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From the Editor...

For scheduling and events -Please **DO NOT THROW THIS AWAY**. Keep it in an easily accessible place, as you may want to reference it from time to time.

> **Dwayne M. Harris**, RMC Municipal Clerk

"ANNUAL MAYOR'S MESSAGE PRESENTED"

Mayor's Message

o matter how each of us feels on the subject, the battle over whether we'll have condos or public space on our waterfront isn't over yet.

Clearly, my position is known: I oppose high-density condominium villages and favor public use of our last significant bay front land. And I think the vast majority of borough residents feel the same way. So, I am absolutely thrilled that K. Hovnanian Shore Acquisitions has withdrawn its application to construct 42 condominium units on the McConnell tract.

Although we do not know what plans, if any, Khov may now have for the McConnell property, we do know that the company says it will pursue its effort to build 80 condo units on the Giuliani property. This proposal is opposed even more strongly by local citizens, including over 1,000 residents who recently petitioned the Mayor and Council to acquire the land by condemnation, if necessary.

Assuming our adversaries proceed with the quest to build on the Giuliani property, it will take a lot of energy, vigilance and money to thwart them.

And, of course, we are still vulnerable to the efforts of developers right up until the time the state Council on Affordable Housing certifies our bi-partisan plan for Mount Laurel housing, a plan that

does not include condos on the waterfront, be they market or affordable units.

For the record, Atlantic Highlands is committed to building affordable housing. And Atlantic Highlands will fulfill its obligations, despite what K Hovnanian tells COAH, by building affordable units on Leonard and Simpson Avenues and by farming out several units to Lakewood as provided for by law.

We don't need KHov to come in on a white charger to help us provide low- and moderate-income housing. Now we must convince COAH.

Of course, the actual acquisition of the McConnell and Giuliani tracts will be a considerable challenge, too. Although the road ahead may be bumpy, your Mayor and Council are determined to continue the effort to maintain the character of our borough and preserve and improve the two properties as a legacy for our children.

As most of you know, the borough has been assured considerable funding from Green Acres and other agencies to acquire both.

But the first thing we must accomplish is to get COAH to lift the restraint it placed on us moving to acquire the McConnell property. And we must also convince that agency not to restrain us from buying or condemning the Giuliani property.

MAYOR PETER E. DONOGHUE BATTLE FOR BOROUGH'S CHARACTER ISN'T OVER

Fortunately, we have the state's foremost COAH attorney, Jeffrey Surenian, representing us.

K Hovnanian has options to buy both properties and, right now, we can expect another series of hearings on its Giuliani application before the

Planning Board.

In any case, with the McConnell application now out of the picture and talks over the Giuliani property likely, soon we will be able to focus on actual acquisition. Although it wouldn't be prudent to telegraph our strategy, we have already established the fair market value of each property and are prepared for serious negotiations.

The withdrawal by Hovnanian is "a triumph for common sense in light of the expressed wishes of the people and this administration. Just as important, this is a major step toward acquiring the property

for public use."

All who have participated in the battle over the McConnell property should be very proud. Particularly praiseworthy are the members of the "Waterfront for Everyone" citi-Borough group, Administrator Adam Hubeny, Stephanie Councilwoman Ladiana and Mr. Surenian, who apparently contributed to KHov's decision by making it clear how hard it would be for them to win.

Much of Atlantic Highlands has come together to fight the good fight. We can't let up now!

Borough News

Community Development Awards Borough \$139,126

he Community Development Block Grant Program [CDBG] has awarded the Borough a \$139,126.00 grant for the rehabilitation of roads in the Community Development service area located on the east side of town. The roads that were submitted for rehabilitation, in the grant application prepared by T&M Associates include East Avenue, from Highway 36 to Wesley Ave, Simpson Avenue from East Avenue to the eastern terminus and Wesley Avenue from East Avenue to the eastern terminus.

