

BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG 2024 FALL NEWSLETTER

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Dates to remember

- October 19, 2024
Ogdensburg Family Fun Day from 11:00am to 5:00pm.
- Sterling Hill Haunted Mine October 25th and 26th from 5:00pm to 10:30pm.
- General Election Day November 5, 2024. Polls are open from 6:00am to 8:00pm.

DEDICATION OF PICKLEBALL COURTS TO JOHN KIBILIDIS- OGDENSBURG WELCOMES TWO PATROLMAN - GOVERNING BODY PROMOTES PATROLMAN DAVID COWDRICK TO SERGEANT



On August 24, 2024 at the Ogdensburg tennis/pickleball courts the Mayor and Council dedicated the courts to John Kibildis. Mr. Kibildis dedicated his life to Ogdensburg as a Teacher, Mayor, Land Use Board Member, founder of the Ogdensburg Historical Society and mentor to many. Thank you for all that you have done for our community. "John Francis Kibildis".



The Borough of Ogdensburg welcome two new patrolman Anthony Giordano and Joseph Simone. Chief Gordon administrated the Oath of Office to them at the Mayor and Council June 10, 2024 meeting. The Borough looks forward to working with Patrolman Giordano and Patrolman Simone. **Ogdensburg Family Fun Day-** Mark your calendars for Ogdensburg Family Fun Day on October 19, 2024 from 11:00am to 5:00pm at Memorial Park by the Ogdensburg Fire Department. Food Trucks, games and much more.



Congratulations to David Cowdrick who was promoted to Sergeant by the Mayor and Council at their September 9, 2024 meeting. Chief Gordon gave the oath of office to Sergeant Cowdrick at the September 23, 2024 Mayor and Council meeting. Sgt. Cowdrick has been a police officer for the Borough since 2013. Sgt. Cowdrick will be the Field Training Officer for Patrolman Giordano and Patrolman Simone once they finish the academy in November.



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Leaf and Brush Pickup

Leaf and brush pickup The dates for leaf and brush pick up are tentative; any changes will be posted on the Ogdensburg Facebook page and the Borough's website calendar. Leaves will be picked up at the curb on November 7, 14, 21 and December 5 2024; leaves must be in brown paper leaf bags. Plastic bags will not be picked up. Brush will be

picked up at the curb on November 8, 15, 22 and December 6, 2024; brush must be cut no longer than 4 feet and no wider than 3 inches in diameter and must be bundled and tied so one man can handle the bundle. Piles of brush NOT BUNDLED will not be picked up. Brush from lot clearing and firewood will not be picked up.



Updates to Borough Hall!!!
Great Job Department of Public Works (DPW)

BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG

BE AWARE OF PHONE SCAMS



Please be aware of phone scams, most of which target the elderly, such as IRS calling and threatening to arrest you unless immediate payment is made. The IRS only communicates via letters that are mailed. There are also phone scams where the caller says that a loved one has been arrested such as a niece, nephew or grandchild and the caller demands payment to keep them out of jail. That call is a scam, especially if they ask you to wire money and send I-tunes cards. Awareness of these scams

is the best prevention and if you aren't sure, call and ask the Police before doing anything further

Veterans Day November 11, 2024

- Remember our veterans on November 11 and always.

"ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL"



Upcoming meeting dates:

Mayor and Council:

- October 16, 2024
- October 28, 2024
- November 12, 2024
- November 25, 2024
- December 9, 2024

Land Use Board:

- October 22, 2024
- November 26, 2024

Board Of Health:

- October 2, 2024
- November 6, 2024
- December 4 2024

Pet Owner Information



All dogs and cats residing in the Borough of Ogdensburg must be licensed yearly by January 31 and have a current rabies vaccination that does not expire prior to November 1st of that licensing year.

If you walk your dog please be prepared with plastic bags to clean up after your pet. Pet waste is not only a health hazard, containing coliform bacteria and other pollutants that can contaminate

our streams, lakes and rivers, but also a nuisance in our neighborhoods. **Reminder:** No person owning any animal shall permit such animal to run at large. Animals must be properly leashed on public land and roadways as per Borough Code Chapter 4-7.1.

If interested in volunteering to be a member of the Board of Health call Maria Mascuch, Board of Health Secretary at 973-827-3444.

Municipal Park Area

Please help keep Ogdensburg Municipal Park clean by not littering the area. Place all litter in the appropriate receptacles located at the park.



Borough Updates

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) - In July, 2022 the Borough received a certified letter from NJDEP notifying the Borough of reassignment from a Tier B permit to Tier A permit. The Borough continues to work on the Tier A requirements; recently the Mayor and Council passed the last of 10 ordinances required to be adopted under the Tier A permit.

This was Ordinance 07-2024 Tree removal and replacement. There is a dedicated stormwater page on the Municipal website, which includes Ogdensburg Stormwater Management Documents, Stormwater Management Ordinances and Stormwater resources. All ordinances can be found on the Borough's website.

Heaters Pond Lifeguards: If interested in applying for a lifeguard position for the 2025 swim

season start training over the course of the winter.

Lead Line Replacement Survey: The Borough has mailed out lead line replacement survey's to the residents twice in the last year. If you haven't done so already please complete the survey; there is a copy of the survey enclosed in this newsletter. Also, enclosed is a letter the Borough is required to send out to all the water customers by NJ Department of Environmental Protection.



