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## From the Mayor

### Dear Neighbors,

I hope you had a restful and peaceful summer. We continue working to make Englewood Cliffs the best town in New Jersey. Recently, in August, over 800 of us gathered to enjoy food, music and games at Community Night Out. On September 17th, we enjoyed another great community event, our 5k (3.1 miles) Run/Walk. Whether you ran, jogged or walked – the important thing is we were all together as one community.

Together, we are accomplishing many great things for our community, among them: a new EC-based ambulance, a balanced and responsible budget, new tennis courts, new basketball courts, Community Night Out, National Night Out, 5k Run/Walk, the launch of a new park bench program along Borough land throughout town, enhanced recreation programs for children and adults, and vigorous enforcement of property maintenance and construction codes.

We have been investing in our infrastructure with the paving of six roads under our Borough Road Improvement Program, the repaving of Charlotte Place under a New Jersey DOT Grant Program, and the repaving of six additional roads under an agreement that the Borough negotiated with Suez Water. The Borough negotiated

the repaving of the roads under the Energy Strong Program, instead of accepting unsightly patched trenches in our roadways.

The Borough will be repaving the Department of Public Works facility to improve the quality of that facility for both our residents and the staff working there.

We have scheduled various other infrastructure and equipment improvements such as; purchasing a new fire truck, upgrades to the Police Station, Senior Center, Department of Public Works equipment and police equipment. These improvements are necessary to maintain the high level of services that we expect and provide to you - our constituents and neighbors.

We are in the process of creating a new zoning environment on 9W at the Fort Lee border so that we can revitalize that area. The Council, as a whole, has agreed to respect the present height limit. We are also working to remove transient traffic from town with another southbound Palisades Interstate Parkway on-ramp near the 9W Tenafly border – after all, we didn't all move here to sit in traffic. These and other quality of life issues are important to all of us.

As you are probably aware, our state is a financial mess. We have the highest prop-

erty taxes in the nation, and every New Jersey resident is on the hook for \$11,000 in debt related to public sector pension obligations. The national average is just \$800. We are trying our best to find a fair balance between our taxpayers and our employees. That said, one place we are addressing the need for a fair balance is by creating the position of Public Safety Director, which will provide checks and balances within our Police Department. We feel strongly that this hire will also allow our Chief and local police officers to focus exclusively on law enforcement.

We are doing things differently here in Englewood Cliffs. We're holding the line on the municipal portion of your property tax bill, while still investing in our borough as outlined above. This is a marked difference from the excessive, annual property tax increases and deteriorating services that were the norm just a few years ago.

Thank you for your support of our efforts and, as usual, I encourage you to reach out to me with any feedback, suggestions or questions.

Best regards,

Mario M. Kranjac



Recreation



Public Safety



Board of Health



DPW



Shade Tree

# RECREATION

The Mayor and Council have placed a renewed emphasis on planning and hosting community events throughout the year to bring borough residents together, as well as attract people from surrounding towns to patronize our businesses and help the local economy.

The Mayor and Council have also sought input directly from you – our residents – through the creation of a Recreation Advisory Board aimed at better engaging the public about what kind of events they want to see and participate in.

The Advisory Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. All members of the public are welcome to attend and share their thoughts and ideas.

This has been another terrific year, including:

- Community Night Out at Witte Field (2nd Annual) filled with over 700 residents enjoying barbecue, music, and games. This event was done at no cost to local taxpayers, with private donations from our sponsors covering the entire cost.
- The 2nd Annual 5k Run & Fun Run for kids raised funds for improvements to our parks and playgrounds – and drew front page coverage in the Northern Valley Press! The event attracted runners and walkers from EC and the surrounding towns, and it was a beautiful morning to get out there and run.



The donations we received from local businesses and residents for the above events exceeded our expectations and we are thankful for their support!

The Borough is now using a popular blast email service called **Constant Contact** to better keep in touch with our Residents. If you want to sign-up and get your name on our distribution list, please opt-in and email me today.

We are about two months away from launching a new app called “Community Pass” that will allow EC residents to sign-up for recreation sports and pay for recreation events online and in advance.

