



BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE

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John V. Lane
Mayor

Letter from Mayor Lane

8-5-2022

Dear Resident,

The tax bills were printed and mailed on August 3. You should be receiving your tax bill soon; the grace period has been extended to August 31, and if your taxes are paid after that date, interest will be charged back to August 1.

The Army Corps of Engineers will not be here on August 8 due to a scheduling conflict on our end; we are rescheduling the meeting to address the flooding issues that we have in town.

I had a telephone call regarding the bridge behind Hawthorne High School in the Goffle Brook Park that is still out; I have made a call to the County to see what the status is. Last time I inquired, I was told that the bridge requires a bit more work to replace, as the DEP is involved. I will let you know what I find out.

Our Health Registrar has asked that I appeal to you to donate to our food pantry. Our shelves need replenishing. Thank you.

I want to thank you all for working hard to keep your property maintained, especially during these hot summer weeks. I have had many calls from residents commenting on how appreciative they are that our Code Enforcers work so hard to ensure that the town looks the best it can.

Last Sunday night at the Boro Bandshell, Hawthorne's own Christian Macchio returned with Captain Jack, paying tribute to the Great Billy Joel. The night was a huge success, with some 1,400+ in attendance. I want to thank Chairman Mike Pasquale and his Bandshell Committee for bringing to the Boro Bandshell quality entertainment. This Sunday at 7pm the movie *E.T.* will be shown at the Boro Bandshell grounds. Please come and enjoy a great night celebrating *E.T.*'s 40th Anniversary!

National Night Out was a great success last Tuesday. I want to thank everyone who came out and showed their support for our Police, Fire, EMS, all our first responders and volunteers, and to our Municipal Alliance for their continued support. The Hawthorne Boys & Girls Club, Domestic Violence Team and the Stigma-Free Committee were all in attendance. It was great to see all our emergency equipment, which the children really enjoyed looking at it all.

Police Chief Knepper has informed me that all Hawthorne Police Department supervisors are currently, and will continue to be, enrolled in the FBI-LEEDA training program. This training was conceptualized to remotely offer the FBI executive training programs to municipal, state, and federal leaders of law enforcement agencies. The training promotes the exchange of information to improve law enforcement management practices through training, education, and networking among police professionals across the United States and beyond. The FBI-LEEDA training program provides various course curriculums. The police department has established the FBI-LEEDA training as its foundation for each supervisor level, ensuring each supervisor receives the same highest standard of training as each rises up through its ranks.

The police ask that you be diligent in locking your cars at all times when not in use, and don't leave your cars running unattended. Also, please don't leave valuables in your cars. There have been attempts by individuals to steal cars throughout the Borough.

Just a reminder that pool passes are now being sold at reduced prices for the remainder of the 2022 summer season.

Fire Chief Speranza has announced the 2nd Annual Hawthorne Fire Department Citizen Fire Academy to be held Thursday nights in October from 7pm to 9pm. To sign up or to get more information, please email Assistant Chief Lodder at citizens.academy@hawthornefire.org

Should you have any thoughts or concerns that you want to bring my attention to, I invite you to call me. I will never stop working hard for each and every one of you.

Enjoy your weekend, and please keep cool.

Sincerely,

Mayor John V. Lane