

BOROUGH OF Tenafly Newsletter

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THE 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PASSES INTRODUCTION

The 2014 Municipal Budget was introduced by the Mayor and Council at a public meeting held on March 25, 2014. Prior to introduction, governing body held a series of budget deliberation meetings on February 8, February 15, February 18; and March 4, 2014. All meetings were convened in the Richard D. Wilson Committee Room at Borough Hall. The two Saturday sessions were convened from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, and the weekday session was held from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The final session on March 4, 2014 was convened as part of a regular Council Workshop meeting. The sessions consisted of in-depth reviews of the budget recommendations prepared by the Borough Administrator and Chief Financial Officer. All borough Department Heads met with the governing body to review their budgets and respond to questions concerning their goals, objectives, and spending history. Managers were also requested to justify expenditures for new initiatives, where applicable. Copies of the preliminary budget were made available for public review at Borough Hall and the Tenafly Public Library.

This is the Borough's fourth budget prepared under the "Property Tax Levy Cap" which places a 2% CAP on the allowable amount to be raised by taxation to support the municipal budget in 2014. Additionally, total budget appropriation increases may not exceed 3.5% in accordance with the Appropriation CAP, which was already in place under New Jersey budget statutes. The 2014 operating budget was developed in compliance with these stringent limitations.

At the time the budget was introduced, the proposed tax levy for 2014 had increased by \$314,892 from \$21,993,579 in 2013 to \$22,308,471 which equates to 1.4%. This is substantially lower than the 2% maximum allowable levy increase permitted by the state based on the local tax levy cap law. This change in the levy included a decrease in projected revenue of \$34,436 and an increase in estimated appropriations of \$280,456.

The borough wide property assessment valuation for 2014 is \$3,863,598,020; an increase of \$11,833,862 over 2013. Based on the 2014 assessed valuation, the \$314,892 tax levy increase equates to a municipal tax rate of .577 which is an increase from .571 in 2013. This would result in an average tax per home of \$4,572, an increase of \$73.

Subsequent to budget introduction on March 25th, the Borough was notified by the State of a decrease in the 2014 pension cost that would result in a tax savings of \$14 per home for an increase of \$59. This change in the tax levy will be formally processed prior to adoption scheduled for April 29th.

From the Desk of the Mayor...

Tenaflly was recently designated “A Tree City” for the 13th consecutive year. Trees are an important part of our community and we protect them with a Tree Ordinance that is a model for municipalities across the state. Despite this, trees are being cut down or are falling down at an alarming rate. In my opinion, we need to immediately mobilize and increase the amount of trees we are planting. To aid in this mission, I will be creating a “Tree Committee” which will assist our Parks Department in selecting locations to plant trees, as well as selecting the types of tree we plant. Any resident interested in working on such a committee should contact the Mayor’s office, either by email at:

prustin@tenafly.net or at 201-568-6100x5535.

As this newsletter goes to print, we are reacting to recent news that a number of bus routes that service Tenaflly will be discontinued as of May 5th. All Red & Tan (Coach USA) bus service between Tenaflly and the George Washington Bridge bus terminal with the exception of the 9A will be discontinued. The 9A runs north and south on Route 9W and goes across the bridge. That line will remain in service and stops in Tenaflly at the intersection of 9W and East Clinton Avenue. Together with our County and State Officials, we are working hard to have New Jersey Transit pick up the discontinued lines on May 5th so service will continue uninterrupted. I am cautiously optimistic that this may happen. In the meantime, bus routes traveling thru the Lincoln Tunnel to the Port Authority bus terminal at 42nd street are not affected. The more calls our State officials receive on this matter, the better the chances of a positive outcome.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that Tenaflly will host two wonderful outdoor concerts in May. Friday, May 9th at 7 PM, the Tenaflly High School Orchestra and Philharmonic will perform in Huyler Park. The following Friday, May 16th at 7 PM, the High School Band and Choir will perform. Both concerts will be in Huyler Park but in case of bad weather will be moved to the High School Auditorium. There is no admission charge and all are welcome. It will be a great way to start off the summer concert tradition.

Peter S. Rustix, Mayor



The Borough of Tenaflly contracts with Emergency Communications Network, Inc. for its “CodeRED” high-speed telephone emergency notification services. The CodeRED system gives Borough officials the ability to deliver pre-recorded emergency telephone notification/information messages to the entire community or targeted sections of the Borough. The CodeRED system gives individuals and businesses the ability to add their phone numbers directly to the system’s telephone database. Residents and businesses are urged to log on to the Borough’s website home page at www.tenaflynj.org and click on the CodeRed logo, which links you to the registration page.

