

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

As we enter the final quarter of the year, we want to take a moment to reflect on what has been an amazing summer here in Bergenfield. Our Summer Recreation Program was a tremendous success, giving our children and families opportunities to stay active, have fun, and make lasting memories. We also enjoyed two great Summer Concerts that brought our community together for evenings of music, food, and fun. We thank everyone who helped make these programs and events possible, especially all of the residents who came out and participated.

We have also continued to make important investments in our infrastructure. Throughout the year, several roads across the Borough have been paved, and we are already finalizing the list of roads scheduled for improvements next year. Our commitment to maintaining and improving Bergenfield's streets remains a priority as we continue working to make our community an even better place to live.

As we move into the fall, we have many exciting events planned for residents of all ages. Halloween will once again be a special day in Bergenfield! On Halloween, we invite families to join us for our annual Halloween Costume Parade along the Avenue from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Children and families are encouraged to dress in their favorite costumes and come out for an afternoon filled with Halloween spirit, community fun, and plenty of great costumes. Following the parade, the celebration will continue with our annual Trunk or Treat from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. This fun and safe event gives children the opportunity to trick-or-treat from creatively decorated vehicles while enjoying an afternoon with friends, neighbors, and members of our community. We look forward to seeing the Avenue filled with ghosts, superheroes, princesses, and all of Bergenfield's best Halloween costumes!

In November, we will honor the men and women who have served our country with our annual Veterans Day Ceremony at Borough Hall on Wednesday, November 11th. We will also once again partner with Mom's Food Pantry for our annual Turkey Giveaway, helping local families prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday.

December will bring the start of the holiday season in Bergenfield. We will kick off the festivities with our annual Holiday at the Pond on Saturday, December 5th. We also want to thank our Bergenfield Police Department, Bergenfield Fire Department, and Bergenfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps in advance for their continued efforts in bringing holiday cheer to our community through the annual Lights Parade, Santa Run, and Hanukkah Run. Please be sure to check the calendar in this newsletter for dates and details on these events.

There is always something happening in Bergenfield, and we encourage everyone to take part in the many programs, events, and activities our Borough has to offer. These events bring our community together and are part of what makes Bergenfield such a special place to call home. Your participation, support, and community spirit are what make these events successful year after year.

On behalf of the Mayor and Borough Council, we wish everyone a safe, happy, and healthy fall and holiday season. We look forward to seeing you and your families at our upcoming events!

FALL HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY

Borough Hall
Open
8:30am-4:30pm

Mayor
- Arvin Amatorio

Council
- Hernando Rivera -Thomas Lodato
- Ora Kornbluth - Marc Pascual
- Buddy Deauna -Domingo Almonte

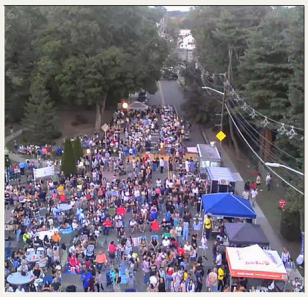




Latin Night Summer Concert Series



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Bergenfield Fire Department Summer Camp



Police Department Youth Academy



Back Pack Give Away



BackPack Give-Away



Summer Camp Directors



Safe Sitter Class



Police Department Youth Academy



Columbia Earthquake Food Drive



Columbia Earthquake Food Drive



Barrier Free Car Show



Columbia Earthquake Food Drive



9/11 Ceremony

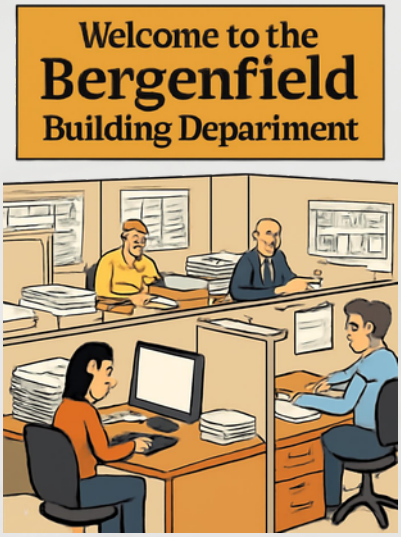


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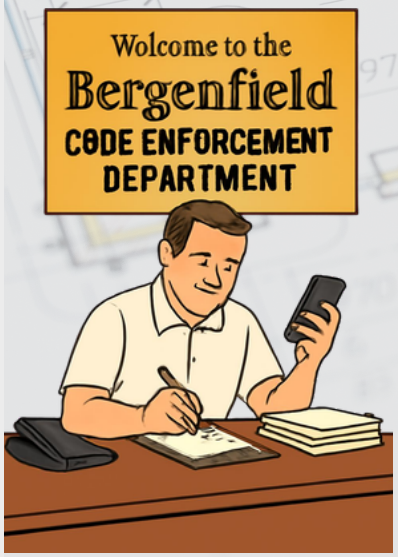
Building Department

