



Pine Beach Newsletter

November 2023



UPDATES FROM THE MAYOR

Summer is over but pickleball endures. It is wonderful to see so many residents playing pickleball. Even better is watching so many of you inviting novice players on to the courts. Keep up the great work!

Our water tower is under repair and moving along nicely. We had some hiccups at the start and now everything is moving along. I watch the workers walk on the top of the tower and I am thankful that it is not me at the top.

Be careful walking and driving through town as the sun sets sooner every day. Slow down and enjoy the view. If you are looking for some entertainment, go watch our student athletes and musicians at our schools. These are the best amateur athletes around.

-Lawrence W. Cuneo, Mayor

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Fall's arrival paints our community in vibrant hues of red, orange, and yellow. It's a beautiful sight, but as the leaves begin to carpet our streets and lawns, it's also a signal for the public works department to gear up for one of their most important annual tasks: leaf pickup. The efficient collection of fallen leaves may seem like a mundane task, but it plays a pivotal role in maintaining the aesthetics, environment, and overall quality of life in our communities. Please follow these simple steps to help this process go smoothly.

- Please place leave in standard size lawn/leaf plastic bags (paper bags rip when wet)
- Please do not over-stuff the leaf bags, especially mulched leaves as they are heavy
- Please do not tie bags
- Please a receptacle out to hold emptied bags and prevent them from blowing away

If you have any questions/comments, please contact DPW @ 732-240-0566.

Happy Fall, Y'all!

MESSAGE FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT

Now that summer is over and we enter the beautiful fall season, our water aquifers will finally have a couple seasons to recover from the busy summer months. I would like to share some quick statistics on how much water is used for outside use during the summer months. In the month of June we pumped 9.38 million gallons and 3.335 million went down the drain leaving 6.045 million that was used outside. July 10.714 million pumped, 3.513 flushed, 7.201 outside. August 10.602 million pumped, 3.475 flushed, 7.127 outside. Add the outside sums and you get 20,373,000 million gallons of water for outside use!

In other news, you may have noticed our Water Sphere (aka water tower) is well under way of its much-needed restoration. It is getting an abundance of metal work, sand blasted inside and out with a fresh coat of paint. Having the interior cleaned and refinished will ensure that we continue to produce safe reliable drinking water.

“When the Well is Dry, We Know the Worth of Water”- Benjamin Franklin

The Borough of Pine Beach Water Dept. is required by the EPA and NJ DEP to adhere to very stringent water quality parameters to ensure residents receive safe drinking water. Testing is provided by an outside agency (Henderson Labs, Beachwood NJ) and results are reported to NJDEP and published on the NJ Drinking Water Watch Web Site. You can use the following link to access the report:

https://www9.state.nj.us/DEP_WaterWatch_public/JSP/WSDetail.jsp?tinwsys=474

NEW VETERAN’S MONUMENT

Mayor and Council are working with Boy Scout Troop 114 on an Eagle Scout project to erect a Monument representing all Veterans who have served our country. If you would like to donate, please make your check payable to “Troop 114” and drop off your check at Borough Hall, or contact Council President Barry Wieck or Councilman Ray Newman.



ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING on Sunday, December 3

The Mayor and Council invite you to Pine Beach’s Annual Tree Lighting event at Borough Hall, including added activities this year. Plan on arriving early for holiday face painting, hot chocolate, holiday décor making activities and sales, and more family fun starting at 3:45 pm and tree lighting at 4:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

-Councilman Raymond Newman



ANNOUNCING HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST

We will have a Holiday Home Decorating Contest this year! Get your fun stuff out and maybe you will be number One. Entries due by December 15, online form at www.pinebeachborough.us/holidays or enter in person at Borough Hall.

PINE BEACH

Holiday HOME DECORATING CONTEST

ENTRIES
DUE BY
DEC. 15

Winners will
be announced
on
DEC. 23

PRIZES FOR
BEST DECORATED
HOMES DISPLAYING HOLIDAY SPIRIT

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Entries will be accepted through Friday, Dec. 15 via
online form at www.pinebeachborough.us or
come to Borough Hall to register

JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE
DEC. 19-22 & AWARDS
ANNOUNCED FRIDAY, DEC. 23

Map of homes participating
in the contest will be
available online



PINE BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Little Boroughs can do big things.

As liaison to the Pine Beach Fire Company, there is always discussion about how to generate or increase monies for the Pine Beach Fire Company. In March of this year, John Kubilewicz approached Council to ask if we could lobby the NJ legislative body to re-institute a grant that had been stopped in the 1990's due to a fiscal issue at the State level. Councilman Saxton volunteered to write the letter and suggested every Council member and the Fire Company member at the executive level sign it.

The 'ask' was for NJ to re-institute a grant and focus that grant on the following:

- The grant needs to include most emergency equipment, not just PPE.
- If the appropriation remains the same, grant amounts per application should be capped to ensure everyone gets a share.
- Automotive apparatus should be excluded in this grant as it would eat up the fund rapidly (ladder trucks these days come in at \$1.2 million or so)

Lastly, through experience, the Fire Company offered the best way to offer the grant to NJ Fire Companies:

- "Independent" fire companies should be allowed to apply directly, like is done for DEP's NJ Forest Fire Service Grants, which is administered under the same NJ SAGE Grant Administration System as NJDCA's. It would simplify the process greatly. Allowing the grant to be placed administratively within DCA's State Fire Marshal's Office would put it in an area that is more familiar with the Fire Company's needs and specialized idioms.

This fully executed letter was emailed to every NJ Municipal Clerk, as well as our 9th Legislative representatives; Senator Connors, Assemblywoman Gove, Assemblyman Rumpf. Our 9th Legislative representatives created Assembly Bill A5570 which is co-sponsored by Sean T. Kean, Senate Bill 3925 was sponsored by Senator Connors and Senator Singer, co-sponsored by Kristin M. Corrado. This is a link to read the 9th legislative website that discusses our effort.

<https://www.senatenj.com/index.php/district9/connors-rumpf-gove-introduce-bill-to-create-fund-for-volunteer-fire-companies/60581>

This was a great collaborative effort between the Council and the Pine Beach Fire Company and I look forward to a continued partnership.

Pine Beach is a Borough with less than 1000 homes and less than 40% of residents support the Volunteer Fire company through donations. With the holidays approaching, please keep the Volunteer Fire Company in mind. I am confident, they think of each one of us every day.

-Councilman James Saxton

*Don't forget the Vol. Fire Company Annual Fund Drive;
please send in or Venmo your donation today!*

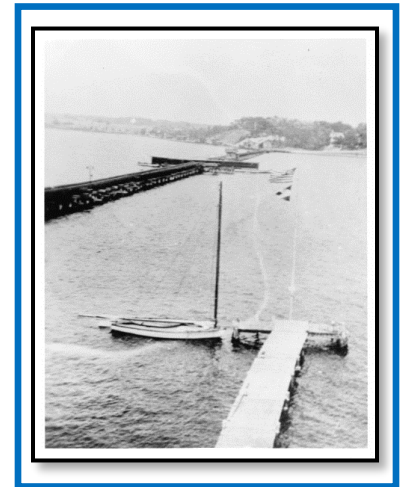
www.pinebeachfire.org

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Pine Beach Preservation Society
Centennial Celebration
and other activities to celebrate Pine Beach's
100th Anniversary!



Scan to sign up
for [email updates](mailto:pinebeachadminassistant@comcast.net)

www.Facebook.com/PineBeachPreservationSociety



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(See Borough Calendar for holiday closures
and changes in garbage/recycling schedule)



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