Designated Borough employees have access to the system 24 hours a day, 365 days a year from virtually anywhere using a secure password and Internet portal. The system can be used to notify residents about severe weather and snow emergencies, missing children and the elderly, drinking water notifications, and other emergencies, as well as general information notices and notifications about issues that may impact a specific neighborhood.

ELECTION INFORMATION

2014 PRIMARY ELECTION

On June 3, 2014, the Primary Election will be held. Polling places will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voters will select candidates from their respective Political Party, which includes Council and County Committee.

Voter Registration forms and Mail-In Ballot applications are available in the Borough Clerk’s Office, Bergen County Superintendent of Election’s Office, or can be downloaded from the NJ Division of Elections’ website:

http://www.njelections.org/form_pdf/voter-regis-forms/bergen-voter-reg-form-062212.pdf and

http://www.njelections.org/form_pdf/vote-mail-ballot-012712-ber.pdf.

Voter Registration forms are required to be completed if you will be 18 years of age for the next election, if you have changed your name, or if you have changed your address. The deadline to file your form is the 21st day before the election. Late Night Voter Registration will be held on Tuesday, May 13th in the Borough Clerk’s office.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Borough Clerk’s Office at 201-568-6100.

MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY

**POLICE, FIRE
AMBULANCE
EMERGENCIES
9-1-1**

**Police Department
Non-Emergency
201-568-5100**

**Borough Hall
100 Riveredge Road**

Main	201-568-6100
Mayor	Ext. 5535
Administrator	Ext. 5502
Assessor	Ext. 5531
Clerk’s Office	Ext. 5544
Property Code	Ext. 5506
Construction	Ext. 5505
Fire Prevention	Ext. 5566
Health Office	Ext. 5511
Library Main Desk	Ext 5579
Planning Board	Ext. 5501
Recreation	Ext. 5515
Tax Office	Ext. 5533
Violation Bureau	Ext. 5540
Zoning Board	Ext. 5454

**Public Works
107 Grove Street
201-568-4134**

**Recycling Center
153 Grove Street
201-541-7325**

**Senior Citizens Center
20 South Summit Street
201-569-2159**

**Youth Center
100 Riveredge Road
201-567-7579**

**Recreation Office
100 Riveredge Road
201-871-3008**



TENAFLY COMMUNITY FORUM

What’s up with Youth, Alcohol & Drugs?

Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 7:00 pm

**Tenaflly High School Library/Resource Center
Expert Panel Presentations & Discussion with
Audience Question and Answer**

**Parents & High School Students are Welcome;
Students in grades 6-8 may attend if accompanied by an
adult**

RSVP to: jgould@tenafly.k12.nj.us or 201-816-6631

Sponsored by the Chemical and Alcohol Prevention (CAP) Committee of the Tenaflly/Alpine Municipal Alliance and The Tenaflly Public Schools



313 Hudson Ave., Tenafly
201-568-6093
tenaflynaturecenter.org



Scavenger Hunt

2nd Saturdays 2-3 pm
May 10, June 14, July 12, Aug. 9

Full Moon Hike

Wed. May 14; Fri., June 13; Sat.,
July 12; Tues., Aug. 10, 7-9 pm

Endangered Animal Art

Saturday, May 17, 1-2:30 pm

Dinosaur & Mineral

Adventure

June 17, 18, & 19, 1-4 pm

Sail the Hudson on the

A.J. Meerwald

3-4 hour trips, July 17-20

S'mores Galore

Sunday, August 10, 12:30-1:30
pm or 2-3 pm

Summer Day Camp

For Kids ages 4 - 14

June, July & Aug. 9 am-3:30 pm
Week-long sessions designed
for hands-on nature exploration



Tenafly Nature Center is an independent, non-profit, member-supported nature preserve. Our mission is to protect almost 400 wooded acres and all of its inhabitants, and to teach future generations to do the same.

Trails are open 365 days a year



Al Schuster

Explore & Protect Pfister's Pond, one of TNC's most beloved features. Host to a rich variety of plant and animal life, this ecosystem is a living laboratory which provides recreational value for TNC's visitors through aquatic study, bird watching and personal reflection.

Its current state represents a peak of biodiversity, which, if left alone will steadily decline. It is time to take action to preserve this rich habitat. TNC has developed a phased, environmentally sensitive plan to re-mediate and maintain Pfister's Pond for generations to come.

