

# BOROUGH OF Tenafly Newsletter

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## Mayor & Council Conduct Budget Deliberations

The Borough of Tenafly 2010 Draft Municipal Budget is undergoing detailed review by the Mayor and Borough Council. The governing body convened a series of budget deliberation meetings on April 8, 10, 17, 22 and May 6 to conduct an in-depth review of the budget recommendations prepared and submitted by the borough officials in Administration and Finance. They conducted two evening meetings and two morning sessions. The Mayor and Council established the goal for the preparation of the municipal budget to reduce expenditures wherever possible, while maintaining the fiscal integrity of the municipal corporation.

Budget preparation in the Borough of Tenafly began with department heads preparing requests for 2010 in November 2009. Department heads were told to be cost-conscious with their requests. The requests were reviewed and analyzed by the new Director of Finance and the Interim Borough Administrator. These budget requests were reduced by more than \$1,100,000 while the overall budget was cut by more than \$500,000 below the budget of 2009. The review of the recommended budget from the Interim Borough Administrator was further reduced by actions of the Mayor and Council. The newly appointed Borough Administrator has provided significant input subsequent to the development of the preliminary drafts, and following notification from the State of the loss of \$343,035 in municipal aid.

Very few departmental appropriations exceed last year's appropriation levels. Most are below last year levels. In addition to meeting the obligation to fund mandatory appropriations, other issues under serious consideration include recognizing the Borough's need to fund ongoing liabilities such as tax appeals. Look for additional information on the Borough website under "Municipal Budget".

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## Mayor Appoints New Borough Administrator

The Mayor has appointed Jewel V. Thompson-Chin as the new Tenafly Borough Administrator. At its meeting of February 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Borough Council granted advice and consent to the Mayor's appointment. The effective date of her appointment was March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Peter Rustin and the Council were assisted in an exhaustive search for a new Borough Administrator by Gregory C. Fehrenbach, Principal of Government Advisors, LLC, of East Brunswick. Mr. Fehrenbach also served as the Interim Administrator following the retirement of former Administrator, Joseph DiGiacomo, who retired November 1, 2009.

Ms. Thompson-Chin comes to the Borough with extensive experience in managing municipal operations. She previously served as the Business Administrator for the City of Orange for five years, and four years as the Administrator for the City of Plainfield. In addition to her positions in local government, she has served in private sector positions as a Process Improvement Analyst with Quest Diagnostics, headquartered in Madison, NJ; and as a Planning Consultant with the RBA Group, a Parsippany based engineering firm.

Ms. Thompson-Chin is a life-long New Jersey resident who received her Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies from Douglass College and Masters of Business Administration from Rutgers University. She resides in Teaneck with her husband, Glen.

In the time following her appointment, Ms. Thompson-Chin has already made significant progress in getting to know the Borough staff and community leaders, and is working closely with the Mayor and Council to develop comprehensive plans to improve management efficiency and effectiveness.

**Borough Hall  
Holiday Closings**

- Memorial Day  
May 31, 2010
- Independence Day  
July 5, 2010
- Labor Day  
September 6, 2010
- Columbus Day  
October 11, 2010
- Veterans' Day  
November 11, 2010
- Thanksgiving Day  
November 25, 2010
- Day After  
Thanksgiving  
November 26, 2010
- Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2010
- Christmas Day  
December 25, 2010
- New Year's Eve  
December 31, 2010

*From the Desk of the Mayor...*

Every year it is the responsibility of the Borough Administrator to present to the Mayor and Council a recommended budget for the municipality. No other undertaking has as large an impact on our community than its annual budget. This year the process has been made more difficult and painful due to the financial condition of the State of New Jersey and the overall economy. The governing body needs to balance two factors, our tax rate and the level at which services are provided to our residents.

Many of our expenses are either fixed costs or items out of our control. An example of a fixed cost is multi-year contracts previously negotiated. Examples of costs out of our control are health benefits and insurance. In the end it comes down to a very complex decision. In order to maintain the level of services the Borough has always provided Tenafly residents do taxes need to be increased and by how much. Are our residents willing to accept a lower level of services in return for a lesser tax rate? Note that I did not say a tax reduction, because that would be virtually impossible under present conditions. It is a very difficult balancing act which is currently before your Mayor and Council. We appreciate the input of our residents in helping us through this extremely arduous process. We look forward to approving a budget that meets the needs of our residents at a cost as low as possible.

We wish everyone a very enjoyable Spring and Summer and look forward to seeing everyone at the various events taking place in Tenafly mentioned in this edition of our Borough Newsletter.

*Peter S. Rustin, Mayor*

**Mayor and Council to Honor Employees and Volunteers**

On Tuesday evening, May 25<sup>th</sup> Tenafly residents are welcome to join with the Tenafly Mayor and Council in honoring the members of our Police and Volunteer Fire Departments, our Volunteer Ambulance Corp, the employees of our Department of Public Works and our Construction Official for their service to our community during the severe snow, rain and wind storms this past winter. The amount of damage caused by these storms throughout Tenafly was unprecedented and our Borough Employees and Volunteers went well beyond what could be expected to keep our residents safe and damage and inconvenience to a minimum.

On Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm, we would like to show them our appreciation by holding a dessert reception in their honor at Peace Plaza outside the Tenafly Public Library. No Borough funds will be spent on this occasion. We are asking residents and businesses to make a financial donation or contribute desserts so that we may show our Employees and Volunteers how much they are appreciated. For further information or to make a donation, please contact the Mayor's office at 201-568-6100 x 5535 or by email at [prustin@tenafly.net](mailto:prustin@tenafly.net). For those planning on donating a dessert, advance notice would be appreciated.

## ELECTION INFORMATION

**Primary Election Day is Tuesday, June 8, 2010**

**Polls are open 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

The Office of the Borough Clerk, located in Borough Hall, 100 Riveredge Road, will be open on Primary Election Day to assist voters with information concerning polling sites, handicapped accessibility, registration information, etc.

The Primary election is a partisan election. For candidates to appear on the Primary ballot to run as either Democrats or Republicans for State, County or Local offices, their petitions had to be filed by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 2010. Locally, there are two Council seats to be voted on this year; check the Borough website [www.tenaflynj.org](http://www.tenaflynj.org) (Municipal Departments>Elections>2010 Candidates) for the names of local candidates.

As a voter, you must be either a registered Democrat or Republican to vote in this Primary election. **Monday, April 19, 2010 was the deadline to file Party Declaration Forms to change your Political Party Affiliation for the June Primary.** The forms can be obtained at the Office of the Borough Clerk, but they can only be accepted at the Bergen County office of the Commissioner of Registration at One Bergen Plaza in Hackensack by the deadline.

If you are designated on the voter registration list as an Unaffiliated voter, you may go to your polling place on Primary election day and declare your party affiliation at that time and then cast your vote accordingly. Please call the Office of the Borough Clerk at 201-568-6100 (Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) and they will assist you if you have questions concerning your registration.

**To vote in this Primary election, you must be registered to vote by Tuesday, May 18, 2010.** However, new residents to Tenafly who have failed to re-register may still be eligible to vote if they have moved from within Bergen County **and** were registered voters at their last Bergen County address. Anyone fitting those criteria is entitled to vote via Provisional Ballot at their Tenafly Election District and should call the Clerk's office at 201-568-6100 to learn the location of their polling site.

**Mail-In Ballots** (formerly called *Absentee Ballots*) are issued by the County Clerk. You may pick up an "Application for Mail-In Ballot" at the Office of the Borough Clerk in Tenafly. In order to have a Mail-In Ballot mailed to you, your Application must be received at the County Clerk's office in Hackensack at least seven days prior to the election. Tuesday, June 1, 2010 is the last day to apply by mail for a Mail-In Ballot for the June Primary Election. However, you may appear at the County Clerk's office in person with your Application until 3 p.m. on Monday, June 7, 2010. If you are issued a Mail-In Ballot, you cannot vote at the polls. All Mail-In Ballots must be received by the County Board of Elections by 8 p.m. on June 8<sup>th</sup>. The Tenafly Borough Clerk cannot accept Mail-In Ballots at her office.

**Please remember to vote !**

## MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY

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

### Police Department

Non-Emergency  
201-568-5100

### Borough Hall

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**Main 201-568-6100**

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Zoning Board Ext. 5454

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107 Grove Street  
201-568-4134

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153 Grove Street  
201-541-7325

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20 South Summit Street  
201-569-2159

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

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

## Tenaflly to Conduct Property Revaluation Beginning in Early May

Tenaflly has been ordered by the Bergen County Tax Board to conduct a revaluation of all property in the Borough beginning in early May, it was announced by Assessor Carol C. Byrne.

“Once the revaluation is completed, all property owners will be notified of the new valuation of their properties.” said Byrne. “They will then have the opportunity to have an informal review of the value with the appraisal company before it is accepted by the Borough.”

The revaluation, which is expected to take at least five months to complete, is designed to establish the current market value of each property. Its objective is to ensure that all property owners pay their fair share of the cost of government.

Tenaflly has contracted with Realty Appraisal Company to carry out the revaluation. The firm has more than 50 years of experience in property appraisal and has conducted many revaluations for the Borough. The most recent was in 2002.

The Borough has 4784 taxable properties with an assessed value of \$3,078,316,000 billion. Revaluations are required when a municipality’s tax rate ratio is below 85 percent. As of the beginning of the current tax year, Tenaflly’s ratio was at 71.90 percent of the real market value of properties.

The revaluation process will require a complete inspection of the interior and exterior of each building and a photograph will be taken of every structure. Owners of income producing properties will be required to produce data on income and expenses among other information.

Realty Appraisal representatives will carry letters of introduction and photo IDs. Residents are advised to ask to see both forms of identification and to not permit anyone who cannot provide the required identification to enter their properties.