Seven Seasonal Safety Tips:

- ***Make sure your heating system is working properly before winter.***
- ***Protect outside hose bibs from freezing by shutting off and draining exterior water lines.***
- ***Clean your dryer vent regularly to prevent fires and improve dryer efficiency.***
- ***Check your sump pump to make sure it is working properly before heavy rain or storms***
- ***Clean your gutters to prevent water buildup and damage to your home.***
- ***Practice holiday safety by using Christmas trees, UL RATED extension cords, electrical circuits, and outdoor lighting safely.***
- ***Make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly and in the right locations to help keep your family safe.***



Have a question about a construction project, zoning requirement or permit? Contact the Borough Building Department before beginning your project. We're here to help.



Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Safety Tips – Fall Addition

1. Remove leaves and debris from your property.

2. Keep sidewalks clear of snow, ice, leaves, and overgrown bushes.

3. Repair damaged siding, paint, steps, sidewalks, handrails, gutters, and hazardous trees.

4. Keep properties free of debris and clutter that can attract rodents or create unsafe conditions.

5. If your property is vacant or you are away, arrange for someone to maintain it.

6. Keep entrances well-lit and clear of snow, ice, and unnecessary objects.

Have a question about a property maintenance issue, or a Code Enforcement requirement? Contact a Code Enforcement officer. We're here to help.

Election Information

BOROUGH CLERK

3 WAYS TO VOTE

1.)VOTE EARLY!

Visit early voting locations throughout the County. The nearest to Bergenfield include the Richard Rodda Center in Teaneck or Bergen Community College in Paramus

2.)VOTE BY MAIL!

Voted completed ballots can be deposited into the Ballot Drop Box located next to Borough Hall, (see picture below)

3.)IN-PERSON!

Visit your regular polling location on Election day between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Track My Ballot

Important Dates

- September:
  - Commencement of Mailing of Vote by Mail Ballot
- October 13th:
  - Deadline to Register to Vote in the General Election
- October 24th - November 1st:
  - Early Voting Period
- October 27th:
  - Deadline to Apply for a Mail-in Ballot by Mail
- November 2 - by 3:00 p.m.:
  - Deadline to Apply for a Mail-in Ballot In-Person
- November 3rd -
  - General Election Day!