Here's how you can help:

- Volunteer to remove excess vegetation from the Pond this summer
- Donate to the Pfister's Pond remediation project
- Contact info@tenaflynaturecenter.org to find out more

Discover Summer Nature Day Camp: Kids ages 4 to 14 who enjoy nature will love TNC's summer Day Camp! Campers will hike along trails, participate in hands-on, nature-based crafts, games and activities. Sharp-eyed campers may spot native animals living in the preserve: turtles, deer, wild turkeys, bullfrogs and red-tailed hawks.

Weekly sessions, with different themes and grouped by age, are led by adult professional educators. A 1:9 teacher-to-child ratio ensures personal attention for each camper. No need to send children on a long bus ride if you sign up soon. Don't miss out on fun, nature experiences, and outdoor discovery in your own backyard.

Sign up early as openings are very limited. Even though campers spend most of their time outdoors, TNC needs to provide indoor space for campers in the event of inclement weather. Our very small facility cannot accommodate all children who want to explore our native hardwood forest and pond ecosystems for an unforgettable week of summer fun and educational enrichment.

Contribute as a Volunteer! You don't have to sign up for a program to get hands-on experience in nature at TNC. Join a trail crew to restore heavily-traveled and overused trails around the Visitor Center and Pfister's Pond. Help build bridges over wet areas, clear debris and trim vegetation; pull Spatterdock (water lilies) from the Pond and split kindling. TNC's mission depends on hundreds of volunteers who contribute thousands of hours to maintain our diverse habitats, keep seven miles of trails safe, and ensure our buildings are in good repair.

Exhibits**Edna Kawulitzki Gallery****May/June***Tenafly Art and Artists Remembered*
Curated by Alice Rigney**September/October**Susan Behnke
Watercolors**Library Hours**

Monday	10-9
Tuesday	10-9
Wednesday	10-5
Thursday	10-9
Friday	10-5
Saturday	10-5
Sunday	12-4

Closed Sundays

In June, July, August

Holiday Closings**Memorial Day**Saturday, May 24
Sunday, May 25
Monday, May 26**Independence Day**Friday, July 4
Saturday, July 5**Labor Day**Saturday, August 30
Sunday, August 31
Monday, September 1**Columbus Day**

Monday, October 13

Veterans Day

Tuesday, November 11

ThanksgivingThursday, Nov 27
Friday, Nov 28**Visit us on the web:**tenafly.bccls.org
www.tenaflynj.org**SUMMER READING 2014****June 23 — August 15, 2014****Reading incentives, programs and activities for families, children, teens and adults.**

Program details and a schedule of events will be available in early June.

EATING HEALTHY WITH RAW FOODS**Tuesday, May 27 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Karen Ranzi, M.A. Lecturer, Raw Food Coach, Raw Food Chef and author of *Creating Healthy Children* will talk about becoming proactive about the health of your family through simple tips on how to make better choices and prepare easy and nutritious meals. Karen will bring recipes and prepare a quick Pina Colada Green Smoothie for you to enjoy.

RESUME WORKSHOP**Thursday, May 29 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Certified Professional Resume Writer **Paula Rueger** helps clients at every career stage from recent grads to senior leaders develop clear, results-focused resumes that highlight their unique abilities and accomplishments. Learn more about her at the website: gettoworkresumes.com.

WOMEN IN ART AND WOMEN ARTISTS**Thursday, June 5 @ 1:00 p.m.**

Featuring works from the collections of the **Newark Museum**, this slide show presentation begins with the portrayal of women by male artists from Egyptian times to the Gilded Age. The program then turns to painting, sculpture, photography and folk art from talented women artists from the 19th Century through today, including Lily Martin Spencer, Mary Cassatt, Dorothea Lange, Louise Nevelson and Chakaia Booker.

FROM SEA TO SEA ALONG THE PYRENEES**Thursday, June 19 @ 1:00 p.m.**

Frederick Dammont, physicist, world traveler and amateur art photographer offers a photographic tour of the French and Spanish Pyrenees, stretching from the Bay of Biscay to the Mediterranean. Photographs will feature the area's rich history, art, and breath-taking natural beauty.

NIAGARA**Thursday, July 31 @ 1:00 p.m.**

Join **Kevin Woyce** for an illustrated tour of the Niagara River, from its historic bridges and forts to modern-day parks and tourist attractions. Discover how the river, falls and gorge formed, and how they have changed. Meet the river's explorers and settlers; daredevils who risked their lives for fame or fortune; businessmen who harnessed the falls' power; and the conservationists and visionaries who saved the falls for generations of visitors.

THURSDAY TEEN TIME @ the Tenafly Public Library for teens in grades 6 & up

May 8 & June 12 @ 3:30 p.m. Crafts, activities & community service opportunities.