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### **TREE REMOVAL AND PROTECTION ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TENAFLY**

The Public Works Department regularly receives calls about Chapter 26 of the Borough Code. A permit is required for a homeowner to remove a tree if one of these two conditions exists:

1. Construction or contemplated construction of any building, building addition, driveway, recreation area, or anything else for which a construction or zoning permit is required.
2. If any tree of a caliper of four (4) inches or greater measured at a height of four and one-half (4 ½) feet above the ground is located within the buffer area. The buffer area is the area along the side or rear yard of any lot. Depending on where you live, the buffer zone ranges from three (3) to fifteen (15) feet in width.



Have You Heard?.....



Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> - Safe at Home Softball Tournament  
Various locations including  
Sunnyside Park and the Municipal Field

Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 12:30 pm – 5 pm – Jenna’s Rainbow Spring Fair at the  
Middle School Field

Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm – Dessert Reception honoring our  
Police, Fire Department, Department  
Of Public Works employees and our  
Construction Official at Peace Plaza—See Article  
on Page 2.  
(Rain Location: McCandless Room)

Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 10 am Memorial Day Parade and Celebration  
downtown Tenafly sponsored by the Tenafly  
Elks

Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 9 am Tenafly 5K Run sponsored by the Tenafly  
Educational Foundation at the Middle School

Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 10 am – 3 pm Independence Day Celebration  
Roosevelt Common (Rain Date: Monday, July 5th)

Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 pm Fireworks Show behind Tenafly High School  
(Rain Date: Monday, July 5th)

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201-568-8680

## A Vision For a Better Tenafly

### Mission Statement of the Business Improvement District Management Corporation



The Tenafly Business Improvement District Management Corporation is dedicated to promoting Tenafly as a preferred shopping, eating, and residential destination, with a stable commercial district. The Business Improvement District is committed to adopting an inclusive approach toward strengthening not only the downtown, but also the aforementioned areas in the entire community. This includes improving Tenafly's economic viability by supporting existing businesses and encouraging the establishment of new enterprises and cultural activities that complement existing businesses and services in different sections throughout the town.

The Business Improvement District will focus on making Tenafly a safer, cleaner and a more attractive pedestrian, merchant, and restaurant and business environment, with adequate public parking, way-finding and traffic flow to serve the needs of local residents and businesses and attract new shoppers and visitors from throughout the region. It is also the goal of the Business Improvement District to preserve the rich legacy of the downtown area and enhance the opportunities for commercial enterprises throughout Tenafly by providing a business friendly environment that includes clean and safe streets, parking, appropriate delivery of Borough services and fair and adequate taxes and fees.

#### PROMOTE AND ENHANCE THE IMAGE OF TENAFLY

##### Business essentials:

- Attract and retain businesses
- Leverage and seek economic development opportunities
- Create, maintain, and promote the business, shopping and restaurant directories
- Create and distribute newsletter:
- "Talk of the Tenafly"
- Create and manage bi-annual Destination Tenafly publication
- Create and distribute Business Improvement District Annual Report
- Provide technical support for businesses and prospective businesses
- Market and coordinate image advertising for Tenafly

##### Projects:

- Develop communications and public relations plans
- Create and enhance the appearance and functionality of the website
- Apply for applicable local, county, state or federal grants
- Leverage and update information in database tool, and provide a tie-in to land use ordinance (add additional information such as employee counts and restaurant seating)
- Encourage evening shopping and dining with promotional entertainment
- Continue implementation of streetscape projects

##### Promotions:

- Develop a comprehensive strategy for promotions
  - ~ enhance promotions that fully leverage existing and prospective businesses and services
  - ~ institute goals and measures to monitor effectiveness of promotions

**Business Improvement District**  
100 Riveredge Road  
Tenafly, New Jersey 07670

#### ENHANCE THE APPEARANCE, SAFETY AND PARKING OF DOWNTOWN TENAFLY

- Develop implementation of a Downtown Improvement Plan
- Develop implementation of parking improvement plans
- Develop implementation of Pedestrian safety measures (signage, banners, streetscape improvements, coordination with traffic/signalization projects, etc.)
- Enhancement of Facade improvement program:
  - ~ institute a facade improvement program for guidelines, funding caps, etc.
  - ~ institute an education campaign of the facade improvement program and services
  - ~ issue eligible grants which are recommended by a Design Committee and approved by the Board
- Ensure that trash, recycling and ongoing maintenance measures are implemented and maintained
- Implementation of other streetscape improvements (benches, trash cans, newspaper rack coordination, kiosks, banners, trees, bus shelters, bike racks, etc.)

#### Vision for a Better Tenafly

The vision of the Tenafly Business Improvement District Management Corp. is for Tenafly, New Jersey to be a preferred destination where people want to live, work, conduct business, and visit. We intend to integrate the merchant, commercial, professional and residential communities into a vibrant place for the benefit of all.

#### IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN A STABLE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

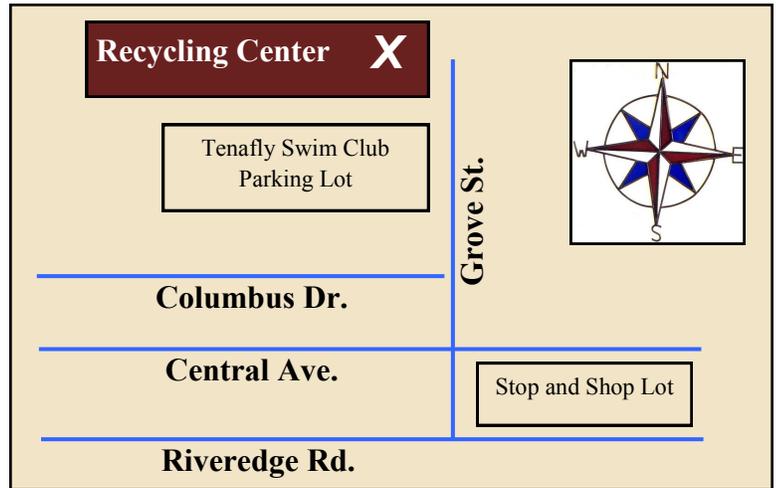
- Enhance relationships between these commercial sectors with:
  - ~ Borough government: building department, assessors' office, police, fire department, dpw, and health department
  - ~ Tenafly Chamber of Commerce
  - ~ Bergen County Economic Development, Main Street New Jersey, and Downtown New Jersey
  - ~ Historic Preservation
  - ~ Media
- Develop plan of coordination
- Facilitate a friendly and timely permitting and inspections process
- Educate members on land use and zoning rules and regulation
- Develop and implement public relations campaign to stabilize and grow sectors

#### ADVOCATE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT TO INCLUDE HIGH-END/BRAND NAME AND DIVERSE RETAIL AND SPECIALTY ESTABLISHMENTS

- Locate and attract high-end retail establishments
- Locate and secure new/different types of retail and business establishments
- Coordinate with property owners/landlords, local, county, and state government to facilitate new retail and business establishments
- Provide necessary assistance and guidance to potential high-end/brand name and other retailers who seek to locate in Tenafly

**T**enafly  
**B**usiness  
**I**mprovement  
**D**istrict

## Tenaflly Recycling Center 153 Grove Street (North of Swim Clubs)



### HOURS OF OPERATION

Friday through Monday 7:30 am to 3:00 pm  
Tuesday closed  
Wednesday & Thursday 12:45 pm to 3:00 pm

*For directions to the Recycling Center, please contact the Department of Public Works at 201-568-4134.*

### Articles that may be brought to the recycling center:

1. Aluminum cans
2. Asphalt/concrete
3. Brush/yard waste
4. Building material
5. Cardboard
6. Commingled material (plastic bottles #1-7, tin cans, glass bottles, aluminum containers)
7. Computers/electronics
8. Fluorescent light bulbs
9. Grass
10. Household batteries
11. Newspaper
12. Printer cartridges
13. Scrap metal
14. Tires
15. Use clothes/textiles
16. White goods
17. Bulk waste



**The Recycling Center will be closed on:  
Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> and Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**There will be no garbage collection on:  
Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> and Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Twigs, weeds, etc. – Placed in reusable container with lid at curbside on your GARBAGE collection day.**

**NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE. DO NOT PILE BRANCHES OR ANY TYPE OF GARDEN DEBRIS IN THE STREET.**

**GRASS COLLECTION:**

A reminder to all residents that grass collection will continue like last year. Residents who live on the west side of the railroad tracks will have their grass collected on Mondays, while residents on the east side will be collected on Tuesdays. If a holiday should fall on a Monday, such as Memorial Day and Independence Day, then the west side residents will have grass picked up on Wednesday. Grass is to be placed at the curb in 20 gallon plastic containers with lids prior to 7:30 am or in recyclable paper bags. **NO PLASTIC BAGS WILL BE PICKED UP UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.** There will be no grass collection on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> and Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Grass will be picked up on Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday July 7<sup>th</sup>.

**BRANCHES AND GARDEN DEBRIS:** Will only be collected under the following conditions:

Branches – 3 foot lengths (maximum) in containers or tied in bundles (all less than 30 pounds) to be stacked neatly at curbside on your **GARBAGE** collection day.

**HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION:**

The Bergen County Utilities Authority has six (6) remaining scheduled Household Hazardous Waste Collection dates in 2010. They are held on the following dates:

Saturday	May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, Mahwah
Sunday	June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Bergen Community College, Paramus
Saturday	July 17 <sup>th</sup>	BCUA, Moonachie
Saturday	Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, Mahwah
Sunday	Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Bergen Community College, Paramus
Saturday	Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Bergen County Campgaw Mountain Reservation, Mahwah

Hours are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm rain or shine.