The CBDG group, made up from representatives from different Municipalities in Monmouth County, voted the Atlantic Highlands project for FY2007, number 5 out of 12 municipal projects that were submitted, as reported by Borough Administrator Adam Hubeny, who also serves as the CDBG coordinator for Atlantic Highlands. The amount we submitted for was \$160,942.00. The group awarded the Borough \$139,126.00 which is \$21,816.00

shy of what we asked for. Not too bad when the fact is some municipalities were not funded at all. No one town or group received 100% funding. In short, CDBG funded approximately 87% of this proposed project. That's real good news.

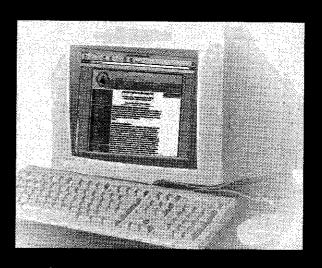
The project will involve rehabilitating the existing roadbed of East Avenue from. Route 36 to Wesley Avenue by way of base repairs as necessary and then milling and overlaying the entire roadway width. As one of the main roadways within the CDBG eligible area, the rehabilitation of East Avenue will greatly benefit residents in this area of the Borough. Rehabilitating the existing roadbed as well as roadway regrading will alleviate flooding in those areas. New curbing will be installed on both sides of the roadway as the current curbing is deteriorated and virtually non-existent in areas as well as replacing driveway aprons and sidewalk in low lving areas.

The Simpson Avenue portion of the project will include base repairs

as necessary and then milling and overlaying the entire roadway from East Avenue to the eastern end. In addition, a portion of a road drain at the end of Simpson Avenue will be replaced with ADS piping as it is deteriorated and in need of replacement. Additionally, the project will also include replacing the handicap ramps at the Simpson Avenue intersection to bring them into compliance with current ADA standards.

The Wesley portion of the project will include base repairs as necessary and then milling and overlaying the entire roadway from East Avenue to the eastern end where it meets a condominium association driveway. By adding the portions of Simpson Avenue and Wesley Avenue east of East Avenue, this portion of the eligible area will see a great improvement to the public roadways which will improve current property values which will inherently affect residents in a positive way.

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ection Day is November 7t

Participating in the democratic process by voting, is not only a pre-cious right, it is a civic responsibility. For while we live in a free society, that society still operates on the basis of laws. Only by voting can we have a voice in determining who makes those laws.

On a daily basis, public safety, health care, equal justice, the cost of goods and services and other issues that help determine our quality of life, are influenced by the decisions our elected leaders make. If we do not vote, we allow others to choose those leaders. And, ultimately, we relinquish a vital opportunity - the opportunity to help shape the policies that will guide our future.

You can vote if you are:

A U.S. citizen.

At least 18 years of age by Election Day.

A New Jersey resident at least 30 days before the election.

Not in jail, on probation or parole because of a felony conviction.

Registered to vote at least 21 days before the election.

Your Voter Registration Application must go to your County Commissioner of Registration. It is postage paid so it does not

cost anything to mail it. You can also drop it off at the Commissioner's office or your Municipal Clerk's Office. It must be received by a voter registration agency by the 21st day before the election [October 17, 2006]. "No Excuses" Anyone Can Vote by Mail It is now the law that any voter can vote by absentee ballot for any election, no reason required. To get an absentee ballot, you must fill out an application. You can get an absentee ballot application from the Municipal Clerk's office. Or you can also visit www.NJElections.org to download an application.

If you are permanently disabled, you can ask for an absentee ballot for all the elections in a calendar year on one application. Any voter who wishes to vote only by absentee ballot for a general election can request to receive automatically an application for general elections.

If you are a United States citizen, at least 18 years of age, and are registered to vote in accordance with New Jersey law, you have the legal right to vote. I urge you to exercise that right.