CHILDREN'S ROOM**BABY BOOKWORM** for ages 6-24 months - Wednesday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.**May 7 May 21****FAMILY STORY TIME** for all ages - Monday evenings @ 7:00 p.m.**May 5 May 12 May 19**

Tenaflly Recycling Center

153 Grove Street
201-568-4134



HOURS OF OPERATION

Friday through Monday – 7:45 am – 3:00 pm
Tuesday – Closed
Wednesday and Thursday – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

UPCOMING HOLIDAY CLOSURES



Department of Public Works will be closed for national holidays on:

Memorial Day: Monday, May 26, 2014

Reminder: There is no garbage collection on Memorial Day. Collections missed on this day will be picked up on the next regularly scheduled collection day.

Independence Day: Friday, July 4, 2014

Tenaflly Recycling & Convenience Center closed for the holiday on:

Independence Day: Friday, July 4, 2014

Help Keep Tenaflly Green!

2014 COLLECTION EVENTS FOR BERGEN COUNTY RESIDENTS

FREE OF CHARGE—ID REQUIRED

ELECTRONICS AND COMPUTER COLLECTIONS

9:00 AM—2:00 PM

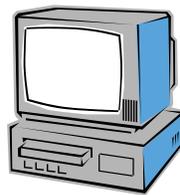
Rain or Shine

Saturday, June 7 & October 25, 2014

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation

200 Campgaw Road

Mahwah, NJ



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Rain or Shine



Sunday, June 22, & October 19, 2014

Bergen Community College

400 Paramus Road

Paramus, NJ

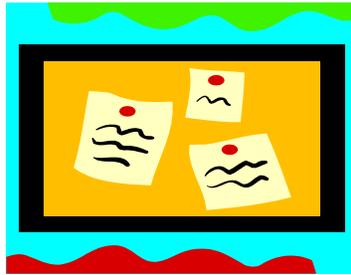
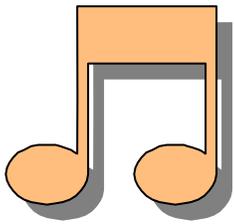
Saturday, May 17 & September 6, 2014

Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation

200 Campgaw Road

Mahwah, NJ

Sponsored by the Bergen County Utilities Authority



SAVE THE DATES

Month	Date	Description	Location	Times
May	3-4	Chamber Street Fair(Sat-Sun)	Downtown Tenafly	11 am – 7 pm
May	9	Concert: THS Philharmonic & Chorus	Huyler Park	7:00 PM
May	10	Tenafly Garden Club	Tenafly Crescent & Davis Johnson Park	10 am - 3 pm
May	10	Tour de Cure Bike Ride/Safety	Downtown Tenafly	8 am - 4 pm
May	11	JCC Rubin 5K&10K Runs	JCC & Run Routes	Starts 7:45 am
May	15	Open House for 5th Graders	Teen Center	3:00 pm
May	16	Concert: THS Band & Choir	Huyler Park	7:00 pm
May	16-18	Safe at Home Softball Tournament	Municipal, THS & Sunnyside,	Fri: 6 pm; Sat & Sun 8 am – 5 pm
May	18	Jenna's Rainbow Fair	Middle School	12 noon - 5 pm
May	26	Memorial Day Parade	Downtown Tenafly	9 am – 11am
May	26	Memorial Day Ceremony	Huyler Park/Elks	11 am – 3 pm
May	30-31	Chamber Sidewalk Sale (Fri & Sat)	Downtown Tenafly	10 am - 6 pm
June	1	Tenafly Education Foundation 5K Run	Sunset Lane & Run Route	9 am - 12 noon
June	7	Rec Football & Cheerleading Day	Municipal Field	4 pm - 6 pm
June	15	JFS Wheels for Meals	Piermont Rd. Area	7 am - 12 noon
June	27-28	Chamber Sidewalk Sale (Fri & Sat)	Downtown Tenafly	10 am – 6 pm
July	3	Fireworks Display	THS Field	Approx. 9:00 pm
July	4	Family Fun Day	Roosevelt Common	10 am – 3 pm

TENAFLY WELCOME! COMMITTEE



2014 has started with a big change for our committee. Our wonderful leader, April Uram, who has been our founding chairperson for ten years, has moved on to share her talents in other directions in Tenaflly. We are indebted to her for all the wonderful initiatives she has given us. It is my honor to step into this position to chair this committee.

The Tenaflly Welcome! Committee continues to try to identify new residents and to help with their transition. If you are a new resident within a year, and you have not received a postcard from us please stop at the Borough Hall. An important welcome packet is waiting for you. You can also visit the new residents website at: www.tenafllynj.org.