Any questions about these program or for additional information, call the BCUA Environmental Programs Hotline at 201-807-5825 or online at [www.bcua.org](http://www.bcua.org).

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**Public Works Operating Hours**

**A reminder: Public Works hours from Memorial Day to Labor Day are 7:00 am to 3:00 pm.**

**The Department of Public Works will be closed on the following days:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 26<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 5<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Sept 6<sup>th</sup></b>

## **You Can Help Prevent Stormwater Pollution**

Whether you call it stormwater pollution, polluted runoff, people pollution, watershed pollution or nonpoint source pollution, it all boils down to the same problem:

As stormwater travels across lawns, parking lots, gardens, roofs, and roadways, it picks up trash (such as candy wrappers, cigarette butts and cups) and other less visible pollutants (such as gasoline, motor oil, antifreeze, fertilizers, pesticides and pet waste). This polluted runoff flows directly into storm drains, rivers, lakes, streams and the ocean. Once polluted runoff reaches the water, it can contaminate drinking water supplies, kill fish and other wildlife, and force the closing of bathing beaches because of health threats to swimmers.

Human activity is largely responsible for the stormwater pollution. Everything that we put on the ground or into the storm drain can end up in our water. Each of us has a responsibility to make sure these contaminants stay out of our water. Whether we have clean water is up to you.

But there is good news – you have the power to stop your contribution to stormwater pollution and keep your environment clean. Simple changes can make a tremendous difference. Here are just some of the key causes: litter that enters storm drains, lawn fertilizers, pesticides, animal waste, hazardous waste, used motor oil, and car wash run-off.

**Your everyday activities can affect your water. You can help reduce the amount of pollution in our water. Just being concerned about the environment is not enough: now you can help improve it!**

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## **The Importance of Recycling to Our Community**

The Borough has realized a significant reduction in garbage tonnage since 2003 due to the increase in the rate of recycling. Our garbage tonnage figures have declined from 7,313 tons to 5,353 in 2009. This decline resulted in a cost savings of approximately \$158,000.

The Borough has benefitted from the increase in the rate of recycling through revenues realized from the sale of recyclables that are collected curbside and deposited at the Recycling Center. In 2008, the Borough collected over \$131,000 from the sale of these materials.

A diversion or recovery rate is the most accurate measure of the Borough's recycling rate. It answers the question: How big is a slice of our recycling program cutting out of the solid waste management pie?

New Jersey set a goal of 50% of the municipal solid waste stream in 2001. In 2006 the State's municipal solid waste recycling rate was 35%. In 2006 Bergen County had the highest rate of all the counties at 43%. The Borough of Tenafly's rate was 61%. Aside from the fact it is the law to recycle; your efforts have contributed to containing the Borough's taxes. **PLEASE RECYCLE!**

## **PSE&G Upgrades Municipal Center**

Public Service Electric & Gas, New Jersey's largest utility, has just completed an energy efficiency upgrade to the Borough's Municipal Center. The upgrades will save the Borough a projected \$191,405 within five years time and a savings of \$54,462 per year thereafter.

This energy efficiency upgrade is a result of the PSE&G Direct Install Program. The Program provided the Borough with a free energy audit and 100 percent of the \$404,528 cost to install the recommended energy improvements. The Borough will repay 20 percent of the total cost over two years' time. The efficiency upgrades targeted the lighting and mechanical systems at the Municipal Center and specifically include upgrades such as replacing all lighting with efficient bulbs, and replacing our two 30-year old boilers with four compact boilers that are 99% efficient.

In addition to the substantial monetary benefit to our town, the environmental impact to our residents is substantial. According to EPA, for every 10,000 kilowatt hours saved, emission reductions achieved are equivalent to planting 2.9 acres of trees per year or removing 1.4 cars from our roads annually. Using this equation, the Municipal Center energy upgrade translates into planting 50 acres of trees each year or removing 24 cars from the road annually.

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## **Commission Activities Update**

**In recent months the following actions have been taken:**

1. Work with architect by incorporating "green design" into Police Headquarters expansion project.
2. Through Public Service's "Direct Install" Program the Municipal Center's lighting and heating were upgraded with energy efficient fixture and boilers.
3. Submitted to Mayor and Council a resolution promoting a program of green building in the Borough

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## **Water Courses and Drainage Ditch Ordinance Reminder**

The Borough would like to remind residents about Section 12-4 of the Borough Code regarding the maintenance of water courses and drainage ditches:

"It will be unlawful for any owner, tenant or occupant of any lot or tract of land across which there exists any drainage ditch, ravine, stream, culvert or other water source, to permit or suffer the accumulation of loose brush, fallen leaves, tree branches, dead trees, stumps, garbage, trash and/or other debris to the extent that such accumulation presents a risk of washing downstream thereby causing a blockage of said water course, and/or flooding or damaging of adjacent downstream properties."