Last, but not least, Councilwoman McMorro and myself have been hard at work planning the roll out of some new programs in the coming weeks, such as Robotics, Adult Tennis, Basketball clinics, Pilates and Tae Kwon Do. As always, We look forward to your continued feedback and support.

If you need to reach my office you can email me, Rashard Casey, at [RCCasey@englewoodcliffsnj.org](mailto:RCCasey@englewoodcliffsnj.org).

## Thank you to our 5k Sponsors



The McMorro Family



The Ferro Family



The Woo Family



The Rosenthal Family



# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Home Safety Tips

The Englewood Cliffs Police Department is aware that many of our residents head south for the winter "Snowbird" season.

Here are some home safety tips for our "Snowbirds", these tips can also be applied to residents who live in town year round.

1.) **Double - check all your home's locks.** Securely lock all windows and doors. Make sure that any sliding glass doors have security bolts installed.

2.) **Light up your property.** Leave an outside light on (a motion sensor light is the most ideal). Put your indoor lights on timers.

3.) **Halt deliveries.** Stacked mail is a sign that no one is home. Stop mail and newspaper service or arrange for a trusted neighbor to bring delivered items in each day.

4.) **Enlist a snow removal service** - Piled up snow signals to burglars that no one is home.

5.) **Fill out a home inventory form and take photos of high value items.** A home inventory will let you log the value of all your belongings and the serial numbers of electronic equipment.

6.) **Don't hide a spare key under the mat, underneath the rock near the door, or above the doorway casing.** Burglars will look for keys in obvious places. Give a set of keys to a trusted family member or friend along with your contact information. For better protection, install a home security system. Make sure the security company has all your updated information.

If you have any further questions of concerns, please contact Sgt. Steven Kochis, Crime Prevention Bureau at 201-569-8300.



## Safety Road Conditions

As the winter season is approaching us, the winter driving message remains the same. Roads may be snowy and slick. Use caution driving on snow and ice covered roads. See your mechanic to ensure you have the proper tires and windshield wipers on your car for inclement winter weather. Avoid driving in winter storms if possible. Our D.P.W. does a great job of getting the roadways cleared, but during heavy storms it is very difficult to keep the road surface free of snow and ice. There is NO PARKING on any Borough Street whenever snow has fallen and the accumulation is 2" or more (Borough Ord #13-7).

Use caution when walking on snow covered roadways. Please use the sidewalks. If no sidewalk is available and you are forced to walk in the street, be extra vigilant for passing vehicles. Remind your children not to ride their sleds into the roadways. Vehicle operators may have a difficult time seeing and reacting to a sled darting across the roadway.

Overnight parking permission is denied during snow events. During non-snow events call 201-569-8300 to reach the Englewood Cliffs PD to request overnight parking permission. If you have any questions, please contact me. Englewood Cliffs Traffic Bureau Lt. David Hill 201-569-8300

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

Often called the invisible killer, **CARBON MONOXIDE** is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide. CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height. Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.

Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions. If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department. If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to reenter the home. If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow. During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up. A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows,

doors and vent openings. Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO- only use outside.

## HOME HEATING EQUIPMENT

Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in. When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.

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# BOARD OF HEALTH



## Have you gotten your flu shot?

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. The best way to prevent this illness is by getting a flu vaccination each fall. Flu viruses spread in respiratory droplets caused by coughing and sneezing. They usually spread from person to person, though sometimes people become infected by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose. If you have questions about whether you should get a flu vaccine, consult your physician. To learn more: Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov)

## Health & Wellness Program

– Second Tuesday of the month, 6:30PM-7:30PM, Englewood Cliffs Senior Center, West Bayview Avenue, except in July, August & December. Sponsored by the Englewood Cliffs Health Department in conjunction with the Health Awareness Regional Program of HackensackUMC. Get your life back on track and learn to live a healthy lifestyle. The program is FREE and led by a registered nurse. For more information, call Health Awareness Regional Program of HackensackUMC 551-996-2038.



**POOPER SCOOPER LAW:** Board of Health Ordinance #BH: 7-1.4 Persons shall at all times have on his person a proper scoop container or similar efficient sanitary means to immediately remove any and all feces deposited by the dog and immediately remove the deposited feces.

