



THE SUSSEX BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

BOROUGH RECYCLING - ATTENTION RESIDENTS - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Unless you help us, we may be forced to close our recycling facilities!

Regulations by the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority requires that all recycling materials must be clean and free of contaminants. We need your help to make this program work!

All of your glass, aluminum, tin and plastics (the only plastics that are recyclable are milk containers, soda bottles and laundry detergent bottles, **NOTHING ELSE IS ACCEPTABLE!**) must be clean and label free or they are not recyclable. On your bottles and plastics, be sure that you remove the plastic or metal rings that sometimes encircle the top of the bottle opening, these are not recyclable! When bringing your recyclables to the recycling facility, make sure that you properly separate the colored glass into the correct containers, as well as the plastics, tin, aluminum and other recyclables. All of the containers at the facility are labeled and it only takes a minute of your time to properly source separate!

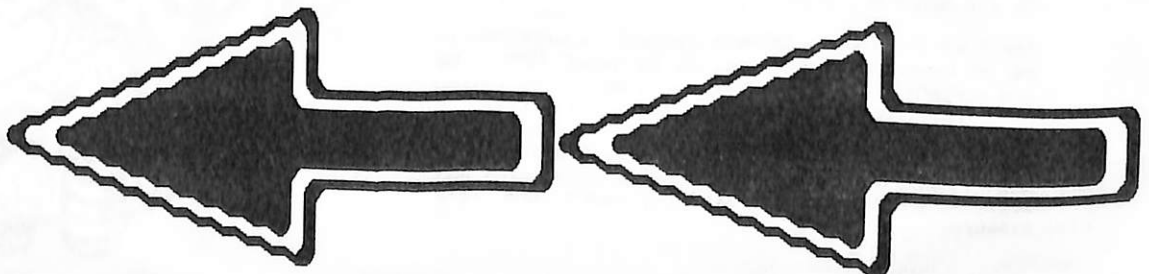
Please remember that all newspapers must be bundled and tied. If they are wet, they are garbage!

Please remember that all cardboard must be broken down, bundled and tied. If they are wet, they are garbage!

If the proper procedures are not followed, upon delivery to the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority, these materials are not accepted as recyclable and you as tax payers then have to "PAY" to dispose of these recyclable materials as "GARBAGE". The recycling of materials is free, if done properly, if not, it becomes garbage and must be paid for to dispose of!

The recycling facilities are open for your convenience Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and Holidays from 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Please do not leave your recycling or refuse outside the gate, this is illegal dumping and if found, violators will be prosecuted. The facilities are available on weekends, there is no need to leave the refuse outside the gate!



DRINKING WATER CONCERNS ? - LET'S TALK!

Most of you have probably seen the flyer that goes out with the water bills, and it seems alarming to read! But, let's talk about that. In 1981 the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water notified the Borough of Sussex by letter of the requirement for corrosion control through the addition of pH adjustment to the water system, which means that the water must be filtered to meet their new guidelines.

In 1984, the then Administration entered into an Administrative Consent Order agreeing to have an operational system for corrosion control within 365 days. Now, here we are eleven years later and due to the current Administration over the past four years, we are finally building our Water Treatment Plant!

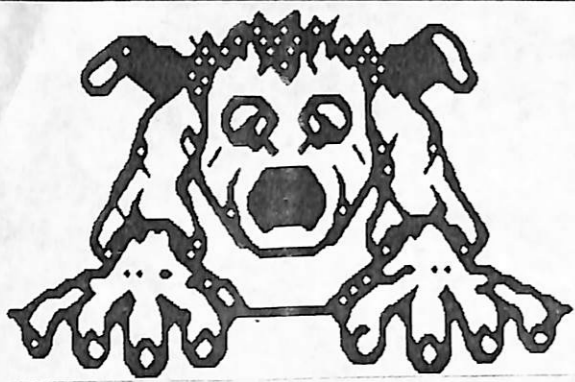
In 1992, the Borough of Sussex made application for funding to the Farmers Home Administration for financing the construction of the Water Filtration Plant. We have been successful in obtaining a loan in the amount of \$2,567,400 and a grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the construction of our water filtration plant, for a project cost totaling \$3,567,400.

The plant is now under construction on Route 23 in Colesville. The plant will be nearing completion on or about January 1996 and we expect to be operational by February 1996.

