



BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE

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John V. Lane
Mayor

Letter from Mayor Lane

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Dear Resident,

On Tuesday afternoon while working in my office I heard on the emergency radio that there was a police presence needed at the lower end of Goffle Road. The Police Department and Ambulance Corps responded. I left my office and responded to the emergency. Our Hawthorne Police did an outstanding job in capturing two suspects attempting to steal a car. The suspects went into the Passaic River, as did two of our officers.

Our Hawthorne Police together with other police departments and the New Jersey State Police aided in capturing the two suspects. Another great job by our police department, Hawthorne's Finest; my thanks to them and to all the other police agencies who assisted. Our police officers who were in the river were treated by the Hawthorne Ambulance Corps at the scene and they are both fine.

We have had quite a few submissions for our contest, "Name the Park". The contest will end on June 30, 2022 at 11:59pm. When submitting your idea to namethepark@hawthornenj.org be sure to include your name, street address, email, and your telephone number. If you fail to provide this information, unfortunately your submission cannot be counted.

We are in the process of installing temporary brackets for flower baskets on the light posts on Diamond Bridge Avenue and Lafayette Avenue in the NPP District, as well as the pool walkway and inside the pool area. Due to delays in manufacturing, the vendor has informed us that we can't expect the permanent brackets until October.

Congratulations to the graduates of Hawthorne High School, Hawthorne Christian Academy, Lincoln Middle School and St. Anthony's School. Best of luck to each and every one of you. I want to also congratulate all of our scholarship winners and our student athletes. There were so many proud moments throughout the year. Most recently we had two County finalists for *Athlete of the Year*, Jayson Harmer and Briana Andreoli. I believe that this was one of the best years in recent memory for our athletic teams, and I have enjoyed reading about all the accomplishments. Congratulations to our Lady Bears Flag Football team and their coaches on an outstanding first year 8-0 undefeated season, and for making it to the finals for the State Championship. We are all looking forward to a State Championship next year!

After a two-year hiatus due to the Covid-19 virus, the Special Olympics of New Jersey 2022 Summer Games were held a last week at the College of New Jersey. Competing in the Traditional Bocce Partners, Denise Navarro and Danielle Cornell won a Gold medal, and they competed in the Traditional Bocce 4 Person Team and won Silver. Congratulations on bringing home the Gold and Silver! We are proud of you.

The Pool will be open this weekend, and beginning on Monday, June 20, the pool will be open weekdays at 10am for Adult Swim only, and at 11am it will open for general swim (with weekend hours 11am to 8pm, and no Adult Swim). Again, the whistle will blow at 7:45pm, giving swimmers time to exit the water, gather their belongings, and exit the pool area by 8pm.

This Tuesday, June 21, at 7pm the Boro Bandshell will feature the *Soul Cruisers*. The grounds open at 6pm. Please bring a blanket or chairs and enjoy the start of a great season. Thank you to Chair Michael Pasquale and the entire Boro Bandshell Committee for planning a great summer series.

The Hawthorne Police Department and the Hawthorne Municipal Alliance will present a Bike Rodeo on Saturday, June 25 at 10am in the Police Headquarters parking lot. Bike safety education, skills course, registration/engraving, free bicycle locks, and certified child safety seat inspections will be offered.

The Police Department has informed me that registration for Leadership Camp has been extended to Friday, July 22 (Leadership Camp is August 15 through August 19). Please see the website for the registration form and flyers at www.hawthornenj.org/469/Leadership-Camp-2022

This month in the Borough we have celebrated two special birthdays: Ann DeMarco celebrated her 103rd birthday on June 10, and today we celebrate Cora Van Den Berg's 100th birthday. Best wishes to both of you for continued health and happiness.

Enjoy the weekend.

Sincerely,

Mayor John V. Lane