



Oradell Newsletter

Mayor and Council

Spring 2016

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Dear Neighbor:

I always looked forward to writing this letter to you in my past tenure as Mayor and this time is no exception. In this Newsletter, you will find a great deal of useful information not the least of which is an overview of the budget that was just passed. Many hours of hard work went into this budget – it truly is a collaborative effort between the Borough Clerk/Administrator, the CFO, the Department Heads and the Council – all of whom worked tirelessly over the past several months to deliver a budget which provides many services to our residents while holding the municipal tax increase to 1.69%. The pages of this Newsletter will provide some of the detail and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

As part of this budget process, the Council approved funding to implement a new Master Plan for the Borough. The Master Plan sets forth our vision for Oradell – it provides a long-range vision for our community. It has a direct relationship to all of you, whether you live, work or own a business in Oradell, because it affects the things you do every day and how you will do them in the future. The Master Plan guides issues such as economic development, how much parking should be provided in our neighborhoods, how to protect our open space and natural resources, the preservation of historic structures and so many other decisions. The process of developing the Master Plan will include “charrettes” or planning sessions where Oradell citizens, planners and other professionals will collaborate on a vision for our future. It provides a forum for ideas, the opportunity to give immediate feedback to the professionals and allows all of you to be mutual authors of the Plan. A great deal of hard work lies ahead but with your help, we will develop a vision for Oradell which preserves its charm as the #1 Family Town in New Jersey while providing the services and businesses we need.

You will also find information about upcoming events such as the Memorial Day Parade, the Farmer’s Market, and the Summer Recreation Program to name a few. There is also important information on the Zika virus and prevention.

Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to again serve as your Mayor. I look forward to the challenges ahead but with your help, nothing is impossible.

Happy Spring,

Mayor Dianne Didio

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...



MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 30—Borough Offices Closed

PRIMARY ELECTION

Tuesday, June 7—Polls Open 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM

FLAG DAY

Tuesday, June 14

FATHERS’ DAY

Sunday, June 19



INDEPENDENCE

DAY—4TH OF JULY

Friday, July 3—Borough Offices Closed

TRY SOMETHING NEW

We are trying something new with this edition of the newsletter. Rather than mail to individual homeowners, you can find current and past newsletters posted on the Borough website at (www.oradell.org). Copies of this newsletter will be available at