## Nature Center Events—Spring & Summer

**Afternoon Explorers: 4-week after school series, 3:45-4:45 p.m.**

**Pre-K/K (ages 4 & up) Tuesdays: May 4, 11, 18 & 25**

**1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades - Thursdays: May 6, 13, 20 & 27**

Children will explore the Nature Center while learning about the plants and animals that inhabit our natural world. Students should dress in sturdy, close-toed footwear. Program is held rain or shine. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

Series fee: Members \$40 / Nonmembers \$60

Individual sessions: Members \$15 / Nonmembers \$20

**Little Naturalists: May 5, 12, 19 & 26, 1 – 2 p.m.**

Young children (2½ & 3 years old) accompanied by an adult will explore the natural world with a TNC educator. Every week will feature a different topic as each adult guides their child through discovery stations, songs, pretend and outside journeys. Program is under cover if raining. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

Series fee: Members \$40 / Nonmembers \$60

Individual sessions: Members \$15 / Nonmembers \$20

**Dinosaur & Mineral Adventure: 3-day program, June 22–24, 1 – 4 p.m.**

Children will go on a journey with educators from Dinosaurs Rock™ through fun and fact-filled interactive presentations. Camp will feature hands-on projects such as Gemstone Mining and Fossil Digs. Participants will see and touch life-sized museum-quality specimens and take home genuine fossils and minerals of their own. Pre-registration is required. Children may attend individual days. Program intended for children ages 5-12.

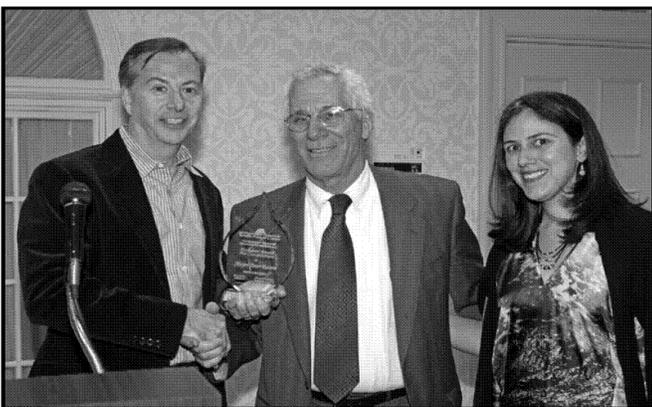
Full 3-day camp: Members - \$175 per child; Nonmembers - \$200 per child

Individual Days: Members - \$65 per day; Nonmembers - \$80 per day

**Registration open for Summer Nature Day Camp!**

**Professional educators • Small groups • Hands-on outdoor fun & learning featuring special guest speakers and live animal encounters • Campfire cookouts & field trips\***

Children will explore the wonders of the natural world while they learn about forest and pond ecosystems through hands-on experiences, group nature walks, games, crafts, and much more. Pre-K and Kindergarten campers can attend half-day or full day sessions. 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade campers attend full-day sessions (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.). Extended care available before and after camp. **NEW in 2010! 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade camp running for 6 consecutive weeks!** Visit [www.tenaflynaturecenter.org](http://www.tenaflynaturecenter.org) for more information and to register.



Left: Mayor Peter Rustin accepting the TNC Founders' Award for Conservation at the Nature Center's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner on March 7, 2010. His work was instrumental in acquiring one of the last undeveloped acres of open space last year. Also pictured: Jennifer Kleinbaum (R) and Michael Neus (L).

## Tenaflly Housing Rehabilitation Program

The Tenaflly Housing Rehabilitation Program is now able to lend eligible Borough homeowners up to \$15,000, at 0% interest, to help fix up their homes," according to Tenaflly Mayor Peter Rustin. "Homeowners who want to get on the Waiting List for Borough housing rehabilitation assistance 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 Tenaflly Housing Rehabilitation Program (THRP) is sponsored by the Borough of Tenaflly 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 \$15,000 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 transferred. Funding for the program comes from COAH development fees that have been paid to the Borough since 2003.

The Tenaflly Borough Housing Rehabilitation Program (THRP) can only help families whose income meets the following new State guidelines for 2010:

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MAXIMUM ANNUAL INCOME
1 Person	\$45,134
2 Persons	\$51,581
3 Persons	\$58,029
4 Persons	\$64,477
5 Persons	\$69,635
6 Persons	\$74,793
7 Persons	\$79,951
8 Persons	\$85,109



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 Tenaflly Housing Rehabilitation Program you must obtain a pre-application form from either the Tenaflly Public Library, the Tenaflly Department of Code Enforcement, 100 Riveredge Rd, or from the Borough's website, [www.tenafllynj.org](http://www.tenafllynj.org) under Online Municipal Forms.

Funding is currently available for the first 31 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 or 201-568-6100 x5625. Local home improvement contractors interested in submitting quotes on units to be rehabilitated through the program should also contact Mr. Weinberg.

## Special Programs

### PICTURING AMERICA – slide/lecture

*Vera Lesser*, lecturer of the Newark Museum, will present a slide lecture highlighting American art from Colonial days to the present 21st century.

