



North Caldwell Community News

4th Quarter 2022

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, we hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season. As 2022 comes to an end, we would like to provide an update on what has happened within the Borough over the past few months.

First, we would like to thank Mayor Joe and Councilman Tilton for dedicating the time and efforts to the Borough. Mayor Joe has served North Caldwell for the past 20 years. Being elected to the Borough Council in 2003 and then appointed as Mayor in 2012, he has served our town unselfishly for the past 20 years always putting North Caldwell first! Councilman Tilton will continue to support our community as the chair of the North Caldwell Police Foundation (NCPF). We wish you both the best and hope they will remain involved to continue to make North Caldwell a great place to live.

We also want to congratulate Mayor-Elect Josh Raymond, Councilman-Elect Steve Weinstein and Councilman Rees on their elections to their respective positions. We wish them the best as they begin their terms serving the residents of North Caldwell.

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.

On-line tax bill & water bill payments: As a reminder, you can now pay your tax and water bill on-line at 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-emergency-notifications>.

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

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>.

Walker's Park Update: The Borough continues to coordinate with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) to obtain permits for walking trails and other improvements at Walkers Pond. The Borough is currently addressing comments from the NJDEP regarding environmental impacts and the preservation of property. Permits are anticipated in spring of 2023 and the Borough will seek construction contracts thereafter. In the meantime, please enjoy the park in its current natural state. Additionally, the Borough is requesting ideas for the use of the Walker House from the public. Please view the formal Request for Expressions of Interest and tell us your thoughts: <https://www.northcaldwell.org/procurement>.

Green Brook County Club: As of today, Green Brook Country Club continues to operate as a golf course. To date, no building application has been submitted by the owners of this property.

Fireman's Field Renovation: The renovation project at Fireman's Field is well underway and on track to be completed by Opening Day 2023. We anticipate the turf for the field being installed within the next month. Thank you to all who have made contributions to support this initiative.

Auto Thefts: As a reminder, please make sure your vehicles are locked when unattended and key fobs are removed. Vehicle thefts continue to be a concern of public safety in our area.

Speed Humps: If you have driven on Small Avenue recently, you will have seen the recent speed humps which have been installed. The borough will continue to look at other areas to place these as we continue to see an increase in speeding within our community. Please obey the posted speeds limits to keep our town safe!

Sidewalk Snow Removal: As we enter the winter season and the snow begins to fall, for those who have sidewalks on your property, please remember to clear these areas within 24 hours from when the snow stops falling.

Christmas Tree Collection: Please place Christmas trees at the curb for collection through January.

Recently Adopted Ordinances:

Ordinance O-13-2022 – was updated to reflect new salary ranges for Class III police officers (full & part time) as well as increasing the salary range for police dispatchers.

Ordinance O-15-2022 – introduced and adopted so no person shall stop or stand a vehicle from 7 AM to 8 AM and 2 PM to 3PM within 200 feet of the intersection of Sunset Road and Squire Hill Road when West Essex Regional School District is in session.

Camp Wyanokie: Many of our residents are unaware of our Borough's part ownership of a beautiful 150 acre preserve at the edge of Norvin Green State Forest in West Milford. The camp surrounds a 5-acre scenic lake. There is a pavilion with picnic tables and various campsites with lean-tos and cooking fireplaces. Residents are free to enjoy this property beginning April 1st of each year through the last weekend in November. For those wishing to enjoy overnight camping, you can reserve a camp site at <https://www.campspot.com/book/campwyanokie>.

Joy, Peace, & Goodwill Celebration: It was wonderful to see over 250 people attended this year's celebration. Troop 1 continued their tradition of serving hot chocolate and cider to resident, while Pack 856 distributed popcorn. The evening was highlighted by the lighting of the Menorah and Christmas tree and was capped off by a special visit from Santa Claus arriving on one of our own North Caldwell Fire trucks. Thank you to all who made this a special evening.

Senior Luncheons: This past month, the senior luncheon was celebrated with a holiday theme. A special thank you to the Gould School chorus who provided a special performance. The next senior luncheon will be held on February 1st at Firemen's Hall.

The North Caldwell Recreation Foundation (NCRF): If you would like get involved and volunteer some of your time, the North Caldwell Recreation Foundation is looking for volunteers. If interested in learning more, please contact the NCRF at northcaldwell.recfoundation@aol.com.

Annual Food Drive: Thank you to all who participated in the Annual Food drive sponsored by the Recreation Department. All food collected was donated to Toni's Kitchen in Montclair.

2023 Trash and Recycling Schedules: The trash and recycling collection schedules have been updated for the new year. Please visit <https://www.northcaldwell.org/solid-waste-recycling-department> for the schedules and important information.

Upcoming Events & Dates:

- The first trip to Mountain Creek resort for 4th – 6th graders who are participating in the ski club will take place on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.
- Spring Recreation Baseball & Softball will begin the first week of February.
- The Walker's Pond Conservancy will sponsor a Winter Skate event at Walker's Pond on Tuesday, February 14, 2023.
- Pool Membership and Summer Fun registration will open the week of March 27, 2023.
- The Annual Spring Spectacular will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

1st Quarter 2023 Mayor & Council Meetings:

The Annual Reorganization Meeting will be held on January 2, 2023. Additional meeting dates will be posted after January 2, 2023 at <https://www.northcaldwell.org/mayor-council>.

Happy Holidays! Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Mayor Joseph H. Alessi and the North Caldwell Borough Council