

Fall Leaf Collection Schedule Announced



The annual curbside leaf collection will begin on October 18 in Leaf District 5. Each district will be collected three times. It is important to have your leaves out at the curb the day before collection begins in your district to insure your leaves are picked up on that round. Leaf collection schedules and district identifications are listed in the Annual Service Almanac, which was mailed to each home last December. Additional copies are available at the Borough Hall and on the Borough website.

Collection Schedule

These are the dates to have your leaves at the edge of the curb for your scheduled pickup. Collection begins the next day. Please be aware that inclement weather or a low volume of leaves may alter the schedule.

| Leaf District | Round 1 | Round 2 | Round 3 |
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| 5 | Oct. 17 | Oct. 31 | Nov. 30 |
| 1 | Oct. 19 | Nov. 3 | Dec. 5 |
| 2 | Oct. 21 | Nov. 8 | Dec. 8 |
| 3 | Oct. 25 | Nov. 14 | Dec. 13 |
| 4 | Oct. 27 | Nov. 17 | Dec. 16 |

A Few Safety Precautions:

- Leaves should be raked to the edge of the road, not into the lane of traffic.
- Do not allow children to play in the leaves.
- Safety concerns regarding leaf collection should be reported to the Midland Park Police Department at 201-444-2300.
- Keep vehicles off the street on days scheduled for leaf collection in your district.
- Do not park on leaves.
- Keep leaves at least 10 feet away from catch basins, as per state stormwater regulations.
- Leaves at the curb must be either loose or in paper bags.
- Leaves and other vegetative matter may be brought to the Recycling Center on Greenwood Avenue on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Center is closed on Sundays and Mondays.

News from the MIDLAND PARK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

September is Library Card Sign-up Month. Do you have the card that gives you access to free DVDs, bestsellers, downloadable audio books, graphic novels and music CDs? Beginning October 1, you must, must, must have a library card to check out materials. So, if you've lost your card, can't remember where you put it, or haven't used it in years, now is the time to come in and get a free replacement. After October 1, replacement cards will return to a \$3.00 charge. New library cards are always free.

Fall programs. Programs for adults this fall include a writer's workshop, a talk on Hudson River lighthouses, monthly armchair traveler visits to foreign countries, an encore presentation of our popular college admissions program, and monthly book groups. Please contact the library at 201-444-2390 for specific dates and times for adult and children's programs.

New Hours. The library is now open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am to 9 pm and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm.

From the Office of Emergency Management

Reverse 911

If you did not receive any reverse 911 calls regarding the water restrictions this summer, it means you are not in our system. Your number can be added by emailing your name, address and phone number to certmp@yahoo.com. It will take several weeks to get them into the system as they are added manually. The same information can be left at Borough Hall.

Do You Have Special Needs

Knowing where people who will need extra help are located and their needs can help us respond to them in an emergency situation. This information prior to an emergency helps avoid calls to 911 when it is the busiest and first responders have already been called out. Courtesy of the Midland Park Ambulance Corps, a form will be included in the fund drive mailer due out in September. Other forms will be available at Borough Hall, 280 Godwin Avenue.

Helpful Hints

We are lucky in Midland Park to have only 7 to 8% of our town listed as "Flood Plain," but we still have to take precautions to protect our homes from run off. Two good ways are to make sure gutters are clean and that the downspouts move rainwater away from home so it doesn't pool and flood the basement. A couple of extra feet on a downspout can make the difference between a flooded and a dry basement. When cleaning the gutters, you can find out where water runs by using a hose. It's also a good time to check the sump pump to make sure it is working.

Volunteers Needed

There is room for several more CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) members, with training starting this Fall. Also Medical Reserve Corps (MRS) volunteers, such as nurses, pharmacists and doctors, including dentists and veterinarians, would be appreciated for the MRC. Interested citizens can email certmp@yahoo.com to get started.

Road Closure Alert

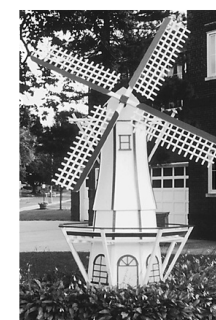
PSE&G will be replacing an underground high power line along Prospect Street beginning on or about September 27. Once this project begins it will run 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for approximately five weeks. As a result of this work the southbound lane of Prospect Street will be closed to through traffic for the duration of the project. Local traffic will be able to utilize the southbound lane up to the work site location but will be diverted at that point. All southbound through traffic will be detoured onto Park Avenue to Godwin Avenue during this time. Road closure updates will be sent via the Midland Park e-notices. Visit the borough web site at www.mpnj.com and sign up to receive up-to-date e-notices.