**Tuesday, May 4 @ 1:00 p.m.**

### HUDSON RIVER LIGHTHOUSES – slide/lecture

Author *Kevin Woyce* will explain why there were once fourteen lighthouses on the Hudson River and tell how seven were saved as historic landmarks.

**Tuesday, May 11 @ 1:00 p.m.**

### THE TETONS and YELLOWSTONE – slide/lecture

Photographer *Frederick Dammont* will present a slide lecture focusing on the geology and wildlife of two of America's greatest national parks.

**Wednesday, June 2 @ 1:00 p.m.**

### CONCERT - FRANZ LISZT

Pianist *Ronald Jacobowitz* will perform a program on the Library's Steinway piano titled "Franz Liszt: Traveler and Revisionist." Presented by the Friends of the Library.

**Sunday, June 13 @ 3:00 p.m.**

### GEORGIA and ARMENIA – slide/lecture

Photographer *Lorraine Matys* will present "Ancient Lands: Georgia and Armenia," two countries that have been crossroads of cultures for thousands of years.

**Tuesday, June 15 @ 1:00 p.m.**

### PLANTS and ANIMALS of the NJ PALISADES

*Nancy Slowik*, Director/Naturalist of Greenbrook Sanctuary, will present a slide lecture that will introduce the plants and animals that can be found living and migrating along the N. J. Palisades.

**Tuesday, June 22 @ 1:00 p.m.**

### THE HOLY LAND – slide/lecture

*Dr. James Kane* will present a slide/lecture titled "The Holy Land: Natural Wonders and Timeless Cultures."

**Tuesday, July 13 @ 1:00 p.m.**

## Book Discussion Groups –Everyone is Welcome

The **Foreign Policy Discussion Group** meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Discussions are based upon, but not limited to, readings of the non-partisan Foreign Policy Association.

The **Great Books Foundation Reading Group** meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Friends of the Library Room. Readings are from the Foundation's Fourth Series and include works by Moliere, Gibbon, Shaw and Plato.

The afternoon **Book Discussion Group** with *Selma Greco* meets in the Friends of the Library Room at 1:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Everyone is welcome! Please call the Library at 201-568-8680 for details on discussion groups and monthly readings.

Congressman Scott Garrett's mobile Constituent Service visits the Library on the first Monday of each month from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in the Friends Room.

## Children's Room

The Summer Reading Program "**Make a Splash at Your Library**" begins on June 23 and extends through August 13. All Tenafly children grades K-5th are invited to join. Special children's programs presented by the Friends are scheduled in May, June and July. Please check [tenaflylibrary.blogspot.com](http://tenaflylibrary.blogspot.com) for updates, upcoming activities and booklists.

## Sunday Library Service

Full library service is offered on Sundays from 12:00PM to 4:00PM. After closing Sundays in August, Sunday Library service will start again on September 12.

**201-568-8680 - [www.bccls.org/tenafly](http://www.bccls.org/tenafly) -- [www.tenaflynj.org](http://www.tenaflynj.org)**

## Exhibits

Edna Kawulitzki Gallery

### April/May

Oil Paintings

**Mindge Sam Xue**

### July / August

**Children's Tree and Art Foundation—**

Works in wood from the 350 year-old white ash tree from the MacKay School

## Library Hours

MONDAY	10 – 9
TUESDAY	10 – 9
WEDNESDAY	10 – 6
THURSDAY	10 – 9
FRIDAY	10 – 5
SATURDAY	10 – 4
SUNDAY	12 – 4

## Holiday Closings

### Memorial Day

Saturday	May 29
Sunday	May 30
Monday	May 31

### Visit us

**on the web:**

<http://tenafly.bccls.org>

<http://www.tenaflynj.org>

### Contact us

**by phone:**

201-568-8680

### Address:

100 Riveredge Rd.  
Tenafly, NJ 07670

## Leisure and Learning for Individuals 55 and Older

The Center offers a full selection of classes including several exercise programs, four dance classes, language studies, tai chi, bridge, canasta, drawing and watercolor classes. The latest movies are shown weekly and luncheons are held monthly. Please call to request a copy of the Center monthly newsletter for a full listing of the 30 programs offered each week.

### Highlighted Special Events & New Classes

**The following classes require pre-registration and class size is limited. Please call or refer to our monthly newsletter for details including fees, times and supplies needed.**

**Watercolor with George Miller** - Mr. Miller will be starting a six week series in June. Classes are held on Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. and are appropriate for beginners as well as students with prior painting experience.

**Balance, Strength and Alignment** - Beginning June 8<sup>th</sup>, Barbara Finlayson will be teaching a six-week class to increase your level of strength, improve alignment, balance and help you move more freely. She will teach you how to help yourself through the use of calisthenics, meridian stretches, and exercises you may have done in physical therapy. These exercises are appropriate for all students but particularly useful for those who are just starting to incorporate an exercise program into their life.