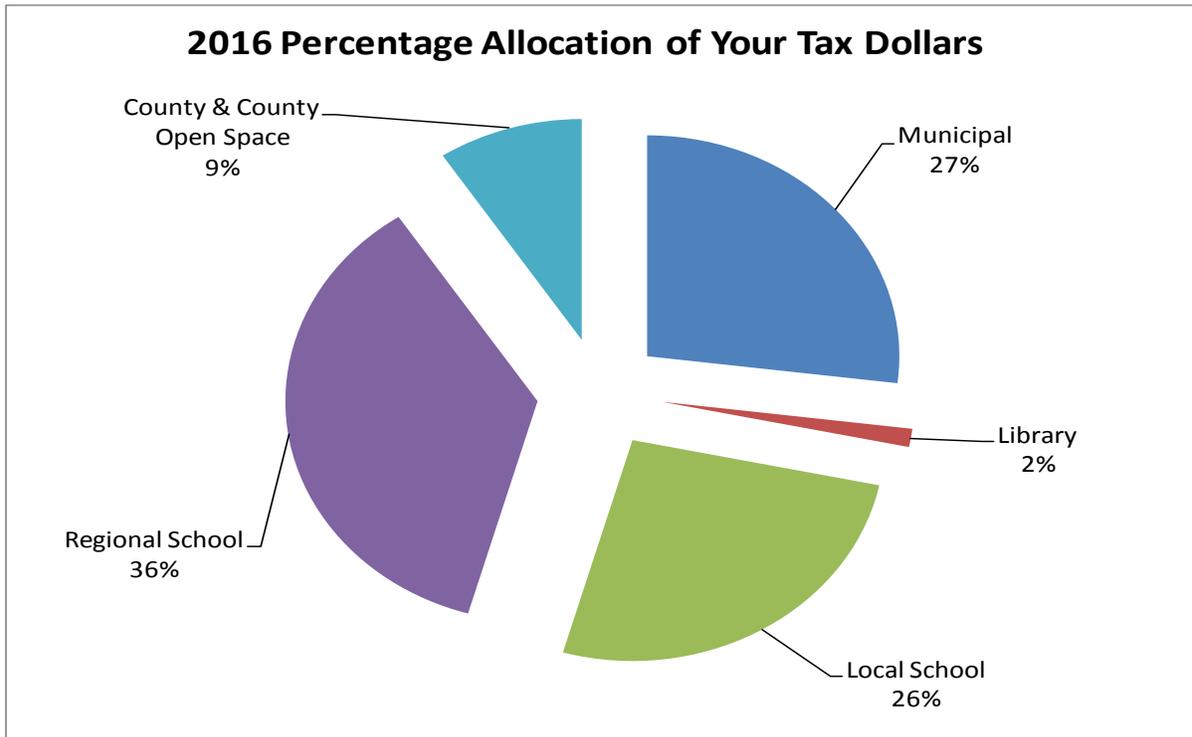
Borough Hall and Oradell Public Library. If you would like a copy of this newsletter mailed to you, simply contact the Borough Clerk’s office at (201) 261-8200 ext. 249 and leave a message along with your home address.

Thank You!

2016 BUDGET INFORMATION

The 2016 Municipal Budget was adopted on April 26, 2016:

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Municipal | \$ 3,787.66 | \$ 3,672.95 | \$ 114.71 |
| Library | \$ 187.18 | \$ 179.21 | \$ 7.97 |
| Local School | \$ 3,677.32 | \$ 3,612.54 | \$ 64.77 |
| Regional School | \$ 5,095.66 | \$ 5,051.93 | \$ 43.73 |
| County & County Open Space | <u>\$ 1,306.37</u> | <u>\$ 1,279.51</u> | <u>\$ 26.87</u> |
| | \$ 14,054.19 | \$ 13,796.14 | \$ 258.05 |
| | | | |
| Average Assessed Value | 474,694.00 | 473,992.00 | |
| Net Valuation Taxable | \$ 1,448,964,099.00 | \$ 1,448,234,901.00 | |



2016 BUDGET INFO CONT'D

| | 2016 Budget | | 2015 Budget | \$ Inc/(Dec) | % Chg |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Salaries & Wages | \$ 4,958,861 | \$ | 5,029,390 | \$ (70,529) | -1.40% |
| Other Expenses | \$ 1,798,055 | \$ | 1,518,520 | \$ 279,535 | 18.41% |
| Library | \$ 636,009 | \$ | 598,509 | \$ 37,500 | 6.27% |
| Utilities | \$ 412,560 | \$ | 437,560 | \$ (25,000) | -5.71% |
| General & Medical Insurance | \$ 2,207,595 | \$ | 2,246,374 | \$ (38,779) | -1.73% |
| Pension/Social Security | \$ 1,118,328 | \$ | 1,087,090 | \$ 31,238 | 2.87% |
| Trash Removal | \$ 274,000 | \$ | 232,360 | \$ 41,640 | 17.92% |
| Disposal Costs/Tipping Fees | \$ 205,000 | \$ | 205,000 | \$ - | 0.00% |
| Recycling | \$ 256,500 | \$ | 233,960 | \$ 22,540 | 9.63% |
| BCUA | \$ 835,000 | \$ | 867,700 | \$ (32,700) | -3.77% |
| FD Pensions | \$ 45,152 | \$ | 45,152 | \$ - | 0.00% |
| Reserve for Tax Appeals | \$ 200,000 | \$ | 258,000 | \$ (58,000) | -22.48% |
| Grants | \$ 50,722 | \$ | 75,364 | \$ (24,642) | -32.70% |
| Capital Improvement | \$ 50,000 | \$ | 50,000 | \$ - | 0.00% |
| Debt | \$ 1,605,704 | \$ | 1,539,803 | \$ 65,900 | 4.28% |
| Deferred Charges | \$ 40,000 | \$ | 40,000 | \$ - | 0.00% |
| Reserve for Uncollected Taxes | \$ 564,481 | \$ | 539,481 | \$ 25,000 | 4.63% |
| Total Appropriations | \$ 15,257,967 | \$ | 15,004,264 | \$ 253,704 | 1.69% |

