seed it grows into and out of the curbs which looks terrible and is difficult to correct. Similar problems result when oil and debris are thrown into the streets.
2. For parks and playgrounds, schoolyards and the business section, please use the receptacles provided to throw your papers, cups, trash, wrappings, newspapers, etc. and, when possible, pick up debris left by others.

"Let's make Hillsdale an even better place!"



Chief Koelsch and successor Chief Stoeckel at headquarters.

NEWS FROM THE RECREATION COMMISSION

July 4th -- Fun at Beechwood Park

The Hillsdale Recreation Commission is sponsoring activities that will provide fun for every age group on the 4th of July holiday at Beechwood Park. The day will include a 5K Run/Walk, Children's Games and Pony Rides and all activities will be free to Hillsdale residents. The Park also has tables and grills available for family picnics.

The schedule of events for the 4th of July includes:

- 9:00 A.M.** Sign-up for the 5K Run/Walk. *(A special insert is enclosed with this newsletter outlining the route to be followed.)*
- 9:45 A.M.** Salute to the Flag
Singing of the National Anthem
- 10:00 A.M.** 5K Run/Walk begins (3.1 miles)
- 12 Noon** Children's races, Grades 1-6; 50 yard dash; sack race; 3-legged race; wheelbarrow race and balloon race. Ribbons for all participants. Candy prizes for the winners.
- 12-2 P.M.** Pony Rides

Stay all day and picnic if you like!

An Update on Camp Hillsdale

This summer, Camp Hillsdale will operate out of the Ann Blanche Smith School. The program is open to all Hillsdale children entering Grades 1 through 6.

Registration begins on Monday, June 29, 9 A.M. until 12 noon, at the Ann Blanche Smith School gymnasium. Parents should bring proof of Grade (report card) and proof of residency (driver's license) when registering their children.

Registration fee is \$50 per camper. This includes a T-shirt, swimming at Stonybrook, two trips during the camping season, and the insurance required by law.

The Camping Season begins Tuesday, June 30, the day after registration, and continues until Friday, July 31. The camp meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Ann Blanche Smith School from 9 A.M. until 2 P.M.; and Tuesdays and Thursdays, at the Stonybrook Swim Club from 9:30 A.M. until 1:30 P.M.

The Camp Director for this program is Robert Browning. For further information, Mr. Browning may be reached at 664-3506.

For 7th and 8th Graders-- Splash Parties at Stonybrook

The Hillsdale Recreation Committee will sponsor two Splash Party/Dances for the 7th and 8th grades at the Stonybrook Swim Club during the summer. Both Parties will feature a live band that will play from 8 P.M. 'til 10 P.M., rain or shine. There will be no admission charge for the students, and soda will be available.

Mark the dates: Thursday, June 25 and Thursday, July 23. For further information, call Rich Curran, 664-2016.

1992 CONCERT SCHEDULE

Beechwood Park Bandshell

June 30	Waldwick Community Band
July 7	Ramapo Fault
July 14	Risky Business Blue Grass Band
July 21	The Saddle River Concert Band
July 28	The Boisterous Banjo Band

(See flyer enclosed in this newsletter.)

Join The Victorian Lighting Program

Walk through the path crossing Veteran's Memorial Park and admire the Victorian street lights that line the walkway. They are the result of a unique community project jointly sponsored by the residents of Hillsdale and the Borough administration and, in the near future, additional lights will line the main streets of the center of town.

At a cost of \$1500, each light is sponsored by a local resident or local citizens' group who wish to make a lasting gift to their hometown.

A permanent brass plaque will be mounted on each light bearing the name of the individual or group contributing the Victorian Light. The plaque will be inscribed "Donated by", "In memory of", or any suitable inscription selected by the donor. The contribution for the lights (\$1500) is payable in three equal installments or, if preferred, it may be made in one payment.

Interested citizens, clubs or associations may see the locations available on the Victorian Lighting Plan which is on display in the lobby of Borough Hall.



LIBRARY NOTES

Summer Hours -- Children's Programs

Effective June 19th, the Hillsdale Free Public Library will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 A.M. to 9 P.M. and Thursdays and Fridays from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday is the only evening the Children's Room will be open. The library will be closed on weekends beginning June 20th through September 6th. Weekend hours will resume on September 12th, the weekend after Labor Day.

"Story Time", for children 3-6 years of age, will begin July 8 and run through August 19. The program will meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 A.M. Several entertainment programs will be scheduled during this time.

The summer reading program for school-age children begins on June 29 and will run for approximately nine weeks. The theme for this year's program will be "geography and travel". Please telephone the library (358-5073) to register your eager reader/traveler by June 19th.

NOTES FROM THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Safety Tips for Outdoor Pools

1. Municipal law requires fencing with self-closing and latching gates around all swimming pools. The gate-latching mechanisms should be out of reach of children. For above-ground pools, steps and ladders must be removed when the pool is not in use.
2. **WARNING--** Recent statistics show that the major reason for pool accidents and drownings is **lack of adult supervision**. It takes less than a minute for a child to drown. Adults must position themselves where they have an unobstructed view of the entire pool and the children using it. Practice safety drills with the children by teaming each child with a buddy, occasionally stopping the activity to have each child hold up the hand of his or her buddy. Rough play around swimming pools is extremely dangerous and should be discouraged. Diving into shallow areas must be prohibited.

For a free copy of "Children and Pools", a safety checklist, stop by the Hillsdale Health Department at Borough Hall or send a stamped self-addressed envelope to have one mailed to your home.

Health Department Programs Coming Up

1. CPR course for Borough employees to be given by an instructor from the Hillsdale Ambulance Corps.
2. Program on AIDs given by Cathy Flagg, Health Education Coordinator of Bergen Community Health Care. This evening program will be held in June and is for Borough employees and Hillsdale residents.
3. Free skin cancer screening for members and employees of Stonybrook Swim Club. The screening will be performed by Dr. Martha Maso of the Westwood Dermatology Group. Free literature on skin cancer will be available at the site.

For additional information on the above programs call 358-5025.

HEALTHY PHONE NUMBERS WORTH KEEPING

Health Department 358-5025
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. weekdays

Nurse's Office 358-5028
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday

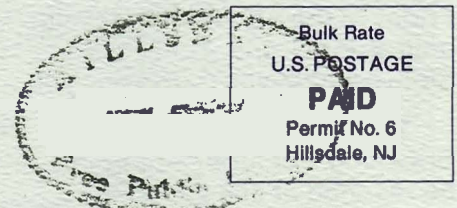
N.J. Poison Control and
Information Center 1-800-962-1253
(24 hour service for accidental poisoning)

Aids/HIV Free and Confidential Counseling
and Testing by Bergen County Health
Counseling Center 487-3243

Mammography and Pap Program
Bergen County Breast Screening - \$65.00
Pap - \$35.00 Appointment 599-6114

Bergen County Animal Shelter 646-3200
Provides "free" rabies inoculations
every Thursday, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Police, Fire & Ambulance 664-4200



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