## Dog & Cat License

Have you licensed your dog/cat for 2017? To comply with State Statute, all dog owners must register their dog(s) with our Health Department. Rabies vaccinations must be current and not expire before November 1, 2017. Effective January 2017, all cat owners must have their cat(s) licensed with our Health Department. If your dog's rabies vaccination is current and expires after November 1, 2017, you may mail the payment amount and provide proof of vaccination for new cat/dog registrations. Dog Fee: \$10 if spayed/neutered; \$15 if not. Cat Fee: \$10 if fixed/\$15 if not. Please be advised that you must notify the Health Department Office if you no longer have your dog. By order of the State Department of Health, you must complete and return the dog census card to the Englewood Cliffs Board of Health. For additional information, contact the Board of Health at (201) 569-5252.

## PLANNING BOARD UPDATES

My name is Russell Porrino and I am Chairman of the Englewood Cliffs Planning Board. Our Board members are Englewood Cliffs residents that volunteer their time making Englewood Cliffs a better place to live. For those not aware, our primary function is to review applications for development, conduct public hearings and adopt resolutions either approving or denying these applications. Other responsibilities include making recommendations to the Mayor & Council for revisions to the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinances. Several months ago, your Mayor & Council adopted a resolution directing the Planning Board to examine the B-3 zone for possible rezoning. This commercial zone includes the properties located along 9-W from the Fort Lee border to Van Nostrand Avenue.

For decades, this section of our community has been in need of rehabilitation with many vacant and obsolete

buildings. The primary reason for the current conditions is the outdated zoning in effect for many years. While previous administrations have authorized and paid for numerous and expensive planning studies for the B-3 zone in the past, no official action was ever taken.

Our goal is to promote prudent new development and rehabilitation by recommending revisions to the current zoning ordinances that are clearly ineffective and no longer serve the best interests of our Borough. After reviewing reports from our planning experts and conducting public meetings, the Planning Board has recommended that the Governing Body find the B-3 Zone, "An Area in Need of Rehabilitation". This designation has been utilized in numerous Bergen County communities and would allow the Borough to create a plan for writing new and enhanced zoning regulations. We believe that this designation provides the means to effect prudent development

in this zone that currently has many dissimilar lot sizes and uses. It is important to note that this designation would not permit condemnation of private property nor provide tax breaks for developers. Also, this is only the first step in the process as the actual rezoning would be subject to future public meetings of the Planning Board and Mayor & Council.

Rezoning the B-3 Zone is a difficult and complicated task and we look forward to maintaining the cooperative spirit between our Planning Board, the Governing Body, and members of the public in moving this important project forward. We welcome the public to attend our meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM. The agenda for each meeting is posted on the Borough website and public comments are always welcome.

Russell Porrino  
Chairman  
Englewood Cliffs Planning Board

# SENIOR NEWS

**The Englewood Cliffs Seniors** welcomes anyone 55 years of age and over to join. If married, one spouse 55 or older allows both to join. A yearly fee of \$10 per person allows you to receive the monthly newsletter, as well as member rates to the many trips we organize. Meetings are held once a month, on the second Tuesday of each month. We may have entertainment such as David Podles, a gifted violinist scheduled for our October meeting, or speak-

ers such as Richard Muti who spoke about Frank Sinatra and The Charmer, the true story of murderer Robert Reldan. Tom Austin who was a member of The Royal Teens Rock group in the 60's, author of Bridge to the Rivera about the Rivera Nightclub in Fort Lee. or simply conversation and cake.

Trips in the past have included plays at the Papermill Playhouse in Millburn or the Westchester Playhouse in Elmsford,

Tropicana in Atlantic City, City Island, Crystal Point Yacht Club in Point Pleasant and a tour of CNBC.

Upcoming trips will be Oktoberfest at Kruckers in Pomona on October 23rd, the play "Beautiful" in NYC on January 17, Mt. Airy in the Poconos and a tribute to Tony Bennett, on February 20th, The Sting at the Papermill Playhouse on April 26th. Light Yoga and chair exer-

cise program is held by Liz Gioffre on Mondays between 2:00 and 3:00 at the clubhouse at 7 W.Bayview Ave.