HAVE YOU HEARD???

he Monmouth County Board of Elections is now actively seeking District Election Board Members. There is an increasing need for people to work at the various election districts in your town and surrounding communities for the General, Primary and School or Municipal Elections. If you are a registered voter and would like to earn extra money, as well as participate in the Election process, we would like to hear from you. The present compensation for working an election is \$200.00. For further information concerning signing up for classes please contact The Monmouth County Board of Elections at 732-431-7802 weekdays from 8:30am to 4:00pm and ask for MARLENE. -

Training classes will begin in mid OCTOBER 2006.

From: Chief. Jerry Vasto

nder statue 39:4-36 of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle laws it states the

driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian cross-

the roadway within a marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, except at crosswalks when the movement of traffic is being regulated by police officers or traffic control signals. NO pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield. Nothing contained herein shall 🕏 relieve a pedestrian from using due care for his or her safety.

Whenever any vehicle is stopped to permit a pedestrian to

cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle.

Every pedestrian upon a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-ofway to all vehicles upon the road-

Nothing contained herein shall relieve a driver from the duty to exercise due care for the safety of any pedestrian upon a roadway.

I hope this clears up confusion concerning pedestrians crossing the street.



NEW HOURS for the TAX CO

he Tax Collectors office hours have been changed. The Deputy Tax Collector will be available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00am until 1:00pm and on Wednesday evenings from 3:00pm until 7:00pm. You may call 732-291-1444 ext 619 during these hours to have any of your questions answered. Someone will be available from 1:00pm until 4:30pm Monday thru Friday to receive your payments, however payments received during this time will not be posted to your account until the following day, and no cash transactions will be accepted.

GENEVIEVE M. HAWLEY MEMORIAL FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2006 SCHOLARSHIP, COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

he Genevieve M. Hawley Memorial Foundation has announced the winner's of the foundation's 2006 scholarship and community service awards programs. All of those chosen are nominated from a committee of administrators and educators from their respective schools.

Rvan Molfett, valedictorian of the Henry Hudson Regional High School Class of 2006 was chosen to receive the annual \$2,000 Memorial Scholarship.

Amy Grogan, who was the president of the Henry Hudson Regional Student Council and is a member of the Atlantic Highlands Youth Commission, received the \$1,000 Community Service Award.

Trevor Brick, was the winner of the Community Service and Civic Award from the 2006 St. Agnes eighth grade graduating class.

Jessica Egnotovitch and Kyle Weimer were both chosen to receive the Community Service and Civic Award from the sixth grade graduating class at the Atlantic Highlands Elementary

Monmouth County Freeholder Anna Little, a trustee of the Genevieve M. Hawley Memorial Foundation, presented the awards to the students from the Atlantic Highlands Elementary School and St. Agnes. She reminded all of the graduates of the importance of community service and urged all of them to follow Mrs. Hawley's example and get involved by volunteering in their communities.

The Genevieve M. Hawley Memorial Holiday Basketball Tournament is held each year between Christmas and New Years to raise money for the scholarship and community service award programs of the foundation. Founded by Henry Hudson Regional High School Athletic Director Edward Rieman, boys high school basketball teams from Henry

Hudson Regional, Middletown North, Middletown South, Rumson-Fair Haven Regional, Monmouth Regional, Red Bank Regional, St. Rose Belmar and Red Bank Catholic competes in a six-day tournament.

The Genevieve M. Hawley Memorial Foundation was founded shortly after the accidental death of Hawley in May of 2002. Since then the foundation has given away \$30,000 in scholarships and community service awards. In addition, the foundation has given away thousands of dollars in support of charities and local organizations.