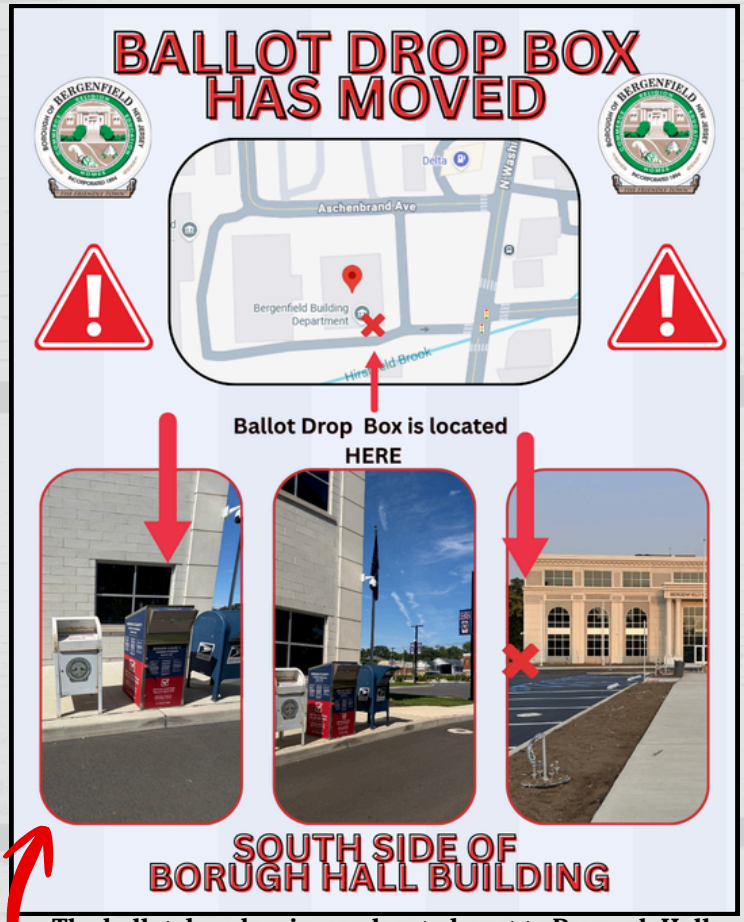
YOUR VOTE MATTERS

Visit

NJ Division of Elections

- *To Register to Vote*
- *Confirm Polling Location*

www.njelections.org



The ballot drop box is now located next to Borough Hall near the monuments. If you walk towards the front of Borough Hall from Washington Avenue, the box will be to your left. You can also drive around the back of Borough Hall to access the drop box.

Please drive carefully!

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The 2026 growing season was a HUGE success at the Community Garden! Thanks to the DPW for providing weekly water and assisting many of our senior residents with weeding and maintaining their gardens.
Any surplus vegetables were generously donated to the local food pantry.
Pictured from left to right:
Jonathan Pinilla, Matthew Zarraga,
Michael Cardona,& Juelz Mejia.
For more information about the Community Garden, please contact Bob Gallione at rgallione@aol.com.



Bulk Pick Up

Quadrant 1- October 7th

Quadrant 2- October 24th

Quadrant 3- October 28th

Quadrant 4- November 4th

BCUA FALL EVENTS

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Sunday, Oct 18 9am -3pm *Bergen Community College*
Saturday, Nov 14 9am-3pm *98 Empire Blvd Moonachie*

Leaf Collection at the Curb starts the week of October 12th and ends December 4th



Reminder
No dogs or bikes in any field or park, including
COOPERS POND & PAL FIELD



Need a new trash can?
Purchase at DPW
$70.00

PERMITS REQUIRED FOR BOROUGH FACILITIES

A permit is required to use:
- All Borough Athletic Fields
- Park Pavilions
- Cooper's Pond for Activities & Events

Plan ahead and secure your date today.

ℹ️ MORE INFORMATION
Permit fees, rules, and applications can be found here:

For questions please call the Bergenfield DPW Office @ 201-387-4055 option 3

PSE&G

Scan here for a report an outage, gas leak, or to see outage map.

ATTENTION

NO WIPES DOWN THE PIPES

Even if a product says its "flushable" unless it is toilet paper, it should not be flushed! Please avoid flushing wipes down the toilet to prevent backups into homes and businesses. These incidents are entirely avoidable, yet backups are occurring more frequently .



Eva Gallione, Bergenfield Town Historian, is shown presenting Allison Ballo, Bergenfield Library Director a copy of Tom Philpott's book about Colonel Floyd James Thompson, the longest held prisoner of war in the history of America. Colonel Thompson was held in a Vietnam pow camp for eight years three hundred and fifty five days. He was awarded twenty nine service medals of which twenty one medals have been sent to his hometown of Bergenfield by Ken and Ruth Thompson Brown for display in the library for the 2026 Veterans Day Holiday.

BARRIER FREE COMMITTEE

The Bergenfield Barrier Free Committee is proud to celebrate another successful Barrier Free Car Show this past June! Thank you to everyone who came out to support our mission of creating a more inclusive and accessible community. We're already looking ahead to our upcoming Fall Inclusive Social, a chance for our community to come together, connect, and celebrate inclusion.

Want to be part of the mission? Reach out to us, come to a meeting, and see how you can get involved! Every voice, idea, and helping hand makes a difference as we work toward a more accessible Bergenfield for everyone.

email us @ bbfcommittee@gmail.com.

BERGENFIELD PROUD TO BE STIGMA-FREE

PAST EVENTS:

June 7: Family Fun Day

June 10: Bergenfield Pride Flag Raising

June 12: BHS Student Scholarship Awards

June 16: Bergenfield Flag Day



COMING UP:

October 3: Bergen County Out of the Darkness Walk

October 7: SFC Monthly Meeting

October–December: Increased Senior/Elder Outreach

October–December: Mental Health Resource Seminars

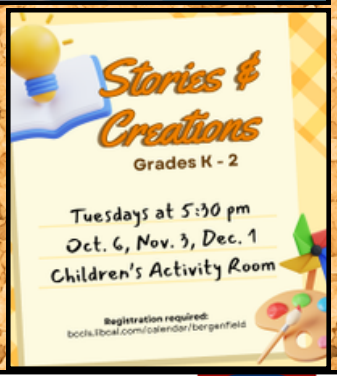
November/December: Additional events to be announced