Join our group and enjoy the festivities. If interested in joining, call Mary O'Shea 201-947-8788 and leave a message with name & address, and a membership application will be mailed to you.

## PLANNED TRIPS:

**Oktoberfest at Kruckers**  
October 23rd 2017

**Play "Beautiful" in NYC**  
January 17th 2018

**Stony Hill Inn, Melodies of Sinatra** June 19th 2018

**Mt. Airy in Poconos**  
February 20th 2018

**The Sting at the Papermill Playhouse**  
April 26th 2018



## Senior Freeze Program (Property Tax Reimbursement)

One of the property relief programs available to residents is the Senior Freeze. This program reimburses eligible senior citizens and disabled persons for property tax increases on their principal residence. To qualify you must meet all the eligibility requirements for each year from the base year through the application year. (The current year is 2016.)

### How to Apply?

You must file your form (PTR-1 or PTR-2) on or before the due date. Fill out all you can, and bring it to the Tax Collection office where it will be completed. Then send it to the State. This year the due date was June 1, 2017, but was extended to October 18, 2017. Check the web site to determine if you need to file the PTR-1 or PTR-2 form and how to obtain it.

### What is the benefit?

The first year you file is the "base year". Increases in the taxes over the base year are reimbursed. So if your base year is 2017 and your taxes are \$10,000, and in 2018 the taxes go to 10,200, the amount of the reimbursement will be \$200.

### Who is Eligible?

You must have met income limits (\$70,000 for 2016), residency (10 prior years continuous in NJ), reside in the house (non-rental), paid all taxes to date, and meet age 65 or disability limits.

### Are there exceptions and more details?

Yes there are. Go to <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/ptr/>. Or call the State on the Property Tax Reimbursement Hotline at 1-800-882-6597. Your Englewood Cliffs tax office does not administer the program and cannot offer advice.

# BENCH PROGRAM

The Borough of Englewood Cliffs has begun a **Par-klie Community Bench Program** that offers benches for private sponsorship at various locations throughout our community. The purpose of this program is to bring a complete park-like environment to our community regardless of where one might find themselves within the community. The program will provide the pedestrian community the ability to travel

about within Englewood Cliffs and to take rest breaks and enjoy their surroundings. We are pleased to announce that the program has already received its first corporate sponsors of Unilever which generously sponsored two benches and Suez Water which sponsored one bench. If you are interested in sponsoring a bench, please contact the Office of Administration and / or write us at the Municipal Complex.



# HUDSON TERRACE LANDSCAPE PROGRAM

The Borough of Englewood Cliffs has been creating new sponsorship programs for the overall appearance and quality of life for our residents, businesses and visitors of our community. The first great program was a Community Bench Program and now we are kicking off our Hudson Terrace Landscape Program and Borough Welcome Sign Program.

Hudson Terrace Landscape Program is a program to have private landscapers adopt a section of the roadway along the Palisades Interstate Parkway that needs chronic maintenance from high weeds and litter from the commuters. In lieu of payment for this generous donated service, the landscaper may install a sign of "maintenance by" and the sign may exist as long as the service is being provided in the manner suitable to the Borough. So, we are calling all landscapers interested in sponsoring a section of the County Roadway along the PIP Property for maintenance. If your organization is interested, please contact the EC Administration at 201-569-5252.

# SHADE TREE COMMISSION



**The Emerald Ash Borer** is an insect which kills ash trees and white fringe trees. This pest has already killed millions of ash trees. It is expected to kill hundreds of millions more as it spreads through North America. So far the emerald ash borer has been found in Hillsdale and Bogota. Unfortunately, it is only a matter of time before it reaches Englewood Cliffs.

Property owners should identify all ash trees and white fringe trees on their property so they can monitor those trees for signs of emerald ash borer infestation. Fall is an excellent time to identify ash trees because ash trees'

distinctive seeds appear in the fall before the leaves turn. Ash trees can be identified by looking for the following characteristics:

The branches of ash trees are directly opposite on another. Each leaf of an ash tree has five to 11 leaflets. Mature ash trees have diamond shaped bark. Ash trees have oar shaped seeds which appear in the fall.