**Ballroom Dancing – Learn the Cha Cha and Meringue** with Jean Martin This five-week class held on Tuesdays at 12:30 begins May 11<sup>th</sup>. Please register early.

**Osteoporosis Classes** - A new ten week series begins in June. These classes are designed to improve your muscle tone and overall appearance through a non-impact strength workout using a variety of tools such as free weights and dyna-bands. Classes are held Fridays at 12:15 pm.

### Special Presentations:

**Making Gardening Easier** – On May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm Andy Gravina, owner of Keep Growing, Ltd., will present a free workshop to enable all of us to enjoy the benefits of gardening for as long as possible.

**Senior Benefits** – May 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm - This presentation by Lorraine Joewono, Senior Outreach Specialist for the County of Bergen, Division of Senior Services is being held for seniors and caregivers. Light refreshments will be served. Take advantage of this opportunity to hear accurate and up-to-date information on a full range of benefits available to seniors.

**Ease Those Knees** – May 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am - Noah Wasserman, Physical Therapist at Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Center will discuss exercises that will help strengthen knees

**Improve Your Balance** – May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am - Dr. Campione from the Bergen Chiropractic Neurology Center will discuss what is involved in balance and why it changes as we age. He will also offer a free balance test.

**Tena Tone Spring Evening Concert for Friends and Family** – June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to hear one of the Center two Choral groups perform.

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## **Seasonal Recreation Programs**

### **Enjoy your summer with Tenafly Recreation**

Come join us for 6 weeks of fun! We will help you make friends and memories that will last a lifetime. There will be the exciting week of competition with the Recky's Olympics, the fun trip to Wild West City and most of all the end of camp giant waterslide. You will have your chance to show off your talents at the annual Recky's Talent Show. Our camp is for children entering Kindergarten - 6<sup>th</sup> grade and is held Monday - Friday from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Camp will be held June 29<sup>th</sup> - August 6<sup>th</sup>.



### **Football on the Rise: Tiger Pride**

Tenafly Recreation is proud to present our new Flag Football Program for grades K – 2 beginning this fall. This program will focus on teaching the FUNdamentals of Football. Practices will be held on Thursdays from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Games will be played on Saturdays or Sundays.

### **“Football Day”**

Come sign up for fall Football, meet the coaches, learn about the program and meet former Rutgers QB Jabulani Lovelace. Football Day will be held on June 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm on the Municipal Field. Our Football program is open to children in grades 2 – 8. Tenafly plays in the competitive BCJFL against teams from Bogota, Closter, Emerson, Norwood, Northvale and others. Practices are usually held three times a week after school with games on either Friday nights or Saturday mornings.



### **12th Annual Safe @ Home Tournament**

Come watch our Girls Travel Softball teams for a fun weekend of competition against towns like Ridgewood, Montclair and Fort Lee. Games will be held at Sunnyside Park, the Municipal Field and the Tenafly High School Fields. The tournament is held on May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> with games starting at 9:00 am. The championship game will be held on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at approximately 3:00 pm.

### **Fourth of July Celebration**

Celebrate Independence Day with Tenafly Recreation. The celebration will be held at the Roosevelt Common starting at 10:00 am and going until 3:00 pm on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Come enjoy a day of rides, food and fun with the Tenafly Community. Compete in our famous football/softball throw, potato sack race and cool off during our water balloon toss.

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## **Leisure and Learning for Individuals 55 and Older — continued from page 14**

**Presentation on Financial Scams and Predatory Lending** - June 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm Stefanie Rubin, Community Educator for New Jersey Citizen Action will visit the Center on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Her workshop will cover predatory lending topics relevant to senior citizens. She will also touch on Home Improvement and Debt Consolidation Scams and other risky financial activities and scams targeted to seniors.

**Senior Mini Health Fair/Health Education Forum** – June 23<sup>rd</sup> - Come to our first Health Education Forum featuring a panel of four speakers and vendors. Light refreshments will be available.

**Strawberry Festival** – The Center will hold its annual strawberry festival on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm. Come enjoy a piece of fresh strawberry cake and a violin concert. Pre-registration necessary

**Jazz Concert and Luncheon** - July 15<sup>th</sup> - Call or refer to the Center newsletter for details. Space is limited and pre-registration is necessary.

**Sun Dials** - On July 22<sup>nd</sup> Hal Brandmaier will cover how sundials evolved from BC to the present time, different types of sundials (including foot and human sundials) and where some significant sundials can be found around the world and locally.

### **Senior Travel Opportunities**

**May – Westchester Broadway Theater – “Sugar”**

**May – Behind the Scenes at the Opera**

**June – Old Westbury Gardens**

**July – Lancaster/the Amish farmland tour**

**July – Spring Lake**

**August – Boat Trip to- TBA**

**Senior Benefits Information:** See the Division of Senior Services on the Bergen County Home Page [www.co.bergen.nj.us](http://www.co.bergen.nj.us) for a copy of the comprehensive Key Services Guide for Older Adults and Caregivers.