But to ease the minds of all who have received the flyer, this is a requirement of the Environmental Protection Agency - and must be sent to all current users until such time as the water filtration plant is on line. This flyer explains what "may" happen if the water is not properly filtered. The Borough has implemented interim disinfection and monitoring requirements as required by the DEPE and the EPA, and maintains that the current water is drinkable and poses no health threat. If the water were not drinkable, surely they would not allow us to send it through our lines and into your faucets. But the letters will continue until our project is completed and on line in 1996!

Rest assured that this Administration has taken every step to insure the health and welfare of it's residents and has met all guidelines imposed by the Department of Environmental Protection and the Environmental Protection Agency, in an effort to provide the safest water services to the residents of the Borough of Sussex!

If you have any questions concerning the water, you may contact the Borough Administrator, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at 875-4831.



OTHER PROJECT INFORMATION - WE HAVE BEEN REALLY BUSY!

Not only have we been busy with the construction of our new Water Filtration Plant, this Administration has been busy as beavers meeting other State and Federal mandates!

PUMP STATION/FORCE MAIN PROJECT

In 1985, the Department of Environmental Protection issued to the Borough of Sussex, a New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit and were unable to meet the effluent limitation requirements set forth in the permit.

In 1987, the DEPE issued a letter to the Borough requiring the Borough to immediately impose a Sewer Extension Ban on the Sussex Plant and the system because of effluent limitation violations and periodic overflows of the system.

In 1988, the Borough entered into an Administrative Consent Order to correct the violations and provide for an upgrade to the existing plant.

Nevertheless, eleven years later, in 1992 the current Administration embarked on finally resolving this issue and determined that the upgrade of the facility would not be as economically or environmentally practical as would the construction of a pump station and force main to convey all wastewater generated by the Borough of Sussex to the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCMUA) Upper Walkkill Water Pollution Control Plant.

In 1992, the Borough of Sussex made application to the Farmers Home Administration for financing the construction of the pump station/force main. We have been successful in obtaining a loan in the amount of \$3,337,900 and grant in the amount of \$2,500,000 for a total project cost of \$5,837,900.

Included in this loan/grant funding, was money earmarked for Inflow and Infiltration Project in the amount of \$1,550,000. This project will reduce the amount of surface water (such as from gutters, leaders, sump pumps, etc.) infiltrating our sewer pipes, thereby reducing the amount of effluent sent to the SCMUA through the sewer system. The more we reduce our inflow and infiltration, the less the cost will be to the individual users.

Also included in this loan/grant funding, was money earmarked for our Closure Project in the amount of \$305,000. This project will provide for the closure of the existing sewage treatment plant, once the pump station/force main is on line to the SCMUA.

The Pump Station/Force Main Project is expected to be on line and operational by December 1996. We are currently in the process of bidding the Inflow and Infiltration Project and anticipate a completion date of December 1996. The Closure Project will follow, once the Pump Station/Force Main is operational, we can then proceed with the decommissioning of the existing plant and it's closure.

PROJECT INFORMATION, CONT'D.

RENOVATIONS TO THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING/COMMUNITY CENTER

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on July 26, 1990 and became effective January 26, 1992. The general rule, pertaining to public entities such as the Borough of Sussex, is that no qualified individual with a disability shall be discriminated against or excluded from the participation in - or the benefits of - the services, programs, or activities of a public entity.

In an effort to comply with these regulations, in 1992, the Borough of Sussex made application to the Department of Community Affairs, Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program for a grant in the amount of \$350,000 for the purpose of removing architectural barriers in both the Municipal Building and Community Center and were successful in obtaining the funding.

The Borough enrolled a registered Architect to conduct the architectural services related to the ADA compliance efforts. The many changes include an entrance ramp for the main entrance, a ramp designed for access to the new Court/Council meeting facilities. All stairs, doorways, and hallways have been changed in accordance with the requirements and an elevator has been installed. New toilet facilities for both sexes have been included on both levels of the Municipal Building. Telephones, alarms and signs have been provided as per the requirements. The full renovation of the building included other than non-ADA features, such as installation of new windows, doors, insulation, carpeting, and painting to bring the Borough Hall into the 21st Century and a more pleasant atmosphere for our visiting residents.

We are sorry we missed you at our open house held on Friday, August 18 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. A small ribbon cutting ceremony was held and tours of the new facilities were available. You are all still welcome to come and tour our new facilities, we'll be glad to take you through. It is certainly a building this town can be proud of! Hope to see you soon!

DID YOU KNOW...

That since 1992, this current Administration has obtained more than \$5,050,000 in grant money for the completion of various projects for the Borough of Sussex! Imagine that cost savings!

