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North Caldwell Community News
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We hope everyone enjoyed the summer season with family and friends. As we approach the fall season and with the children back in school, we know this time of year brings busy schedules for all. To keep residents informed of on-going plans within our town, as well as new initiatives, we are pleased to provide you with the 2023 North Caldwell 3rd Quarter Newsletter!

North Caldwell Public Schools Bond Referendum Election: There will be a special election on Tuesday, September 26th for the voters of North Caldwell to decide upon a \$51 million Bond Referendum for Grandview and Gould schools. Polls are open from 6:00am through 8:00pm at Notre Dame Church (lower level.) Please see the following link for further information: <https://sites.google.com/ncboe.org/ncboe-referendum/home>.

Cellular Service: The Borough remains painfully aware of the cellular service deficiencies that persist throughout a number of our neighborhoods. The cellular dead spots throughout the Borough have created hardships, highlighted public safety concerns and reduced quality of life for all residents and especially those within the impacted areas. For this reason, the Borough has worked hard with our professionals to analyze potential solutions and found nearly all options to be non-viable. However, the Borough identified two Borough-owned properties that could house cellular towers and would fill these noticeable coverage gaps (Block 204, Lot 1 a/k/a Mountain Avenue Field Parking Lot on Arbor Road AND Block 706, Lot 19 a/k/a Skyline Drive Water Tank). The Borough publicly bid both sites to determine what interest might exist for the construction of a cellular tower at no cost to the Borough, and were pleased to find some interest and authorized lease agreements with T-Mobile for each site. The lease agreements obligate T-Mobile to design and construct a cellular tower at each location at no expense to the Borough. These plans will be submitted by T-Mobile (on behalf of the Borough) to the North Caldwell Planning Board for purposes of a courtesy review prior to commencement of construction of the new cellular towers. Upon final completion of the towers, T-Mobile will place equipment on each tower to serve their customers and the tower will be deeded to the Borough for complete, unfettered ownership. The Borough will then be free to lease additional space on the tower to other major carriers. The Borough is sensitive to questions that will be raised about the placement of the cellular towers but similarly excited that this project will solve a serious cellular service problem that has persisted for years, while also creating an opportunity for significant future revenues to the Borough.

Green Brook Country Club: The Mayor and Council have spent a great deal of time discussing the potential development of the Green Brook Country Club. Over the Summer, Mayor Raymond wrote a letter to all residents regarding the state of the property as it relates to potential future development. This information was discussed with the public in great detail at the August 15th Mayor and Council Meeting. Informative literature is available online at <https://www.northcaldwell.org/home/news/green-brook-country-club-development-news>.

Hickory Drive Speeding Complaints: The Mayor and Council have received a number of complaints regarding the speeding of vehicles on Hickory Drive. These complaints also align with observations from the North Caldwell Police Department. The safety of the public and those living in the neighborhood are of the utmost importance to the Borough and we are analyzing the most appropriate solution. In similar recent instances, the Borough installed speed humps on Beachmont Terrace and Smull Avenue to mitigate vehicular speeding. These pilot programs proved successful on both streets. The North

Caldwell Police Department will study Hickory Drive this Fall to quantify the speeding that exists and to verify the need for speed humps on the road.

Gould Avenue Municipal Complex Renovations: The Mayor and Council continue to hold stakeholder meetings regarding upcoming improvements to the Gould Avenue Municipal Complex. The Governing Body strives to make the municipal campus one that can be treated as the center of our Borough. We have recently completed state-of-the-art improvements to Liberty Field and Firemen's Field. This Fall, we will be undertaking a project for the rehabilitation of the municipal pool. The Borough also received a grant for the renovation of the Liberty Field restrooms and snack bar, which will be under design this Fall. Reconstructed municipal tennis, pickleball, and basketball courts and a renovated playground are being addressed and balanced with additional parking across the rest of the site. Lastly, the Borough is weighing the current and future needs of our Police, Fire and Public Works departments to assure these Borough facilities are adequate and in keeping with the excellence our residents deserve.

Walker's Park: This summer, the Borough received approved permits from the NJDEP for construction of walking trails, foot bridges, benches, parking and other improvements through the 17-acre Walker's Park. The final design was presented to the Mayor and Council during public meetings and is viewable online at https://www.northcaldwell.org/sites/g/files/vyhlif7596/f/uploads/walkers_improvements_exhibit_8-8-2023_fei.pdf. These design drawings are currently being converted into bid documents. The Borough expects to receive bids in October with construction starting as early as this winter, weather permitting. We aim to have trails constructed and ready for public use by the Spring of 2024. Additionally, the Borough is continuing to advance conversations regarding the final public use and renovation of the house located at Walker's Park. Through the ongoing negotiations with Green Brook Realty Associates, the Borough may accomplish improvements to the home at little or no expense to the Borough. These conversations remain ongoing and further updates will be provided when available.

Gould Avenue and Mountain Avenue Traffic Light: The Mayor and Council would like to extend our gratitude to County Executive Joe DiVincenzo, Jr. for advancing a three-way agreement between the County of Essex, Borough of North Caldwell and North Caldwell Board of Education for the design and construction of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Gould Avenue and Mountain Avenue. The County's professionals have already completed the traffic signal and intersection design and currently await final approval by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT). From NJDOT approval, the County estimates a total of 9 months for public bidding and construction. The Borough looks forward to the new signal making our streets and residents safer as early as next summer.