Anyone interested in making a donation to the foundation can do so by sending it to:

Genevieve M. Hawley Memorial Foundation c/o Saranne C. Weimer, Secretary/Treasurer 34 East Lincoln Avenue Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716

Atlantic Highlands First Aid to Hold Open House

rea residents will get a chance to meet their local EMS volunteers Nov. 4 when the Atlantic Highlands First Aid Squad holds an open house.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., residents can see the squad's inventory of emergency service vehicles and boats, and meet some of the men and women who give up some of their free time to help their fellow neigh-

"The open house is a terrific way for people to get a sense of the Atlantic Highlands First Aid Squad in a non-emergency situation," said Captain Jerry Pandolfo. "We'll have members on hand who are happy to explain what we do, and it's a family friendly event so children are welcome to get a close-up look at the ambulances.

The open house comes after a busy and productive summer for the all-volunteer EMS organization. By mid August the squad had responded to more than 300 calls for help, including a handful in the harbor. Several times the squad deployed the Marine Rescue Unit, which includes rescue boats from the First Aid Squad and the Atlantic Highlands Fire Department.

"We have trained extensively for water rescues, and already the fearn has been put to the test," PDandolfo said, noting the rescue of a man whose boat capsized earlier in the summer as well as the team's response to a yacht fire off of Sandy Hook, "We're also well trained to

deal with cold-water rescues in the winter months."

The squad also invested in an upgrade of its vehicle extrication equipment and training this summer, giving members increased flexibility and skills in removing patients who may be trapped in car wrecks or, perhaps, under boats in the harbor.

"Thanks to the generosity of our neighbors, we've gotten several used vehicles that we cut up to simulate trapped victims," Pandolfo said. "And, we're always open to more vehicle donations.

The more times we practice, the better we'll be, if you've got a spare car, call us.

Ultimately, Pandolfo noted, he hopes the open house may lead to a

few new members. Like every other volunteer organization in the state, the Atlantic Highlands First Aid Squad is always looking to build its membership and increase the number of men and women responding to calls for help.

"New members bring new ideas and energy to the organization." Pandolfo said. "We've got a great team now, but we can always grow and get better. No experience is necessary. Training is provided for free. The commitment is small, but the rewards of helping others are immeasurable.

Besides adult members, the squad also has a Cadet program for anyone between the ages of 14 and 18. Cadets learn first aid and CPR. And, once they're 16 years old they can respond on the ambulance to certain types of calls.

The Cadet Program is a great way for young folks to get involved with the first aid squad," Pandolfo said. "Many of our current adult members came up through the program."

The Atlantic Highlands First Aid Squad provides free, around the clock emergency medical services to Atlantic Highlands residents and to the surrounding area. It operates on donations from the community and is staffed by volunteers who used their time to train to help oth-

"We hope that through this open house, residents will be able to @ see we're more than just sirens flashing and lights," Pandolfo said. Atlantic Highlands First Aid Sq. For information on the Open House, vehicle donations or sup- (_

porting the AHFAS. please call the non-emergency number (732) 291-8118

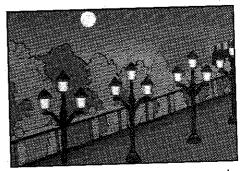
Streetscape Update

The Borough has accomplished a great deal in the last number of years in improving its infrastructure and beautification along First Avenue, and would like to continue those efforts. T&M Associates, on behalf of Atlantic Highlands has submitted a Centers of Place application for the Transportation Trust Fund Fiscal 2007 State Aid Program, in an effort to obtain additional funding to continue the Streetscape project from Lincoln Avenue to Highway 36.

The New Jersey Planning Commission has designated Atlantic Highlands Center as a "Town Center"; therefore the Borough of Atlantic Highlands is an eligible applicant for the Centers of Place Funding Program. The

Borough had received two prior grants associated with the 'Centers of Place' Funding Program. In fiscal year 2002, \$250,000 in funding was utilized for the streetscape project along First Avenue from Bay Avenue to Mount Avenue. This year we received an additional \$300,000, which extended the project along First Avenue, between Mount and Washington Avenues. The pavers for this project have been laid and the benches, lighting, and trash receptacles are currently on order and will be installed

We are asking the State to contribute \$442, 824.00 to continue the third and final phase, that would replace broken, uneven sidewalks and deteriorating curb with new, concrete



pavers sidewalks, along with new concrete aprons, handicap ramps and curbing.