Additional information on identifying ash trees and photographs of ash trees' features are available on many websites. The websites below have excellent pictures of ash trees' branch structure, leaves, and seeds. Use your cell phone to compare your trees to the websites' pictures of ash trees' features.

•<http://www.emeraldashborer.info/documents/E-2942.pdf>

•<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/pi/prog/identifyingashtrees.html>

•<http://www.nyis.info/pdf/AshIdentificationppt.pdf>

Information on identifying white fringe trees is available on Virginia Polytechnic Institute's website.

<http://dendro.cnre.vt.edu/dendrology/syllabus/factsheet.cfm?ID=27>.

The emerald ash borer infests the top of tree first. Death of the top of the tree is usually the first visible sign that an ash tree is infested. Affected ash trees die within three to four years of infestation.

Cutting down ash trees, either proactively or once infestation has occurred, is one option. Insecticide treatments also are available. Property owners interested in insecticide treatment options should be aware that treatment must be repeated periodically in order to remain effective. Additional information about the emerald ash borer, including insecticide treatments, is available on the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's website.

<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/pi/prog/whatisab.html>.

# WELCOME SIGN PROGRAM

The Borough would like to upgrade the entrance signs to the Borough of Englewood Cliffs with sponsored "Welcome" Signs at each of the main arteries into our community. Anyone interested in sponsoring one of these signs should contact the EC Administration at 201-569-5252.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

As your Superintendent of Public Works, I would like to pass along information that I believe you will find both valuable and informative.

Our goal is to continue to maintain a high level of quality to our streets and roads. We are excited to be able to re-surface **Charlotte Pl., Deborah Terr., Jenkins Dr., John St., Churchill Rd., and Maple St.** all under our Borough's proposed

2017 Capital Improvement Plan. We continue to work well with the utility companies that service the Borough. We also plan on performing complete curb to curb resurfacing on various streets in town that have been effected by the installation of updated water main service. These streets include, Jean Dr. (from Roberts Rd. to Carol Dr.), Van Wagoner Dr., Judith Dr., Floyd St.(From Van Wagoner to the dead end), the Hollywood Avenue dead end off of Floyd St., and Elisa Drive.



**Recycling** is not only the law it is our responsibility. By removing as much material as possible from our waste stream, we can continue to grow as a "Green" community.

### Did you know!!!

By recycling one single glass jar, we can generate enough energy to watch TV for three hours!

With another leaf season just around the corner, please remember to keep piled leaves, at least one foot away from the curb line, so that proper storm water runoff can reach all catch basins.

Leaf collection begins **October 16th** and will conclude **December 1st**. Please keep branches piled separately from leaves, as leaf crews will be able to move along more rapidly on collection day.

The fall months are always a great opportunity to prepare for

the winter months. During active snow storms, please allow Public Works vehicles ample time to clear the roadways of fallen snow. You can also help us by removing all vehicles from the roadway prior to any forecasted snow storm.

As always, thank you for helping us maintain our town to a high standard.

Be well and enjoy the Fall Season! -Mark Neville



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## Mayor & Council

Mayor **Mario M. Kranjac**  
*Member of all committees*

Council President: **Carrol McMorro**  
*Buildings & Grounds, Recreation, Finance, Legal,  
Community Events*

Councilman **Mark Park**  
*Historical, Economic Development*

Councilman **Edward Aversa**  
*Lighting*

Councilman **William Woo**  
*Public Safety, DPW, Recycling, Clean  
Communities*

Councilwoman **Gloria Oh**  
*Transportation*

Councilwoman **Ellen Park**  
*Sanitation, Beautification*

### **\* SAVE THE DATE \***

Recycle Date .....**October 21**

Basketball Registration.....**October 24**

Open to all boys & girls K through 8. Practices and games being held at Upper School.

Trunk or Treat.....**October 29**



*Please Bring Donations  
to Borough Hall*

### COMING SOON!

**Youth Wrestling Program  
First Lego League (Robotics)  
Basketball Clinics  
Pilates (Adult Class)**



**Trunk or Treat October 29, 2017 at Witte Field 1:00 PM**

**[www.EnglewoodCliffsNJ.org](http://www.EnglewoodCliffsNJ.org)**