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Local Philanthropist Aids Borough Again

Bolger's \$30K Challenge

Over the years Midland Park has benefited greatly by the generosity of Mr. David Bolger through contributions from the Bolger Foundation and the DePhillips Foundation. Among the recipients of his benevolence were our Police Department, Memorial Library, Fire Department, Ambulance Corps, Recreations programs and infrastructure improvements to what is now known as the DePhillips Center, formerly "The Barn".



The illustrious windmill at the side of Borough Hall has been recently repainted and repaired and the flag pole at its side was crowned with an eagle and adorned with a new flag. But Mr. Bolger did not stop there. He has plans to refurbish the events signs between the Borough Hall and the Memorial Library and the many benches throughout the Borough.

In 2010, Mr. Bolger has reached out yet again to help the Borough with a \$30,000 matching grant to the Ambulance Corps. The Ambulance Corps building is in need of renovations in order to be able to accommodate the newer, larger ambulances. The front of the building is going to be extended out five feet and the floor dropped several inches. The total estimated cost of the project is \$60,000. They have been challenged by Mr. Bolger to match his \$30,000 through donations. Ambulance Corps President Alan Kooreman has indicated to Mr. Bolger that the Corps accepts his challenge and has been vigilantly fund raising to reach the \$30,000 benchmark.

Firefighters' Efforts Save the Borough \$70,000

Fire Prevention Night is Thursday, October 7. The Fire Department will again host an Open House from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. There will be educational stations for the children and parents, as well as rides on the fire trucks. All Borough residents are welcome to attend.

You may have noticed that the air horns at the top of the Borough Hall garage, (former fire headquarters) have been sounding again. The system broke down last October and a repair project has been underway since then. The Fire Department and the Borough Council decided to repair/refurbish the existing system instead of replacing it. This saved the Borough roughly \$70,000.

A group of Fire Department volunteers worked tirelessly to revamp this system and put in countless hours of their own time to get the horns "up and running" again. This volunteer work provided an enormous savings to the Borough. Those who gave of their time for this project included FF Robert Fischer, FF Mike Keenan, FF Phil Scaglione, FF Wayne Swezey, Lt. Scott Amantea, Lt. Bryan Miller, Asst. Chief Mark McCombs, and Chief Mark Berninger.

All of the piping was replaced, a new air compressor and a secondary air storage tank were installed, a new computerized controller was installed and a new floor was constructed in the old hose tower to support this equipment. New "3-phase power" is being installed by PSE&G to power this system, as well as providing additional power to the municipal building for any future power needs.

The horns are needed as our pagers do not always work properly. They provide another layer of protection for the Borough. As in the past, the horns will not sound during the night time hours unless there is an actual fire or emergency.

Also, the Fire Department is always looking for new members. Anyone interested should stop by the firehouse any Wednesday night or speak to a fire department member. It's a great way to serve your community.

Mark Berninger, Sr., Chief, Midland Park Fire Department



Midland Park's 70-year old horns and air storage tank are reconditioned and looking great, thanks to the hard work of several of our volunteer firemen. Pictured from the left are Chief Mark Berninger, Asst. Chief Mark McCombs, Phil Scaglione, Lt. Scott Amantea, Wayne Swezey and Lt. Bryan Miller. Not pictured are Robert Fischer and Mike Keenan.

Veterans' Day Ceremony

Veterans' Day will be celebrated on Thursday, November 11 at 11 am with a ceremony at Veterans' Plaza in Wortendyke at Central and Greenwood Avenues. Join us to honor those who served our country.



News from the Office of the Borough Clerk

GENERAL ELECTION DAY will be Tuesday, November 2. The polls will be open between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. Check the sample ballot you receive in the mail for your polling location and to make sure your District number, your name and address are correct.

VOTING POLL LOCATIONS

Districts 1, 2 and 4

Midland Park Fire House, 45 Witte Drive

District 3

Midland Park Library, 250 Godwin Avenue

District 5

Church of the Nativity – O'Connell Hall
315 Prospect Street

VOTER REGISTRATION

The last day to register to vote in the 2010 General Election is October 12. The Borough Clerk's office will be open until 9:00 P.M. that evening for your convenience in registering. The office is located in the Borough Hall, 280 Godwin Ave.

MAIL-IN BALLOT APPLICATIONS

(Previously known as Absentee Ballots) These applications may be obtained at Borough Hall. Applications must be received at the County by October 26 for the General Election. You are now allowed to receive a

mail-in ballot for all future General Elections by checking the appropriate box on the new mail-in ballot Request Form. You still must request an mail-in ballot for all School and Primary Elections.

GETTING MARRIED?

If the bride-to-be is a Midland Park resident, then you should contact the Registrar at the Northwest Regional Health Commission, 20 West Prospect Street, Waldwick, N.J. at 445-7217, to obtain your marriage license.