Highway 36 and First Avenue is the primary entrance into Atlantic Highlands. First Avenue is the Main Street and "heart" of Atlantic Highlands and provide access to the Marina and the Veterans Memorial Park, it also provides direct frontage for multiple retail shops and stores.



he trail and water structures in the small park at Henry Hudson Springs were improved recently in a project organized by Eagle Scout candidate William C. Kelly from Atlantic Highlands

Kelly and his crew cleared a new, safer route for the trail below the springs that leads to Sandy Hook Bay. The previous trail was right at the eroding edge of the drainage channel. The scouts also installed several water bars along the new trail to prevent erosion of the path. The improved route will give better access to and from the future hiking and biking trail along the Bayshore.

At the springs, the broken

basin and spillway that channel water coming from pipes in the wall were rebuilt and relined to contain water flows.

Also, a support column for the stonewall that houses the spring's pipes was rebuilt.

WOODS FOR ALL: OCTOBER 22nd WORK DAY

Like nature and the outdoors? • Want to help improve our town's hiking trails? shoes, shovels, and energy.

Volunteers are needed - to join the Fall work day being organized in the Lenape Woods Nature Preserve by the Environmental Commission.

Date and time: Sunday, October 22, from 1 to 4 pm.

Meeting place: By the notice board klosk at the entrance to Lenape Woods on East Highland Avenue off Ocean Boulevard

Bring your own gloves, sturdy

Tasks include: installing fencing, spreading woodchip mulch on trails to stop erosion, digging postholes to place trail marker signs, hanging boundary signs.

Questions: email to wsilakowski@comcast.net

ALSO: A special volunteer is wanted who has the skills, equipment and time to do GPS plotting and GIS aerial mapping of the trail networks in Lenape Woods.

The Atlantic Highlands Front Porch Club Kick-off to Summer at the Ocean Club was a great chance to gather with old friends and meet some new ones. Special thanks to Charlotte Magee for organizing the event and Joe Neiderberger for the entertainment

FRONT PORCH-CLUB FALL EVEN

he Front Porch Club is a forum for Atlantic Highland's residents to socialize with neighbors, interact with the community and discuss new ideas and issues. The Front Porch Club (FPC) exists to improve the quality of life in Atlantic Highlands by bringing people together online and in person. The club is open to all Atlantic Highland's residents who share a desire to improve the community . . . and have fun.

For more information, please go to www.frontporchclub.com or call 291-2163. You can register to become part of the Front Porch Club list serve on the Web site.

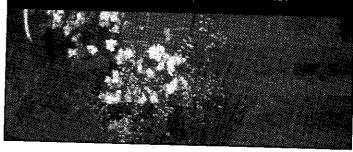
Play Groups - The Front Porch Club is organizing play groups for the Fall. We'll aim to meet once a week for 1-2 hours and will rotate houses every week. Ideally there would be around 5 kids plus parent/caretaker in each group, depending on the response. If you're interested in socializing for your sake and your kids', contact Maggie with your preferred day of the week and time. Email maggiestottmcguire@hotmail.com or call 291-0853.

Second Saturdays @ Bellas - Front Porch Clubbers will gather every second Saturday of the Fall months at Bellas on First Avenue for drinks at 6PM. All are welcome to come have a drink and meet your neighbors!

The Second Annual Chilifest - Chilifest 2006 will



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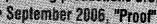


be on Saturday October 28th. Last year's Chilifest was a blast with about 20 competitors and over 100 tasters! Please email Benson at: bensonchiles@gmail.com if you'd like to compete or Sarah at schiles@stern.nyu.edu if you simply plan to attend and eat. Kids of all ages are welcome!