2023 Road Paving Program: The Borough is currently undertaking our annual road repaving program. The following roads will be scheduled for repaving this Fall: Norwood Terrace, Soder Road, Birch Avenue, Pine Place, Squire Hill Road, Longview Avenue, Eton Drive and Byron Road. Starting in September, the Borough will repair stormwater catch basins while a contractor will begin replacing damaged curbs on the selected roads. The same roads will be scheduled for milling and paving in October. Maywood Court was previously scheduled for repaving in 2023 but will be delayed until 2024 due to scheduled work by PSE&G to replace underground electric through the neighborhood. Additionally, the Borough is pleased that the 2021 NJDOT funded paving project for Park Avenue, Tanglewood Road and Glenview Road is now complete. The Borough's 2022 NJDOT paving project for Oak Place and Beachmont Terrace will be bid this fall with construction in early 2024. Lastly, the 2023 NJDOT paving project for Fox Run, Sleepy Hollow and Jasmine Place will be designed this winter.

Trash Collection Ordinance Update: The Borough Council recently amended the trash and recycling collection ordinances to permit receptacles to be placed at the curb as early as 4:00pm on the day before collection.

Water Meter Replacement Program: The water meter replacement project has achieved 50% completion. Please schedule an appointment with MeterTek at 800-717-0974 or by visiting

<https://metertek.net/meter-appointment> at your earliest convenience if you have not done so already. Please note that new meters will be remotely read; meter readings do not need to be submitted by residents once the new meters have been installed.

North Caldwell Recreation Foundation RUN4NC: The Borough thanks the North Caldwell Recreation Foundation for organizing the RUN4NC 5K and Color Run. So much fun was had by runners and participants of all ages. This event is a great way for our community to come together.

REMINDERS:

Tree Removal Ordinance: Before removing any trees from your property, please note that a tree removal permit is required. Please call the Building Department, 973-228-6410 ext. 106 for more information.

Online Payments: As a reminder, you can pay your property tax, sewer and water bills online through the Borough website <https://www.northcaldwell.org/home/pages/online-payment>.

Emergency Alert Notifications: We encourage all residents to register with the North Caldwell Emergency Alert Notification system. You will receive information such as road closure or water main breaks, as well as other public safety announcements. You can register for these notifications at <https://www.northcaldwell.org/home/news/sign-north-caldwells-emergencynotifications>.

Civic Rec: For any resident looking to participate in North Caldwell sponsored programs, please ensure you and your family are registered through the Civic Rec Registration site: <https://secure.rec1.com/NJ/north-caldwell-nj/catalog>.

PSE&G Streetlight Outages: If you notice that a street light is out in your neighborhood, please report the outage by clicking on the map at: <https://psegni.streetlightoutages.com/public/default.html>

Drainage Reporting Form: If you are experiencing an issue with water drainage, we want to know about it. You can submit your concern to the Borough at <https://form.jotform.com/221602966403048>.

North Caldwell Police Foundation Golf Outing: On Wednesday, October 4, the North Caldwell Police Foundation will be holding the 3rd Annual Golf Outing at Green Brook Country Club. Please visit <https://www.ncpolicefoundation.org/> for more information and to register for the event.

North Caldwell Fire Department Oktoberfest Event: On Saturday, October 14th, the North Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department will host its inaugural Oktoberfest event. Swing by Gould Avenue between 1 PM and 7 PM to enjoy a day filled with Food, Drinks, Live Music, Games, and a thrilling 50/50 raffle. The Nerds will take the stage from 4 PM to 6:30 PM. This event promises enjoyment for the entire family, featuring a cornhole tournament, a stein-hoisting competition and pumpkin painting for the kids.

Presale tickets are now available at northcaldwellfire.com/oktoberfest. Secure your spot and be part of the excitement! Sponsors making this event possible include Rand, Feuer & Klein, Premio Foods, Sunrise Kitchens, Audio Joe Productions, 21st Century Standard Construction and the Dolnik Family. Show your support for the North Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department by joining us at this fantastic event.

Veteran's Day: North Caldwell's observance of Veteran's Day will be held on Monday, November 13, 2023. We invite all veterans to attend a breakfast tribute to recognize their service to our country. Please contact the Recreation Department at recreation@northcaldwell.org or at (973) 228-6410, x-113.

Senior Meetings: This club was formed in an effort to keep those who have reached the age of 62 active and to meet others of their own age. Any resident of North Caldwell who has reached this age is invited to join. Upcoming meeting dates: October 4, November 1, and December 6.

Mayor's Office Hours: Mayor Raymond is available for open office hours on the first Wednesday of each month from 6:00pm to 8:00pm and additionally by appointment.

Upcoming Mayor & Council Meetings: All meetings begin at 6:30p.m.

Wednesday, September 27 – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 10 – Conference Meeting

Tuesday, October 24 – Regular Meeting

Monday, November 13 – Conference Meeting

Tuesday, November 28 – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 19 – Combined Conference and Regular Meeting

Meeting dates, agendas and minutes are posted at <https://www.northcaldwell.org/mayor-council>. Meeting agendas are posted at least 48 hours before each meeting at <https://www.northcaldwell.org/mayor-council>.

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