The Tenaflly Welcome! Committee is always in need of new members. We would welcome your ideas and suggestions. So please consider volunteering for this committee. You can contact us at the Borough Hall or the website. We would be delighted!!

Roxana Surrey, Chairperson

WELCOME TO TENAFLY. IT'S A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE!

TENAFLY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS



The Tenaflly NJ Chamber of Commerce is working on a new initiative this year – we're highlighting Tenaflly as an exciting place to explore on our Special Sales Days. On the last Friday and Saturday of May, June, October and September 18 & 19 we are advertising special events in downtown Tenaflly.

In April we were proud to advertise the Tenaflly Earth Day & The Save the Animals Rescue Team II (START II) Garage Sale. We'll have celebrity look-alike contests, grand openings, sidewalk sales - if the weather is good, and performances by local groups at the Bandstand.

Come stroll the streets of Tenaflly! Even better, if your group is planning an outdoor event on these days in downtown Tenaflly, let us know at least 4 weeks beforehand and we will be happy to advertise it for you.

See TenafllyNJChamberOfCommerce.org for details

REVENUES

Total anticipated revenue decreased by \$34,436 from 2013 or 1.1%

- **State aid** anticipated is \$1,119,801; the same as 2013.
- **Surplus** appropriated is \$1,500,000; the same as 2013.
- **Grants** anticipated have increased by \$6,408

Fees & miscellaneous revenue: a net decrease of approximately \$40,844 is anticipated from municipal sources. Municipal Court fines and costs decreased \$120,000 due to a reduction in the number of summonses issued in 2013.

APPROPRIATIONS

Total appropriations of \$27,128,943 in 2014 compares to \$26,848,487 budgeted in 2013; an increase of \$280,456 or 1%.

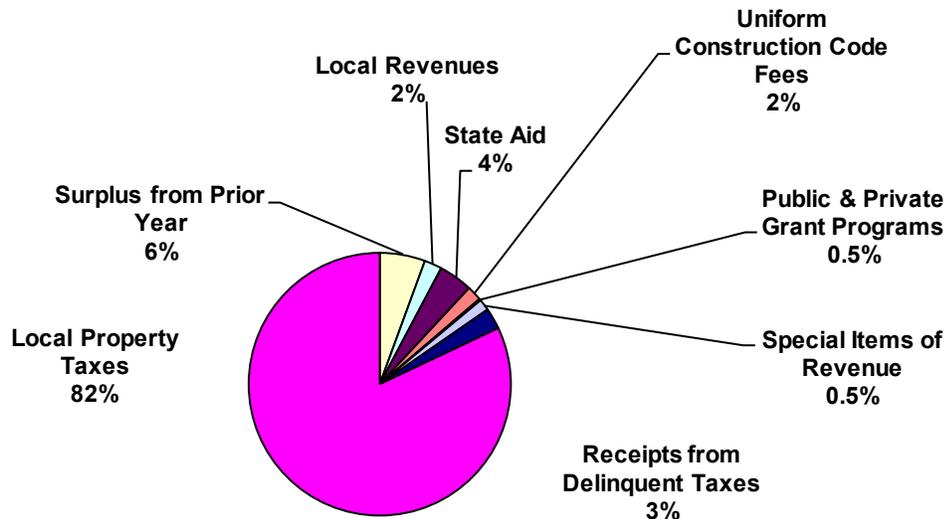
INCREASES

- **Salaries & Wages:** \$189,245 or 1.95% primarily due to contractual step increments for police and public works employees who have not reached the top step of the salary guide in addition to an estimated 2% increase for all non-uniformed personnel.
- **Trash Removal:** \$65,000 due to the expiration of the borough's garbage collection contract in December, bids were solicited and received in February for a new contract. Based on the lowest bid, the annual cost for a new five year contract will increase by \$103,800. The successful bidder was Waste Industries Inc., the hauler that also held the previous contract.
- **Statutory Charges:** \$62,919 for PERS, PFRS, DCRP and Social Security taxes due to an increase in employer contributions assessed by the State and payroll increases.
- **Reserve for Uncollected Taxes:** \$50,000 based on the auditor's recommendation.
- **TVAC and Fire Department:** \$45,500 due primarily to the incentive and uniform allowance line items for anticipated new members.
- **Library:** \$33,825 based 1/3 mil of realized valuation provided by the State.
- **Deferred Charges:** \$31,080 offset by revenue of \$32,000 for debt service reserve payment.
- **Public Works other expense:** \$24,815 due to increases in supplies, street signs and, equipment rental, and motor vehicle parts and accessories.
- **Liability Insurance:** \$17,755 based on the JIF renewal rates.
- **BCUA Sewer Charge:** \$13,877, an increase of .9% over 2013.
- **Utility Expenses:** \$13,020 based on estimated increases for electricity usage and fire hydrant charges assessed by United Water.
- **Administration other expenses:** \$10,050 due to an increase in the computer supplies line item reflecting a new service agreement with Xerox.
- **Capital Improvements:** \$5,000 for the 5% down payment required to fund approved 2014 capital projects.