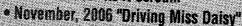
The First Avenue Playhouse in conjunction with the Boro of Atlantic Highlands... is offering a reduced rate of \$5.00 per person at the playhouse every Thurs evening. Proof of residence will be required at the door of the playhouse, and reservations are required by calling 732-291-7552

Atlantic Highland Upcoming productions are:

September 2005



October 2006 "Its A Scream"



• December, 2006 "A Christmas Carol" (the play)

January, 2007 "Animal Crackers"

5th Annual Kayak & Canoe Challenge

Saturday, September 23, 2006 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Beach at end of Avenue A Atlantic Highlands, NJ

A Day of FREE Fun!

Guided kayak eco-tours along our bay & creek, learn about wildlife habitat, seining, ultimate frisbee, kite flying, free snacks and fun!

Questions: Contact Stephanie at 732 872-7041 or Email: sitt@comcast.net



${\it Eye}\,\,{\it on}$ – Atlantic Highlands Recreation News 2006

The children's summer recreation program was a big success once again! This year was the largest enrollment we ever had. Director, Peter Richardson did a wonderful job keeping the kids active with summer sports, games and weekly trips.

He and his staff should be acknowledged for a fine job!

Tom Murray and Mike Burke did a great job with our weekly Band Concerts! Every Sunday evening at the Harbor Gazebo you could relax to the sounds of everything from ragtime to country in the beautiful setting of our harbor!



The Atlantic Highlands/Highlands Soccer program will begin September 9th and run thru October 28th. Many thanks to organizers Tim Hill & Kristen Heisey!

Atlantic Highlands Recreation Committee is sponsoring 2 bus trips to Broadway shows in NYC. On Thursday September 28, 2006 we will be seeing "CHICAGO" at the Ambassador Theater on W 49th St. Tickets are \$60.00 pp includes rear mezzo seats and bus ride. Bus departs the Harbor Gazebo at 4:30 pm.



On **Thursday November 30, 2006** we will be seeing "**How the Grinch stole Christmas**" at the Hilton Theater on 42nd St. Tickets are \$60.00 pp and include mid balcony seats and bus ride. Bus departs the Harbor Gazebo at 4:00 pm. Sign up at Atlantic Highlands Borough Hall, 100 1st Ave. For info call **732-872-6582**.



The Annual Halloween Parade will be held Saturday October 28th at 2:00pm. Rain date is Sunday October 29th. All participants should meet at the Harbor at 1:45 pm. Pizza, refreshments and cookies will be served at the firehouse after the parade. Prizes will be awarded in various costume categories.



The Annual Town Christmas Tree lighting will be held on Saturday December 2nd at the harbor gazebo and Borough Hall. Time TBA. Pictures with Santa will be taken. Cookies and refreshments will be served at the First Aid Building. Look for details on the Town Hall board and Borough web site [www.ahnj.com] as the holidays approach!



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Library News ---- Friends of the Library,

Guess who's turning 80??? The AH
Public Library!!! On September 17,
1926, corporation papers were filed
in Trenton, making the Atlantic
Highlands Library Association a
reality. Prior to that time, several

attempts had been made to establish a free public library, but were unsuccessful. The Library Board and the Friends of the Library are planning several events in celebration. In anticipation, we would like to put together a scrapbook of library history for a display. Do you have any pictures, anecdotes, or other information about the library to share for the birthday celebration? If so, please contact the library: 732-291-1956.



Have you heard the sound of whirring around town? Perhaps it's the sound of brains in action. On the first and third Saturday mornings of each month, the Library Chess Club meets at the Masonic Lodge on East Garfield. As a continuation of the class that Ralph

teaching at the library, the club offers an opportunity for children to improve their chess skills while having a good time. Children 5 and up are invited to join the group.

Segal, a member of

the Lodge, had been

Great news! Wireless service is now available at the library. Now you can bring your laptop and have the freedom to set it up any place within the library.

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