Tax Collector

Tax Information is now available online at www.oradell.org in Borough Departments (on the left), WIPP-Property Tax Inquiry. Click Property Tax Inquiry, then click on the link. Enter the information and hit search. Everyone is encouraged to view the website, but the Tax Office is still available for further assistance.

Direct withdrawal for payment of taxes is still available. Simply complete the form found online or in the Tax Department and submit it with a voided check to the Tax Department. Thereafter your tax payment will be debited from your checking account when each installment is due. You will never be late!

After hours mailbox is located by the rear doors at Borough Hall. Correspondence and tax payments may be deposited here during and after Borough business hours.

Property Tax Reimbursement Program (Senior Freeze) is available for seniors and disabled persons. The eligibility requirements can be found on the Borough's website. The deadline to submit the application is June 1. If you are new to the program, you may pick up a booklet in the Tax Department. More information is available at www.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/index.shtml.

2013 Homestead Benefit. Revised tax bills for the May 1, 2016 tax installment have been mailed to property owners (and mortgage companies). If you are entitled to the homestead benefit, your May billing has been reduced accordingly. Contact the New Jersey Division of Taxation, 1-888-238-1233 if you have any questions.

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 30, 2016

Parade Details

Veterans Assembly: 8:15 AM at Hoffman Field and proceed to Rossi memorial

Parade Assembly: 9:00 AM at the World War II—Vietnam Memorial, Memorial Field at the corner of Prospect Ave. and Park Ave.

Refreshments will be served by members of the Special Events Committee at the Oradell Senior Center/Veterans memorial Building following the ceremonies.

FARMERS MARKET

When: Every Sunday from June 5, 2016 to November 20, 2016

Hours: 10 am to 3 pm

Location: Oradell Post Office Parking Lot located at Kinderkamack Rd. and Oradell Ave. (Across the street from Schirra Park)

Support your local farms. Products include: fruits, vegetables, honey, bread, jelly, pies, peanuts, cheese, plants, herbs, flowers, Heritage Breed Beef, pork, turkey, chicken, lamb and eggs and a variety of delicious pickles, olives, jams, cookies and treats and much more!



ORADELL'S TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE

Sponsored by The Junior Women's Club of River Edge (serving River Edge, Oradell and New Milford)

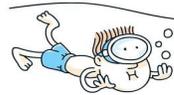
Saturday, June 11, 2016 from 9 AM to 4 PM

Rain Date—Sunday, June 12, 2016

Maps listing locations of Oradell Garage Sales will be distributed from 8:45 AM to 11 AM at the businesses below and available ALL DAY on www.jwcriveredge.org.

Please call 201-986-6004 or email OradellGarageSale@yahoo.com with questions.

Proceeds benefit local groups and organizations.



Oradell Swim Club

The Oradell Swim Club is a private club open to residents of all towns. The club is located on Ridgewood Ave. and is open from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend. Check out: www.oradellswimclub.weebly.com for more information.

