



BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE

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John V. Lane
Mayor

Letter from Mayor Lane

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Dear Resident,

Last Friday night the Borough and the Chamber of Commerce held the annual Santa Parade and Tree Lighting. It was a great event, and I want to thank the staff at Borough Hall and the countless volunteers who made it happen, Meg at the Chamber of Commerce for organizing the parade, the DPW, the Ambulance Corps, and the Police Department and its Traffic Division. Santa had a great time stopping here, arriving in style in a shiny new Camaro from Hawthorne Chevy!

Thank you all for your generosity this year in the collection of unwrapped toys in our lobby for the Marine Corps *Toys for Tots* program. The train pulls into town tomorrow between 10am and 10:30am at the corner of Warburton Avenue & Grand Avenue to pick up the toys.

The Passaic County Clerk outreach services department will be at the Municipal Building this Tuesday, December 13 from 10am to 1pm for passports, notary oaths, and Veterans photo ID cards.

We continue to collect baking ingredients to help families during the holiday season. The collection box will be in our lobby until December 14.

The Shade Tree Commission has provided to me their accomplishments for 2022. They performed the pruning of 202 requested trees and removed a requested 143 trees; the fall planting was 160 trees and is still in progress. They continue to update their iTree log for inventory. The Commission also reports to the State their accomplishments, and again Hawthorne was acknowledged as a "Tree City" – the 30th year we have been recognized. In addition, the Commission attained a grant for 875 free saplings which they distributed at Cel-Earth-Bration, and they received a grant for 1,000 daffodils which they donated to the schools and also planted in town. Thank you to the Commission for all of your hard work!

In my meetings with the County Coordinator for the Nutrition Center, she informed me that they are in the process of hiring a new nutritionist who will come on board in January, and they will be expanding their outreach to the senior citizens, and they will be expanding the number of activities they will be offering at our ambulance building. This program is available to all Hawthorne senior citizens 5 days a week. They provide refreshments along with lunch. Last week I mailed out over 50 letters to our Hawthorne senior citizens who provided their contact information at our senior dinner last spring; I will have more to report in the new year.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding lanternflies, please see the New Jersey Agriculture's website at www.nj.gov/agriculture for more information on destroying the egg masses.

Parking Permits for 2023 are now on sale and can be purchased at the Police Records window Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm. Late nights until 8pm are Wednesday, December 21, and Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

The 2023 Borough calendars are at the printer, and they will be mailed out during the last week of the month.

Have a good weekend and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Mayor John V. Lane