



Borough of Hamburg Newsletter - Winter 2019-20

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From Mayor Marino...

I would like to start by congratulating John Burd and Russell Law on their reelection to the Borough Council and I thank every member of the Council for their service to this community.

Winter is almost upon us. We need everyone to help keep roads clear by making sure vehicles are off roads when snow covered so the plows can clean up.

Holiday Decorating Contest winners will be announced and recognized at the February regular meeting of the Mayor and Council. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place. Best overall street will also be recognized.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the community or would like to assist with events, consider volunteering on a board or commission.

For more information please contact the Borough Clerk, Doreen Schott via e-mail at boro_clerk@hamburgnj.org or at 973-827-9230 Ext. 4010.

On behalf of the Council and myself, I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season

Members of the Recreation Commission will be driving throughout the Borough to cast their votes during the

Annual Holiday Decorating Contest

December 15th - 23rd

We look forward to seeing all the beautiful decorations and We wish you all Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Dates to Remember:

DECEMBER

- 15-23 – Annual Holiday Decorating Contest
- 24 - Christmas Eve
Boro Hall Closed
- 25 - Christmas Day
Boro Hall Closed
- 31 - New Year's Eve

JANUARY

- 1 - Happy New Year!
Boro Hall Closed
- 2 - Animal Licensing Begins
- 6 - Mayor & Council Re-Org 6:30
Mayor & Council 7pm
- 8 - Bd. of Public Works 7pm
- 13 - Land Use Bd. Mtg 7pm
- 14 - Bd. of Health Mtg 6:30 pm
- 20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Mayor & Council 7pm
- 21 - Recreation Comm. Mtg 7pm
- 27 - Historic Preservation 7pm
- 31 - Animal Licenses Due!

FEBRUARY

- 1 - Animal Licensing - Late Fees Begin!
- 3 - Mayor & Council 7pm
- 10 - Land Use Bd. Mtg 7pm
- 12 - Bd. of Public Works 7pm
- 14 - Valentine's Day
- 17 - President's Day
Boro Hall Closed
- 18 - Recreation Comm. Mtg. 7pm

MARCH

- 2 - Mayor & Council 7 pm
- 8 - Daylight Saving Time starts
- 9 - Land Use Bd. Mtg 7pm
- 11 - Bd. of Public Works 7pm

Hamburg-OEM - Outages Reminder

It is very important that you report your power outage. Even if your neighbor has called do not assume that JCP&L already knows you are out of power. JCP & L relies on your calls to accurately prepare restoration plans. To bypass the automated system say "OPERATOR" (as much as you need to) and when you get an operator tell them everything, if you have wires down, wires and trees down, service line off your house, poles snapped, transformers down. Reporting the information properly into the system helps JCP & L dispatch the proper personnel. **Most importantly get a repair ticket number and write it down.**

Also if your power is still out but you get a message that your power may have been restored, call in your outage again and remember, **write down the ticket number.** Remember, no system is perfect. It is up to us to help get the proper information to JCP & L. This is a small thing that can make a huge difference! And remember:

DO NOT EVER GO NEAR WIRES. ASSUME THEY ARE ALWAYS LIVE. PERIOD.

Animal Licensing

All Dogs and Cats residing in the Borough of Hamburg must be licensed. Licenses are due January 1, 2020. If your pet's rabies shot has expired, we will be unable to issue a license until proof of rabies vaccination is presented with an expiration date of November 1, 2020 or greater.

The Borough will begin issuing 2020 licenses after January 1, 2020. License fees as of Jan . 1, 2020 are now \$12 for spayed or neutered animals and \$15 for all others. For more information contact Kathy Garrett at 973-827-9230 x 4012.



Santa Claus Is coming!

Keep your eyes and ears open for Santa and his helpers who are scheduled to ride through the Borough on the Fire Truck on Saturday, December 21st beginning around 11 AM. In the event of inclement weather, Santa will then be around on Sunday, December 22nd.



It has been a very busy fall. Throughout the month of October all officers wore pink American flag patches to show support for Breast Cancer Awareness. Also during October, a presentation was given by Sgt. Jason Tangorra, Det. Sokolowski, and Ptl. Descafano at the Hamburg School regarding Halloween safety. During November we participated in No Shave November, a month-long event during which participants go without shaving and grooming in order to encourage conversation and raise cancer awareness.

The entire Hamburg Police Department wishes everyone a happy and safe holiday season. During the holidays we ask that all residents please remember to keep house numbers visible through Holiday décor for emergency responders and with winter approaching please remember to check on your neighbors during bad weather.



As Winter is upon us again, the Road Dept. stopped picking up brush and leaves on Nov. 16, 2019. Live Christmas trees and wreaths will be picked up through the month of January 2020. It is very important that no ornaments, electrical wiring or metal be left on the trees or wreaths and they cannot be left in plastic bags. They will not be picked up if any of these items are present. All items must be placed curbside for pickup before 7 AM. Absolutely no artificial trees and wreaths will be picked up. Last day for pick up is Friday, January 31, 2020.

Please remember: No vehicles are allowed to be parked on any Borough roads when roads are snow/ice covered. Please make sure all vehicles are removed from roads to allow snow plows to keep roads open.

Basketball nets must be removed from the road. The Borough will not be responsible for any damage if they are left in roadways. (Ord. 183-14)

Do not throw snow back into the road (Ord 183-15).

Clear any sidewalks in front of your property of snow (Ord. 183-14).

The Town Park gate will be locked on Nov. 30, 2019 and reopened April 2020 weather permitting.

We wish all residents a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.



Please visit the Borough's website for the most up to date information at www.hamburgnj.org



October was fire prevention month. If you have not done so yet, Please remember to test your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, especially if battery operated. Also check wood stoves and make sure your chimney is clean. Review the plan for getting out of your home in case of fire with everyone in your home.

We are always looking for new members in the Fire Department and EMS . Please call 973-827-5577 for more information or feel free to stop by Tuesday evenings at the Fire House .

The Hamburg Fire Department and EMS are selling Christmas trees, wreaths and grave blankets at the Hamburg Fire Pavilion located on Route 23 next to Hamburg Plumbing Supply. Look for signs advertising the event.

Hamburg will be hosting the parade for the 100th Anniversary of the Annual Inspection Day Parade which Hamburg began here in 1920.

If you are interested in renting the Fire Hall or Pavilion in 2020 please call 973-827-5577 after the first of the New Year and ask for Charlie or Keith. You may also leave a message on the machine.

Thank you for sending in donations in response to our mailed fund drive and contributing to our roadside drives.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all from the Hamburg Fire Dept and EMS.

DPW NEWS

New water meters **must** be installed in **all** Borough homes. To schedule an appointment please call 973-827-9230 ext. 4011 between the hours of 8 AM - 3 PM, Mon-Fri.

Please note - Due to a conflict with meter readings this quarter Water/Sewer bills have been estimated. Should you have any questions or concerns please call 973-827-9230.

For Your Convenience – As of January 1, 2020 you will be able to pay your Water /Sewer and Tax bills using our online payment service. E-Checks and the following Credit cards accepted: MasterCard, Discover, American Express or Visa. A per transaction service fee will be charged by the payment processing company for this service. Go to www.hamburgnj.org, under Departments choose Water/Sewer or Tax for the bill you wish to pay and click this button under Quick Links.