Opening Day: Saturday, May 28, 2016

Open House: Sunday, June 5, 2016

Thank You

A special note of thanks to Glaze Donuts for providing free doughnuts at the recent ribbon cutting ceremony at Hoffman Field. Check out Glaze Donuts at www.glazeartisan.com



2016 SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM INFORMATION

Monday, June 27, 2016—Friday, August 5, 2016
Monday through Friday, 9 am to 3 pm

Cost: \$75/per child or \$185/per family (3 or more children)

Registration forms are available online at www.oradell.org or contact Kurt Peluso at kpeluso@oradell.org or 201-261-8200 ext. 243.

The Borough of Oradell Recreation Department will sponsor the 76th Summer Playground Program. We are happy to announce that we will continue to give campers the option of staying onsite during camp instead of leaving for lunch. Monday through Thursday campers who choose to stay are required to bring lunch. On Fridays, campers will have the option of ordering pizza. Slices will cost \$2 per slice and \$1 per drink. Campers will bring money on Friday morning.

This program is held in two locations: Oradell Public School Gym and the Oradell Borough Hall Downstairs MPR. The Summer Playground Program's participation fee cannot be prorated for any reason.

This program is intended for school-age children between the ages of 6 and 14. Children under 6 years old must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or babysitter while attending this program.

Registered children are welcome to participate at any of the two locations:

Sports/Gym Program at OPS Gym

For active campers who are looking for fun games throughout the day. The campers will participate in supervised activities that include wiffle ball, kickball, water balloon toss, running bases, treasure hunts, and many more fun activities.

Oradell Borough Hall, Downstairs MPR

Our Arts and Crafts Camp is for all artistic levels. Each day the campers will create a new piece of art that lets them explore their full imaginative potential. Special activities include the big "Recreation Carnival."

More from the Recreation Dept...

Summer Concerts

July 15, 2016 = Fishcakes and the Fried Daddies 7:30 pm—9:30 pm

July 29, 2016 = No Boundaries from 7:30 pm—9:30 pm

Bounce House and Inflatables
will be available for the kids!



Oradell Health Dept.

The Oradell Board of Health offers a monthly Child Health Conference for Oradell children from birth through age 6 where they may receive free complete medical physical exams and all required immunizations. Children ages 7 through 18 years of age may receive immunizations only. Appointments are necessary. For further information, call 201-666-4800 ext. 1528. Sessions are held at the Borough of Hillsdale, 380 Hillsdale Ave., in the lower level. Services are provided by a Pediatrician and Public Health Nurse.

Zika Virus



What we know:

- ⇒ No vaccine exists to prevent Zika virus disease.
- ⇒ Prevent Zika by avoiding mosquito bites.
- ⇒ Mosquitoes that spread Zika virus bite mostly during the daytime.

Steps to prevent mosquito bites:

- ⇒ Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- ⇒ Stay in places with air conditioning and window and door screens to keep mosquitoes outside.
- ⇒ Use EPA registered insect repellants.
- ⇒ Always follow the product label instructions.
- ⇒ Reapply insect repellent as directed.
- ⇒ Do not spray repellent on the skin under clothing.
- ⇒ If you are also using sunscreen, apply sunscreen before applying repellent.

To protect your child from mosquito bites:

- ⇒ Do not use insect repellent on babies younger than 2 months old.
- ⇒ Dress your child in clothing that covers arms and legs.
- ⇒ Cover crib, stroller, and baby carrier with mosquito netting.

Learn more about Zika Virus at:
www.cdc.gov/zika/symptoms/index.html

The Plan of Your Life Michael R. Dressler Judge of the Surrogate's Court

An educational seminar and discussion about probate, Last Will & Testaments, the importance of planning for your future, general and durable power of attorney documents, intestacy in New Jersey & estate tax consequences and advanced medical directives.

WHEN: June 29, 2016—7:00 PM

WHERE: Oradell Borough Hall
Council Chambers

The Bergen County Clerk's Office

will be giving a presentation about Oradell's history, charter and incorporation during the June 28, 2016 meeting of the Mayor and Council at 7:30 pm. Come see the presentation live in Council Chambers.