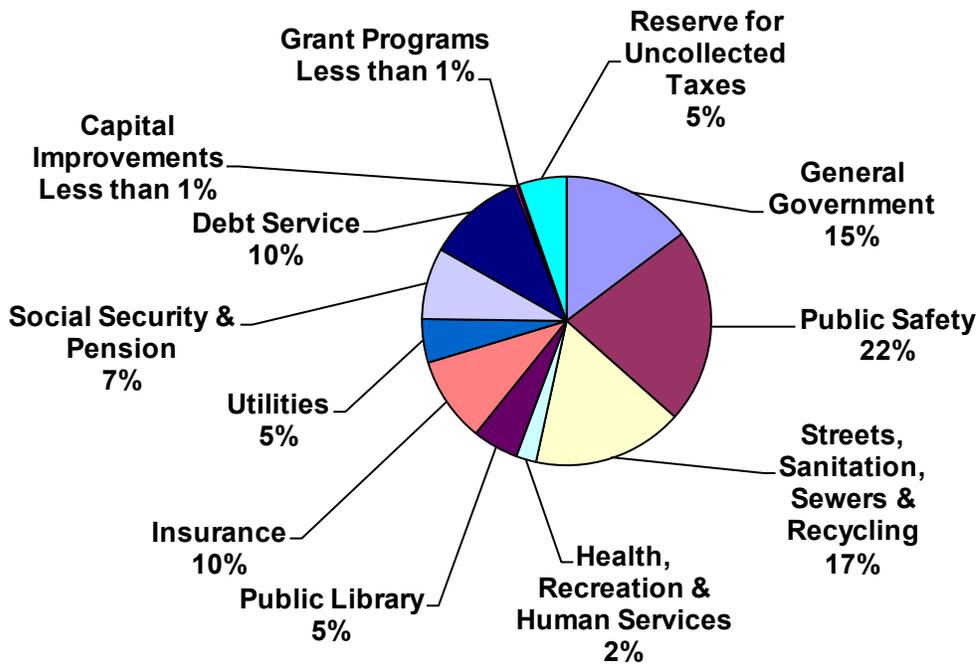
DECREASES

- **Payroll Adjustment:** \$90,000 for deferred 2013 police wage increments and longevity increases not included in the 2013 police S&W budget.
- **Municipal Debt Service:** \$62,672 attributable to the utilization of Open Space Trust Funds for payment of the borough's Green Trust obligations.
- **Garbage Disposal Fees:** \$50,000 savings reflects an anticipated agreement with the BCUA effective May 1, 2014, based on the expected commencement date of the new trash removal contract that expired December 31.
- **Police other expenses:** \$43,110 due primarily to the vehicle purchase line item budgeted for \$70,000 in 2013 for two vehicles and proposed in the 2014 budget for one vehicle as the two new 2013 vehicles were delivered in November.
- **Group Insurance:** \$35,000 based on additional employee premium contributions mandated by the State effective 7/1/2014.

2014 INTRODUCED BUDGET: WHERE IT COMES FROM



2014 INTRODUCED BUDGET: WHERE IT GOES



Tax Sale

The Tax Sale for unpaid 2013 taxes is scheduled for September 22, 2014. Any property that has unpaid 2013 municipal charges on August 3, 2014 shall be included on the tax sale list as a permanent municipal record. The tax sale list for unpaid 2013 municipal charges will be publicly advertised beginning the week of August 24, 2014. It may not be possible to remove 2013 charges from advertising if paid after August 15, 2014. Your property is not sold at the tax sale; a lien is placed on it in the amount of the unpaid 2013 charges, plus interest, penalties and other costs. Foreclosure proceedings by the lienholder may not begin until two years from the date of the tax sale.

Please do not hesitate to contact Anne Doyle, the Tax Collector, for more information about the tax sale if you have unpaid 2013 charges. The Tax Collector is able to discuss payment options with you, and those discussions need to take place sooner rather than later.