Fall at the Library













David Elliott, representing Bergenfield Community Gardeners, is shown making a donation to Joe McHale at the Saint John Church food pantry. To make a donation contact Joe at joemc1217@gmail.com



HANDICAPPED & ELDERLY TRANSPORATION PROGRAM

- Providing residents with transportation to Doctors, Hospitals or Clinics in this area.
- Also provides a shopping route every Wednesday.
- Operation Days: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
- Operation Hours: 9AM-1PM

Contact: DPW Dispatcher at 201-387-4055 x4088



Chief: Mustafa Rabboh
www.bergenfieldpd.org
Bergenfield Police Department

Chief: Ryan Zadrozna
1st Deputy Chief: Kevin Schade
2nd Deputy Chief: Edward Kneisler III
Captain: Israel Infield
Captain: J.F. Cote
Captain: David Byrne
Lieutenant: Matthew Polandick
Lieutenant: Emily Sandman

Captain: Nick Garofano
Fire Official: Kevin Cook
www.bergenfieldFD.org

Bergenfield Police Department: Holiday Safety Reminders

As we enter the fall and holiday season, the Bergenfield Police Department reminds residents to stay alert and take a few simple precautions to help keep our community safe.

Halloween Safety: Drivers should use extra caution and watch for children crossing streets and walking between homes. Parents are encouraged to inspect treats, use reflective clothing or flashlights, and remind children to stay in familiar, well-lit areas.

Holiday Package Theft: As online shopping increases, so does the opportunity for package theft. Whenever possible, have packages delivered to a secure location, bring deliveries inside promptly, and consider using delivery alerts or requesting a signature for valuable items. If you see suspicious activity, contact the Bergenfield Police Department.

Thinking About an E-Bike for the Holidays? Before purchasing an electric bike for a child or teenager, make sure you understand New Jersey's updated e-bike laws. Parents and guardians should pay particular attention to the rules that apply to riders under 18. Know the requirements before your child gets on the road.

Stay safe, stay aware, and have a happy holiday season from the Bergenfield Police Department!





BERGENFIELD VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

MAKE A DIFFERENCE. SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY.

BVAC LINK

BVFD LINK

Join the Bergenfield Volunteer Ambulance Corps or the Bergenfield Volunteer Fire Department and make a difference in the lives of your neighbors. Volunteer your time, learn valuable skills, build lasting friendships, and be there when your community needs you most.

Volunteer your time. Answer the call. Serve Bergenfield!





Smart911

Stay informed! Phone Alerts
To register for ROBOCALLS from the Borough of Bergenfield with urgent messages for residents.

Bergenfield Municipal Court

MUNICIPAL COURT UPDATE

Please be advised that Municipal court in person or virtual will be held on TUESDAYS starting at 3pm

Bergenfield Municipal Court is conducting court appearances virtually via Zoom video conferencing instead of having participants physically attend the court. Individuals will receive notices through the mail and/or by e-mail with instructions on how to participate. If you have a matter that is scheduled with this court and if you have not already done so, please contact Bergenfield Municipal Court via e-mail at nadia.cavli@njcourts.gov or at 201-387-4055 Ext 2 with your name, summons number, e-mail address and telephone number.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

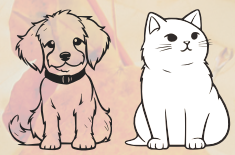
You may pay your traffic ticket/complaint through one of the following methods:

- **In-person at the Violations Bureau Window between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. You may pay with cash, check, money order or by credit card.**
- **By mail with either check or money order. Please remember to provide either the ticket or complaint number with your payment method.**

SCAN HERE FOR PAYMENT

NEWS FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

All DOGS AND CATS IN BERGENFIELD MUST BE LICENSED . TO OBTAIN A LICENSE A VALID RABIES CERIFICATE ALONG WITH THE APPROPRIATE FEE AND APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED.



RABIES DRIVE THRU VACCINE CLINIC - SCHEDULED TENTATIVELY FOR DECEMBER 13 , 2026 FROM 11AM-1PM.

WOOD SMOKE AND YOUR HEALTH

🔥 Burn Smart. Burn Clean. 🔥

If you've ever gathered around a campfire to roast marshmallows, you're familiar with wood smoke. But did you know that wood smoke contains pollutants that can be harmful to your health?

Wood smoke can increase the risk of heart and lung problems and may make you more susceptible to respiratory illness. Children, older adults, and individuals with existing heart or lung conditions are especially vulnerable. Even healthy people can experience irritation of the eyes, nose, and throat from exposure to wood smoke.