OPTV

The program schedule can now be accessed from the home page of www.oradell.org. Clicking on "OPTV" at the right will bring you to that day's schedule. Also, "no program name available" means that the Bulletin Board runs in that slot.

The OPTV programming day runs 24/7 – we are never off the air and we provide updates during emergency situations. Our programs are quite diverse, from all types of music, community interests, fresh daily newscasts (*DemocracyNOW!*), senior concerns, parades and celebrations, history and the arts. We feature original programs from Maine to Hawaii. In addition to municipal meetings in Oradell, there's something for everyone.

We can never have too many volunteers! If you'd like to learn about television production, and you can commit to at least one evening each month for live broadcasts, we need you! Our volunteers are from all walks of life and varied age groups. You do not need any special experience. Please give us a call at 201-649-9275 or email us at OPTV@oradell.org. Or please feel free to stop by our Control Room during a live municipal meeting.

OPTV would like to thank the Oradell Chamber of Commerce for allowing us to present our PowerPoint, outlining what we do, at their April meeting. A good time was had by all, connecting with old friends and meeting new ones.



Police Department

Since the inception of DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) in 1983, New Jersey has participated in the national curriculum that was set by DARE America based out of California. With the changing times, the curriculum was drastically changed in 2014 which presented a huge hurdle for DARE New Jersey. DARE America decided not to include important teachings in their new curriculum which caused alarm to all DARE officers in New Jersey as well as the DARE NJ executive board.

With drastic changes pending, the executive board researched new curricula and found a curriculum called "Too Good for Drugs" which fit the demographics and problems we have with our youth in New Jersey. Two years later, DARE New Jersey separated from DARE America which led to our new program called LEAD (Law Enforcement Against Drugs). This is our second year teaching LEAD to the fifth-graders in Oradell Public School. After a first transitional year, the second year as proven to be very successful. We just completed a series of 12 lessons which included education on all drugs and their effects as well as decision-making, being a good role model, and bullying. We look forward to our graduation ceremony on May 20th followed by a team building field day.

The LEAD officers would like to thank the Oradell Police Administration, Bergen County Municipal Drug Alliance who helps fund the program as well as the Oradell Mayor and Council who continuously support our efforts.



MOBILE ON-SITE RESIDENTIAL DOCUMENT SHREDDING PROGRAM

When: June 12, 2016 9 AM—1 PM

Where: Behind Oradell Post Office

Limit: No more than 4 shopping bags per individual

THIS SHRED EVENT IS INTENDED FOR ORADELL RESIDENTS ONLY.

RAIN OR SHINE

ORADELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

We are a quarter way through 2016, and the Library continues to be an exciting place no matter what the season – or weather. Providing vital services to our many residents and visitors and making our collections and services available 24/7 through the Library website, the Library is the place to be year-round. Oradell Public Library is a proud member of the Bergen County Cooperative Library System (BCCLS), which comprises 77 libraries in four counties (Bergen, Essex, Hudson, and Passaic), which share a catalog (www.bccls.org) and thousands of books, magazines, e-books, DVDs and Blu-Ray, audiobooks on CD, music CDs, downloadable audiobooks, e-magazines, online commercial databases, as well as streaming films and television shows. If Oradell residents want something that is not among the millions of materials in the BCCLS system, our Information Services Librarian can order it through JerseyCat, a service provided by the New Jersey State Library for accessing materials not only from public libraries, but from academic and special libraries throughout the State and country, if need be. Oradell residents may also access Ancestry, the genealogical web database, and Mango Languages, a foreign language learning and English as a Second Language (ESL) service, both online. This is all free with a card from Oradell Public Library.

If you are a new resident, please stop by the Library with proof of residency and get your library card, which opens up the door to all these materials and services, and you will also receive a welcome packet of useful information. If you have not used the Library in recent years, please come and check out all that is new.