- \$2,500,000 for the Water Filtration Project
- \$1,000,000 for the Pump Station/Force Main Project
- \$ 350,000 for the Municipal Bldg/Community Center renovations.
- \$ 350,000 for the Sussex Seniors Housing Project
- \$ 350,000 for Inflow/Infiltration Project
- \$ 100,000 for Second St./Sycamore St. Project
- \$ 400,000 for the Clove Dam Restoration Project

\$5,050,000 Total savings to the residents!



LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW!

Well, it's been a hot, dry summer and we know what happened two years ago when our summer was like this...we had one snow covered winter!

With winter just around the corner, please remember the "NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS" which take effect November 15 and continue through April 15. These regulations prohibit parking on all Borough owned streets from 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m. The regulations are for your protection and allow the Department of Public Works to properly and effectively plow the Borough streets. Any vehicles parked on Borough streets during the restricted hours will be towed at the owners expense!

Please also remember Borough Ordinance No. 3-3 - "REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE"

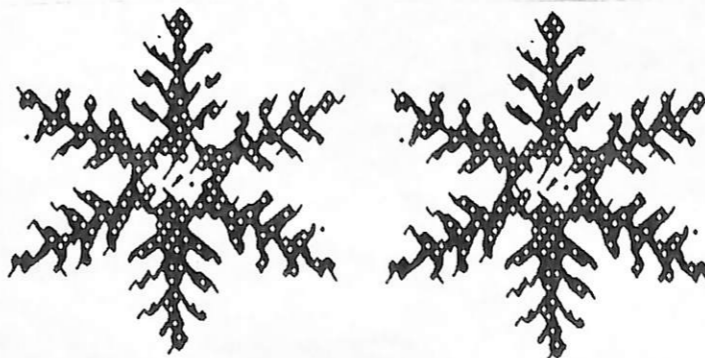
The owner or tenant of lands abutting or bordering upon the sidewalks or walkways, or public streets or public places in the Borough are hereby required to remove all snow and ice from the traveled portion of the sidewalks or walkways within 12 hours of daylight after the same falls or forms.

Where a building is occupied by more than one family, or tenant, then the owners are hereby required to remove all snow and ice from such traveled portion of the sidewalks or walkways within 12 hours of daylight after the same falls or forms.

If the owner of any premises neglects or refuses to comply with this section, a notice to comply will be issued, if after an additional six hours of daylight, the snow and or ice has not been removed, the superintendent of public works will be notified. The superintendent of public works may engage a private contractor or utilize Sussex Borough personnel to remove the snow and or ice. The cost of such removal will be charged against the land abutting or bordering upon such sidewalks or walkways, and the amount so charged shall become a lien upon the land, and shall be added to and become and form part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon such lands, and shall be collected and enforced in the same manner as taxes.

It shall be unlawful for any person to remove snow and or ice from any private property, residence, business, sidewalk or walkway and place same onto the roadway of any street or on another sidewalk or walkway.

Any person violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof be subject to a fine of not more than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars.



SNOW REMOVAL TIPS

Every year we all shovel our driveways, and then...the snow plows come by and block them in again. We certainly cannot completely eliminate this problem, but there are some smart things that you (we all) can and should do to minimize the infuriating blood pressure raising frustration...They are:

*THINK AND PLAN AHEAD, the day or night before the expected snowfall.

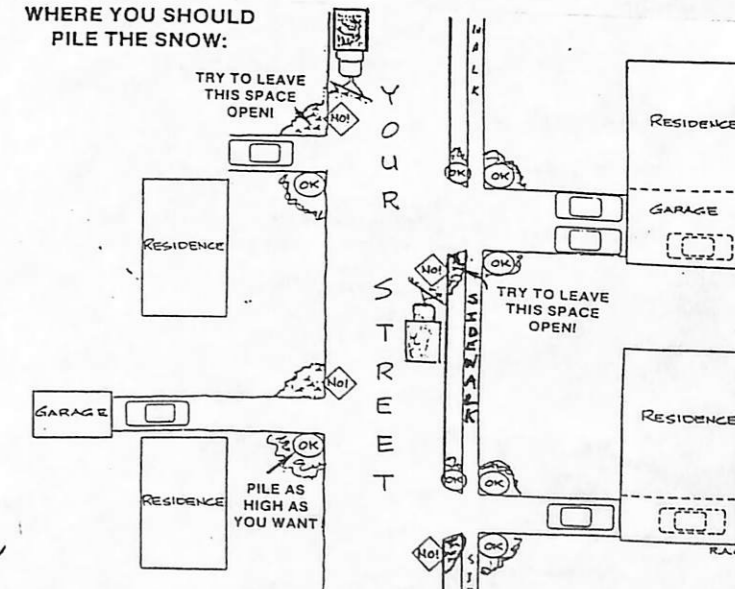
*When the snow is on the way, get ALL cars and vehicles completely OFF THE STREET. Park them so that the first one that has to get out is the last one parked in the driveway. Doing this will also give you less snow to shovel.

