



North Caldwell Community News

September 2022

Much has happened since our last newsletter!

1. **Online Tax Bill & Water Bill Payments.** Did you know...You no longer have to bring your payments to Borough Hall? You have the option to pay your property tax, water and sewer bills online at <https://www.northcaldwell.org/home/pages/online-payment> or click on the "Online Payment" option at the top center of the home page. You can then access your Water, Property Tax and Sewer "Pay Online" options.

2. **Free Leaf Pick-up.** Did you know...North Caldwell DPW will begin leaf collection on October 11, 2022 through December 2, 2022. Collections typically are made on Mondays and Tuesdays. Although residents are responsible to provide their own paper leaf bags, there is no charge for the collection service. All leaves must be placed in paper bags at the curb line. Please do not place the bags in the street.

3. **Stormwater.** Did you know...In addition to the DPW actively maintaining our existing stormwater infrastructure by cleaning the drainage areas within existing easements, the DPW will be rebuilding catch basins and replacing broken pipes. These improvements will occur on Eton Drive, Green Place, Longview Avenue, Fairview Drive, Maple Drive, Wind Ridge Drive, Oak Place and Falcon Point Drive.

4. **Walker's Park on Mountain Avenue.** Did you know...Meandering walking trails, footbridges and waterfront walking paths will provide access for nature lovers throughout this 17-acre wooded parcel. These plans are under review by the NJDEP and construction is anticipated in early 2023. In the meantime, the pond was dredged in June of 2021 and has since been stocked with fish by the New Jersey DEP. The park is once again being enjoyed used for fishing, ice skating, and hiking. The North Caldwell Scouts have held membership drive fishing tournaments at the pond. With some of the property being State regulated wetlands, applications have been made to the NJDEP for approval for walking paths, benches, and other improvements. In the future the Walker home will be available for public use after it is modernized up to applicable public building codes. If not for the work of the Mayor and Council over many years, the property would have been sold to developers; and thanks to the generosity of the Walker family, North Caldwell was able to acquire these 17-acres of open space for less than market value.

5. **Town Pool Utility Update.** Did you know...The town pool is a self-funded utility which generates its revenue from membership fees paid by members? The pool pump house and snack bar were rebuilt this year. A new touchless photo ID system has been installed and the membership ID can also be used for cashless payment at the snack bar. The council has approved the funding for the pool to be rebuilt to include all new surfaces, a zero-boundary entry ramp, active water features, new diving board and perimeter decks. The pool is a successful utility and remains a popular way to locally enjoy North Caldwell summers with the companionship of your friends, neighbors, and their families.

6. **Recreation: Tennis.** Did you know...In 2022 the town added one Pickle Ball court? Tennis and pickle ball remain popular in North Caldwell so the Mayor and Council have identified the Courts a priority for extensive maintenance and improvements in 2023.

7. **Fireman's Field.** Did you know...Fireman's Field will be renovated to include artificial turf, new fencing, and drainage improvements? In a joint effort between the Borough, the North Caldwell Recreation Foundation and private fundraising, Fireman's Field will be renovated this fall. This field will be under construction in the coming months for use in April 2023. The Mayor and Council thank the generosity of donations by residents and the North Caldwell Recreation Foundation. Their donations will assist in the overall cost of the project.

8. **Speed Humps.** Did you know...North Caldwell is conducting a speed hump implementation pilot program to reduce speeds on local roads? Speed humps are installed on Beachmont Terrace and three more are under consideration for Smull Avenue. Please do your part in observing posted speed limits.

9. **Stopping Auto Thefts.** Did you know...Auto thefts are a State-wide problem, due in part to key fobs being left by owners in their cars at their homes? The North Caldwell Police are now fighting back with state-of-the-art technology that identifies the would-be car thieves as they enter North Caldwell. Please use caution by locking your vehicle doors and removing the key fobs when your car is unattended.

10. **Greenbrook Country Club Potential Development.** Did you know...The country club owners have not submitted an application to build to the North Caldwell Planning Board. The zoning includes a majority of senior housing to be built which will fit well with existing school capacity and align with demand for senior housing in North Caldwell. The Green Brook Country Club will celebrate its 100th year anniversary in 2023.

11. **Technology.** Did you know...The Borough launched a new website earlier this year. The new website still has all of the same great information in a cleaner and more organized manner. The homepage (www.northcaldwell.org) has easy-to-view news, calendars, search bars and more. The Borough is proud of its new site and its improved social media presence. We have continued our commitment to livestream Council Meetings and offer residents the ability to interact with our Borough Officials remotely. We continue to work with the Borough's Telecommunications Consultant and Tower Builders in hopes of securing a solution to the cellular issues on Mountain Avenue. Shortly, residents will be able to easily report drainage issues and upload supporting documents via an online submission system. Please visit the website and tell us what you would like to see added.

12. **Side-Yard Trash Collection Service.** Did you know...You do not have to put your trash at the curb on collection day? The collector's contract includes to empty your trash cans *from the side yard*. This is a luxury paid for by North Caldwell. As a result, our town appears tidy on trash collection days, and side-yard service is safer for our residents who may avoid carting cans back and forth long distances and up hills, especially on snow or ice.

13. **In Memoriam.** Did you know...North Caldwell has dedicated a stretch of Mountain Avenue to be named "Mayor Matarazzo Way" in honor of former Mayor James Matarazzo? The new signs run from Hickory and Wind Ridge, north to Fox Run and Roosevelt Boulevard.

14. **First Responder Shout-out.** Did you know...The North Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department will be celebrating their one hundredth anniversary this year on Saturday, September 24, 2022, from 1–7 PM on Gould Avenue, in front of the Fireman's Community Center and the firehouse. The event will begin with a rededication of the fire gong which is now displayed in front of the Firemen's Community Center thanks to the generous donations of members of our community. Heartfelt thanks and congratulations to all the volunteers; they give generously of their time to protect our community from fire and other dangers!

Congratulations to North Caldwell Police Chief Mark Deuer on an amazing and exemplary career! We all thank him and wish him many years of good health and success in his retirement, planned for later this year.

Sincerely,

Mayor Joseph H. Alessi and the North Caldwell Borough Council