Here are just a few of the reasons why Oradell Public Library is the place to be:

- Comfortable reading rooms, well-appointed reading areas, quiet study carrels, pre-school and teen facilities, and craft and meeting areas. Eighteen computers for public use with access to the Internet. Wireless (Wi-Fi) access on all three floors.
- Museum Pass Program: free access for Oradell individuals and families to four museums and institutions in New York City.
- Two book clubs, morning and evening; Cookbook Club; and IFC Film Club (film discussion group)

Much more! Check it out on:

<http://oradell.bccls.org/>

John J. Trause, Library Director



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ORADELL SENIORS

JOIN US—Any person 55 years or older is encouraged to join the Oradell Senior Social Club. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Senior Center/Veterans Building (behind Oradell Post Office) starting at 11:15 AM. 1st Tuesday is the business meeting and 3rd Tuesday is the social meeting. Entertainment is provided. Any questions, call John Walsh at 201-483-8633.

FREE TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is available to Oradell Seniors and Disabled Individuals FREE OF CHARGE on Tuesdays and Thursdays for visits to the doctor and shopping. Certain restrictions apply. Call **201-261-8610** AT LEAST 48 hours in advance to book your appointment.

If you are interested in becoming a driver for the Senior Van, please contact Chrissy Kay at **201-261-8610** for more information.

ORADELL GIRL SCOUTS...MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Although you may only see us wearing our vests and sashes during cookie sales or at parades, Oradell Girls Scouts are always busy helping others. We are a unit of nearly 300 girls in grades K-12 who have collected sports equipment, coats, supplies, books and food for those in need. We've also helped at food pantries, the Veterans home, community events and held workshops to tutor children, make cards for soldiers & elderly, and teach children about the marvels of science. Please consider being an adult volunteer. There are small groups of younger girls waiting to be Scouts but they need a few adults to coordinate their activities. Retirees, grandparents, family friends and former leaders can be approved and trained in as little as 2 hours. Girl Scouts do fun things like community service, earning badges, painting store windows, cooking s'mores and learning new skills. Each troop typically meets 1 or 2 times per month. Email: oradellgirlscouts07649@gmail.com

Oradell Beautification and Environmental Committee

is requesting donations to replace flowerpots that have been damaged. The flowerpots will be situated around town such as Kinderkamack Rd., library and town hall. The suggested amount is \$65, but any amount is welcome. Checks should be made payable to the Borough of Oradell and include *Beautification Flowerpot Program* in the memo section. Checks can be mailed to Clerk's Office, Borough of Oradell, 355 Kinderkamack Rd., Oradell, NJ 07649. Thank you for your support!

BOOK AND NEEDLE WOMAN'S CLUB OF ORADELL HONORS CENTER FOR HOPE AND SAFETY WITH \$1000 CHECK

The Book and Needle Woman's Club of Oradell recently held their annual Spring Luncheon at Lieto's Restaurant in New Milford, New Jersey. The luncheon was attended by 35 club members and special guest, Jean Kirch, the Director of Development for The Center For Hope and Safety. (formerly Shelter Our Sisters) On behalf of the Book and Needle Woman's Club of Oradell a check made out to the Center for Hope and Safety for \$1000 was accepted by Ms. Kirch.

Ms. Kirsh spoke about The Center for Hope and Safety's mission to assist women and children who are victims of domestic violence, including emotional, economic, sexual and physical abuse. The agency provides a diversified continuum of services focused on safety, empowerment, and self-sufficiency. Through community partnerships, Center for Hope and Safety raises awareness, provides services, and educates community members about domestic violence. Visit www.hopeandsafetynj.org for further information.

The Book and Needle Woman's Club of Oradell is a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs, the largest volunteer women's service organization in the state, providing opportunities for education, leadership training, and community service, and making a difference in the lives of others, one project at a time.

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