*When shoveling snow, always pile the snow behind the curb (in areas marked OK, see diagram below) and not on the road. NEVER throw snow in front of the curb, because this only assures you that the plows will plow it back in. If someone you hired does your shoveling, suggest to them that they do it YOUR WAY!

*TAKE IT EASY. We (you) realize that shovelling is very hard work and just when you think you're ahead the plows will help getting your blood pressure up by depositing some snow at the end of your driveway. But working together and smartly we can do a better job more quickly for EVERYONE. We can all help each other if we use our collective SMARTS. Therefore, please remember:

- THINK AND PLAN AHEAD
- GET ALL VEHICLES OFF THE STREET
- PILE THE SNOW BEHIND THE CURB (and away from the left hand side of your driveway, with your back to your residence)
- TAKE IT EASY
- CALL IF YOU NEED HELP

WHERE YOU SHOULD PILE THE SNOW:



UPCOMING EVENTS - RECREATION

"SUSSEX BOROUGH GARAGE SALE DAY"

The Sussex Borough Recreation Commission will be hosting a "Sussex Borough Garage Day Sale" on Saturday, September 30, 1995. On the day of the sale, maps will be available and distributed to all buyers and lookers of this event. Registration is required, applications are available at the Borough Hall, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

All applications must be handed in no later than Friday, September 15, 1995. This will allow us to have your spot on the map identified as a participating resident.

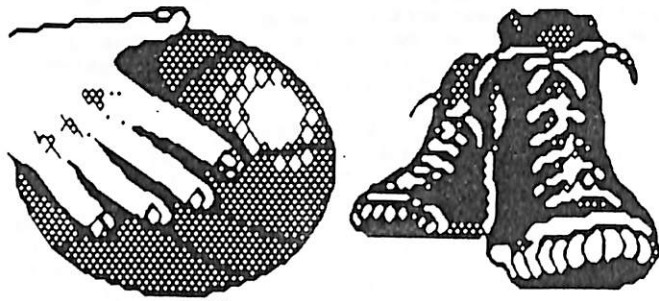
Happy Shopping!

Look for the following events...

Basketball and Volleyball Tournaments in November 1995!

INTERESTED IN SERVING ?

If you are interested in serving or helping on the Recreation Commission, please contact the Borough Administrator at 875-4831.



ATTENTION - OUR PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM IS SLOWLY DEPLETING - THIS IS A NOTICE OF BAN ON NONESSENTIAL WATER USE

Due to the excessive demand on the water system created by the extremely warm weather, it is necessary to impose a **BAN ON THE USE OF WATER FOR NONESSENTIAL PURPOSES**. The following water uses are prohibited until further notice:

- LAWN WATERING
- FILLING OF POOLS
- CAR WASHING
- ALL NONESSENTIAL USES

Your cooperation will help assure adequate supply for all water system users as well as to assure water necessary for fire safety services.



OUR BOARDS NEED VOLUNTEER MEMBERS!

The upcoming 1996 years requires new appointments to our local boards, we have some volunteers who are leaving and we need replacements:

Are you interested in serving? We could use your expertise!

Fill out the response form below, mail it to the Borough of Sussex, 2 Main Street, Sussex, N.J. 07461, indicate what Board you would be willing to serve on, and we will welcome you aboard for 1996!

Name _____

Address: _____

Telephone No. _____

I would like to serve on the following Board(s):

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| Planning Board | () | Yes | () | No |
| Board of Health | () | Yes | () | No |
| Property Maintenance | () | Yes | () | No |
| Recreation Comm. | () | Yes | () | No |



CLOVE LAKE UPDATE - GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS!

After all these years of looking at a dry lake bed, the Borough has received \$400,000 from the State of New Jersey to repair our dam! Many thanks to Senator Littell, Assemblyman Garrett and Assemblyman Guy Gregg for helping us obtain this funding.

We are working diligently to get the permits processed for the dam repair and the removal of the lake bed sediment.

We are hoping to be able to go out to bid by year end and start the project by spring of 1996!