🌲 If You Burn, Burn Smart and Burn Clean

Only burn clean, seasoned firewood.

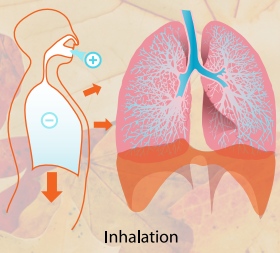
For a cleaner, safer burn:

- **Use firewood that has been seasoned for at least 6 months.**
- **Split wood to approximately 3–6 inches in diameter and 14–16 inches in length.**
- **Stack, cover, and properly store your firewood to keep it dry.**
- **Dry, seasoned wood burns more efficiently and produces less smoke.**

🚫 Never Burn These Materials

Help prevent the release of toxic chemicals and harmful pollutants. Never burn:

- **✕ Pressure-treated or painted wood**
- **✕ Plastics or Styrofoam**
- **✕ Particleboard, MDF, or plywood**
- **✕ Saltwater driftwood**
- **✕ Cardboard**
- **✕ Leaves**



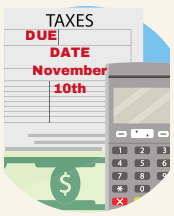


A cleaner fire means cleaner air and a healthier community.

Tax Department

(ANCHOR)Program

1.) 2026 Fourth quarter installment is due November 1st with a grace period date to November 10th
2.) Delinquent notices are mailed out through out after the end of grace period.
3.) Qualified veterans, senior citizen, disabled or surviving spouse, Civil union/Domestic Partner of a senior citizen or disabled person qualified for a $250.00 deduction on their yearly property taxes.
4.) Property tax exemption for 100% disabled Veterans is received throughout year by the tax assessor & processed for by the municipal tax collector; Additionally, Qualified organization exemption are also given throughout the year by tax assessor and process for approval and/or refund by the municipal tax collector.
5.) Senior Citizen (65) or older may apply for the Senior freeze property tax reimbursement, Anchor Program and Stay new Jersey by going to this website: www.propertytaxrelief.nj.gov or you may call 1-888-238-1233
6.) You may apply for the Affordable New Jersey Communities for Homeowners and Renters (ANCHOR) www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/anchor/index.shtml
7.) The New Jersey Division of Taxation will start distributing ANCHOR benefits on the month of October and continue on a rolling basis. Most applicants will receive their payment after applying, unless additional information is needed to process the application.
8.) For your convenience the DROP BOX is available 24/7 - 7 days a week.
9.) Pay your property taxes online for free plus you can register for automatic alert. The website: www.bergenfield.gov then go the "Online Services" page.
10.) The 2026 tax sale date is October 16, 2026



DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION





October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Zoning Board Meeting 8:00PM	6 Mayor & Council Meeting 8:00pm	7 QUAD 1 BULK DAY	8	9	10
11 Fire Awareness Day Borough Hall 1pm to 4pm	12 Borough Hall Closed Columbus Day	13 Board of Health 7:30pm via zoom	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Mayor & Council Meeting 8:00pm	21 QUAD 2 BULK DAY	22	23	24
25	26 Planning Board Meeting 8:00PM	27	28 QUAD 3 BULK DAY	29	30	31 Halloween Parade 12:30pm Trunk or Treat 3:30pm



Borough of Bergenfield

2026 | @BOROUGH HALL |

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Election Day Polls Open 6:00am to 8:00pm	4 QUAD 4 BULK DAY	5 Mayor & Council Meeting 8:00PM	6	7
8	9 Zoning Board Meeting 8:00PM	10 Board of Health 7:30pm via zoom	11 Borough Hall Closed Veterans Day Veterans Day Celebration at Borough Hall	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Planning Board Meeting 8:00PM	24	25	26 Borough Hall Closed Thanksgiving	27 Borough Hall Closed Thanksgiving	28
29	30					



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December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Mayor & Council Meeting 8:00PM	2	3	4 First Night of Hanukkah	5 • Holiday at the Pond • Holiday Lights Parade
6	7	8 Board of Health 7:30pm via ZOOM	9	10	11	12 BFD Santa Run
13 • VFW PHOTOS W/SANTA 3PM VFW POST 6467 • BFD/BVAC Chaukah Run	14 Zoning Board Meeting 8:00PM	15 Mayor & Council Meeting 8:00PM	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Borough Hall Closed Christmas Eve	25 Borough Hall Closed Christmas Day	26
27	28 Planning Board Meeting 8:00PM	29	30	31		