Are you a Veteran? Or, the widow/widower of a Veteran that served in one, or more, of the following periods:

Operation Northern/Southern Watch August 27, 1992 - March 17, 2003

Operation Iraqi Freedom March 19, 2003 - Ongoing

Operation Enduring Freedom September 11, 2001 - Ongoing
Joint Endeavor/Joint Guard - Bosnia & Herzegovina November 20, 1995 - June 20, 1998

Restore Hope Mission - Somalia December 5, 1992 - March 31, 1994

Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm Mission August 2, 1990 - February 28, 1991

Panama Peacekeeping Mission December 20, 1989 - January 31, 1990

Grenada Peacekeeping Mission October 23, 1983 - November 21, 1983

Lebanon Peacekeeping Mission September 26, 1982 - December 1, 1987

Vietnam Conflict December 31, 1960 - May 7, 1975

Lebanon Crisis of 1958 July 1, 1958 - November 1, 1958

Korean Conflict June 23, 1950 - January 31, 1955

World War II September 16, 1940 - December 31, 1946

World War I April 6, 1917 - November 11, 1918

You may be eligible for a \$250.00 property tax deduction. Please contact the Tax Collector or Tax Assessor's office for an application and more information.

The Open Space Tax Returns in August 2014

In November of 2005 the voters of the Borough of Tenafly passed a binding referendum establishing the Open Space Trust Fund to be funded by a special municipal property tax. The annual rate of the tax was set at .01 per \$100 of assessed value and was to be collected for 10 years. In November of 2011 another binding referendum was voted on to suspend the collection of the special municipal property tax to fund the Open Space Trust Fund for the period beginning July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014.

It is now time to reinstate the special municipal property tax to fund the Open Space Trust Fund. The rate on the Final 2014/Preliminary 2015 tax bill will be .05 for the special tax. Taxpayers will see the full rate of .1 on the bill that you receive in August of 2015. Without an additional referendum, this tax will expire on June 30, 2017.

All funds collected by this special tax are designated for the acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes and the development of lands acquired for such purposes. If no lands are available for acquisition for these purposes, then the monies in said fund shall be used for other recreation, conservation, or historic preservation purposes as may be permitted by law, to be determined following a public hearing.

Tax Payments

Many taxpayers believe that they must send us their tax bill when they pay their taxes by mail, or bring the bill with them if they pay the taxes in person. Your tax bill **IS NOT** required to make a tax payment. If you mail your payment to us, you should include the payment coupon that is attached to the tax bill for the quarter that you are paying. However, if you have misplaced the coupon, you may send us a check with the address of the property, or the block and lot of the property, written on the memo line of the check. Your cancelled check will be your receipt. If you want a printed receipt from the Tax Collector's office, you must send us a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment.

Senior and Disabled Citizens may also be eligible for a \$250.00 property tax deduction. Please contact the Tax Collector or Tax Assessor's office for more information.

TSC—Leisure and Learning for Individuals 55 and Older

Call or stop by for more information on our ongoing classes including:

Art: Drawing, Watercolor and Chinese Brush **Dance:** Line, tap, and folk dancing
Language: Intermediate Italian lessons **Card Games:** Bridge, Canasta, Bingo, Mahjong
Exercise: Osteoporosis Exercise, Brain and Body, Balance Class, Stretch & Tone, Zumba Gold, Tai Chi, Qi Gong and Chair Yoga.

Highlighted Events and Special Classes for

May through July

Please call the Center for details – (201) 569-2159



Thursday, May 8 – “Brighten Up Your Brain” - Presentation by Susan Noyes

Friday, May 9 – New Tai Chi For Arthritis Class with Gary Eng – A class designed for individuals with arthritis as well as for beginners interested in practicing an easy to learn, modified form of Tai Chi

Thursday May 15 – The Passion and Joy of Hispanic Music - Special luncheon with entertainment by classical violinist David Poodles

Friday, May 16 – New Quilting Class with Mary Shannon

Sunday, May 18 – Musical program by the Tenaflly Singers

Thursday, May 22 –Legal issues for seniors, IRAs and more with Attorney Doreen McCullogh

Tuesday, May 22 –Memoir writing - Workshop by Lou Alexander

Thursday, May 29 – Presentation on Dry Eye and Macular Degeneration - Dr. Cohen, from “I Care – Eye Care”

Tuesday, June 10 –Antibiotics – Presentation by Linda Losen from Holy Name Hospital

Thursday, June 12 - “Healthy Aging and Normal Changes As We Age” Presentation by Terri Katz MD, Geriatric Specialist from the Center For Dynamic Aging

Event Listing Continued on Back Page

Get a \$25,000 loan to fix up your home under the Tenafly Housing Rehabilitation Program. 0% interest loans. No monthly payments.

Loan is repaid only when house is sold. Homeowners must meet State income guidelines.