TREES

If you are aware of a Borough-owned tree that is in distress or damaged, please notify the Borough Clerk (201-445-3844) so action may be taken to address the problem. A Borough-owned tree is a tree that "the area measured five feet to the center of the tree, in from the established curb line, or edge of road pavement in the event there is no curb".

SIDEWALKS

Residents are responsible for the installation and maintenance/repair of sidewalks and curbs adjacent to their property. Please examine your sidewalk and curb to see if there is a hazardous condition and address it as soon as possible. You must obtain a permit from the Borough Clerk in order to have such work performed.

Flu Vaccinations Set for October 18

The Midland Park Board of Health will be holding its annual Flu Vaccination Program on Monday, October 18 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at the Christian Reformed Church, 183 Godwin Avenue, Midland Park. Individuals must be 18 years and older to receive a flu vaccination.

As in past years, it will be necessary for those who have Medicare Part B to bring their Medicare Part B card to the Flu Vaccine Program in order to receive the vaccination. The Midland Park Health Department, through a contract with Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission, will directly bill Medicare. For those that are 65 or over and do not have Medicare Part B, the influenza vaccine should be given by their regular health care provider. Medicare HMO's will not be accepted. A \$25.00 fee will be charged to those who do not have Medicare Part B.

Annual vaccination against the flu is recommended this year by the Centers for Disease Control for anyone over the age of 6 months who wants to reduce the risk of becoming ill with flu or transmitting it to others. Seasonal flu is an easily transmittable respiratory disease.

This year's vaccine will protect you from the H1N1 strain of the flu in addition to two other seasonal strains of the virus that will also be circulating in our area. For more information about the Flu Program, please call Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission at 201-445-7217.



Recreation Department is Planning Variety of Events

A look ahead to some of the recreation activities lined up for the fall & winter. *Fall recreation class times do not interfere with recreation/travel soccer times.* Visit our website at www.mpnj.com/mp_rec.asp for community event details, class times and registration forms, or call 201-652-2747 for more information.

Fall Youth Tennis Program

Four-week clinics to be held at the Dairy Street tennis courts Saturday mornings, October 2-23. Forty-five minute sessions will be held between 10 am and 1 pm for children in grades K-9. The cost is \$40 per child, \$70 max per family. Classes are designed to make learning tennis a fun experience using skill-building drills, which teach children basic skills and rules of the game.

Fall Adult Tennis & Volleyball Program

Adults interested in playing tennis on weekday mornings starting September at the Dairy Street Tennis Courts or Volleyball one evening a week at the DePhillips Recreation Center please contact Lori at the 201-652-2747 or email mprec@optonline.net.

Halloween Parade

The parade will take place on Friday, October 29 at 7pm. Meet at the municipal parking lot. Parade to proceed from

there to the Highland School Gym. There will be a Halloween Costume Contest for children infant to grade six. Individual and Group prizes will be awarded.

Pre-School Club

The club will meet at the DePhillips Community Center on Thursday mornings from 10:00-10:45 a.m., November 18 to December 16 for children ages 4-5. Classes are taught by the Rec Director and include movement activities, music, dance and arts and crafts. A guardian is expected to stay. The registration fee is \$20.

New Yoga Classes

Adults (all levels) and Mommy & Me classes now forming. See the website for more information.

Town Tree Lighting Celebration

This event will take place at Borough Hall on December 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, with a rain date of Monday, December 6. Festivities include The Highland School Band, snacks, hot drinks, holiday character guests and a visit with Santa. The Midland Park Volunteer Fire Dept. will be escorting Santa to town for children to visit. Local merchants and organizations interested in contributing their time, talents or making a contribution to the Chamber of Commerce Santa Sponsor Drive please contact Lori at 201-652-2747.

Code Enforcement Corner

As snow season will soon be upon us, please remember that snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours after the end of snowfall. Please make sure hydrants are also clear and accessible.

With the cool weather comes the use of indoor fireplaces. If you plan on having your chimney cleaned this fall, please be careful when selecting a company. Never take phone solicitations and make sure the company has a NJ Home Improvement Contractors License before starting work. Also, permits are required for chimney work except for cleaning and minor repairs (i.e. chimney caps).

If you have questions please consult the Midland Park website or call the office: 201-445-5424. Building and Zoning Department hours are Monday to Friday 8:30 am-12:30 pm.



Midland Park is on the Cutting Edge

Midland Park will participate in the Bergen County Utilities Authority 2010 mobile on-site residential document shredding program on Saturday, November 13. It will be held in the municipal parking lot at 280 Godwin Avenue, behind the municipal building from 9 am to 1 pm.

All personal documents with or without paper clips, staples and paperboard binder covers will be shredded on site. Hardcover books, magazines, newspapers, photographs, plastic binder covers and x-rays are not acceptable for shredding. Hope to see you there!