"The Tenafly Housing Rehabilitation Program is now able to lend eligible Borough homeowners up to \$25,000, at 0% interest, to help fix up their homes," according to Tenafly Mayor Peter Rustin. "Homeowners who want to get a Borough housing rehabilitation loan must submit a pre-application as soon as possible. If your home is in need of basic repair, and if you meet the program income guidelines, you may be eligible."

The Tenafly Housing Rehabilitation Program (THRP) is sponsored by the Borough of Tenafly as part of the Borough's Affordable Housing Program mandated by the State. The Borough must provide assistance to 62 homeowners under the program. It offers housing rehabilitation assistance to low and moderate income Borough homeowners in the form of a deferred payment loan of up to \$25,000 for basic home improvements. The interest rate on these loans is 0%. The loans are not due to be repaid until the house is sold or title is transferred. Funding for the program comes from COAH development fees that are held in trust by the Borough of Tenafly.

The Tenafly Borough Housing Rehabilitation Program (THRP) can only help families whose income meets the following current State income guidelines for 2013:

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MAXIMUM ANNUAL INCOME
1 Person	\$46,635
2 Persons	\$53,297
3 Persons	\$59,960
4 Persons	\$66,622
5 Persons	\$71,952
6 Persons	\$77,281
7 Persons	\$82,611
8 Persons	\$87,941

THRP assistance to homeowners is in the form of a 0% interest, deferred payment loan that is repaid only when the home is sold or title transferred. The program's terms for Borough investor owners who provide rental housing to lower income families is set by the State and governs rent levels and tenant eligibility for 10 years.

To apply for the Tenafly Housing Rehabilitation Program you must usually obtain a pre-application form from the Tenafly Public Library, the Tenafly Building Dept., 100 Riveredge Rd, or from the Borough's website, under Online Municipal Forms. However, we have included the form in this edition of the Borough Newsletter to facilitate the application process.

Funding is currently available for housing rehabilitation loans. Applicants will be served on a first come, first served basis.

Questions about the application process can be answered by calling the Program Coordinator, Steve Weinberg, directly at 732-390-4745.

Local home improvement contractors interested in submitting quotes on units to be rehabilitated through the program should also contact Mr. Weinberg.

Tenaflly Housing Rehabilitation Program

ATTENTION BOROUGH HOMEOWNERS

**YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A
\$25,000 INTEREST FREE HOME IMPROVEMENT LOAN
WITH NO MONTHLY PAYMENTS**

(Loan is repaid only when your house is sold)

MONEY MAY BE USED FOR NECESSARY REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF:

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Roofs & Gutters | Heating Systems |
| Doors & Windows | Electrical Systems |
| Indoor Plumbing | Painting or Siding |
| Insulation | Structural Problems |

FAMILIES MUST OWN THEIR HOME.

TOTAL FAMILY INCOME MUST BE WITHIN THESE LIMITS:

Persons in Household	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+
Maximum Income	\$47,276	\$54,030	\$60,784	\$67,538	\$72,941	\$78,344	\$83,747	\$89,150

Just fill out this Preliminary Application as soon as possible and bring it or mail it to:
Tenaflly Housing Rehabilitation Program (THRP)
 Borough Hall, 100 Riveredge Road
 Tenaflly, NJ 07670

Name: _____ Home phone # _____

Street Address: (not Box#) _____ Work Cell phone # _____

Type of home: Single Duplex 3+ Email _____

Name(s) on Deed (1) _____ (2) _____

Total # of persons in your household _____ 2013 Total Family Income \$ _____

Our Gross Family Income is below the maximum on the chart above. Yes No

The total of all liens on this property is less than its current value. Yes No

For additional information, call THRP Coordinator, Steve Weinberg, at his office - 732/390-4745.

I/we certify that all information on this preapplication is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge. I/we understand that any willful misstatement of material fact may be grounds for disqualification.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Co-Applicant signature _____

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TSC—Leisure and Learning for Individuals 55 and Older - Cont'd from Page 13

Friday, June 20 – Swim Club Pass Distribution – for Tenafly residents 65 and older – limited number available. Distributed is on a first-come basis on that date.

Thursday, June 26 – “Legs Work: Do You have Healthy Veins”- Educational presentation on vein health by the Center for Vein Restoration

Thursday, July 17 – Stroke Prevention - by Hackensack Medical Center at Pascack Valley

Thursday, July 24 – July luncheon with musical entertainment by “Randy”

SENIOR CENTER TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

June 13 - Guided Tour of Historic Hoboken, the “Mile Square City”

July 16 - Day at Spring Lake including lunch at the Old Mill Inn