October, 2024

Garbage and Recycling Pickup Schedule/ Dates to remember

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Bulk Garbage Pickup	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Garbage Pickup	9	10 Recycling	11	12
13	14 Columbus Day Borough Hall Closed	15 Garbage Pickup	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Garbage Pickup	23	24 Recycling	25	26
27	28	29 Garbage Pickup	30	31		

November, 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday 1	Saturday 2
3	4	5 Bulk Garbage Pickup	6	7 Recycling Leaf Pickup	8 Brush Pickup	9
10	11 Veterans' Day Borough Hall Closed	12 Garbage Pickup	13	14 Leaf Pickup	15 Brush Pickup	16
17	18	19 Garbage Pickup	20	21 Recycling Pickup Leaf Pickup	22 Brush Pickup	23
24	25	26 Garbage Pickup	27	28 Thanksgiving Holiday Borough Hall Closed	29 Thanksgiving Holiday Borough Hall Closed	30

December, 2024

Sunday 1	Monday 2	Tuesday 3 Bulk Garbage Pickup	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5 Recycling Leaf Pickup	Friday 6 Brush Pickup	Saturday 7
8	9	10 Garbage Pickup	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Garbage Pickup	18	19 Recycling	20	21
22	23	24 Garbage Pickup Borough Hall Closed	25 Christmas Day Borough Hall Closed	26	27	28
29	30	31 Garbage Pickup				

January, 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday 1 New Year's Day borough Hall Closed	Thursday 2 Recycling	Friday 3	Saturday 4
5	6	7 Bulk Garbage Pickup	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Garbage Pickup	15	16 Recycling	17	18
19	20 Martin Luther King Borough Hall Closed	21 Garbage Pickup	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Garbage Pickup	29	30 Recycling	31	

February, 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday 1
2	3	4 Bulk Garbage Pickup	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Garbage Pickup	12	13 Recycling	14	15
16	17 Presidents Day Borough Hall Closed	18 Garbage Pickup	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Garbage Pickup	26	27 Recycling	28	

March, 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday 1
2	3	4 Bulk Garbage Pickup	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Garbage Pickup	12	13 Recycling	14	15
16	17	18 Garbage Pickup	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Garbage Pickup	26	27 Recycling	28	29
30	31					

Notice of Unknown Service Line Composition

Dear resident, customer, non-paying consumer, or any off-site owner of property:

EPA's Lead and Copper Rule Revisions require that all water systems to notify customers, non-paying consumers, and any off-site owner of a property (e.g., landlord) when they are served by a service line of unknown composition. Our service line inventory is available at the Clerk's office in Borough Hall. Our most recent service line inventory indicates there are some areas of the Borough that are unknown and may be lead.

The Borough mailed out a survey to all residents in December, 2023 and in the 2024 spring newsletter. The survey was asking your name, address, Block and Lot numbers, phone number, the year your house was built and what material your water service line is made of. Also, if possible take a picture of the water service line that comes into the house that connects to the meter and include the meter. The surveys could be mailed to Borough Hall at, 14 Highland Ave., Ogdensburg NJ 07439 or dropped off and placed in the drop box by the front door of Borough Hall.

A service line is a portion of pipe that connects the water main to the building inlet. The Water System owns the pipes up to the curb box and the property owner is responsible from the curb box to the house.

Ogdensburg Water system is developing a lead service line replacement program. If you are planning to replace your lead service line, contact us at 973-827-0166 prior to replacement so that we can coordinate our efforts.

Health Effects of Lead

Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body from drinking water or other sources. It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys and can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of your body. The greatest risk of lead exposure is to infants, young children, and pregnant women. Scientists have linked the effects of lead on the brain with lowered IQ in children. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults. Lead is stored in the bones, and it can be released later in life. During pregnancy, the child receives lead from the mother's bones, which may affect brain development. Contact your local health department or healthcare provider to find out how you can get your child tested for lead if you are concerned about lead exposure. You can find out more about how to get your child tested and how to pay for it at <https://www.state.nj.us/health/childhoodlead/testing.shtml>.

Sources of Lead in Drinking Water

Although most lead exposure occurs from inhaling dust or from contaminated soil, or when children eat paint chips, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) estimates that 10 to 20 percent of human exposure to lead may come from lead in drinking water. Infants who consume mostly mixed formula can receive 40 percent to 60 percent of their exposure to lead from drinking water. Lead is rarely found in the source of your drinking water but enters tap water through corrosion, or wearing away, of materials containing lead in the water distribution system and household plumbing materials. These materials include lead-based solder used to join copper pipes, brass, and chrome-brass faucets, and in some cases, service lines made of or lined with lead.

New brass faucets, fittings, and valves, including those advertised as "lead-free", may still contain a small percentage of lead, and contribute lead to drinking water. The law currently allows end-use brass fixtures, such as faucets, with up to 0.25 percent lead to be labeled as "lead free". However, prior to January 4,

*Note that per C.58:12A-41, section 2, the definition of a lead service line now includes lead connectors (lead gooseneck, lead pigtail, or other lead fitting) and galvanized service lines.

2014, "lead free" allowed up to 8 percent lead content of the wetted surfaces of plumbing products, including those labeled National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) certified. Visit the NSF website at www.nsf.org to learn more about lead-containing plumbing fixtures. Consumers should be aware of this when choosing fixtures and take appropriate precautions.

When water stands in lead service lines, lead pipes, or plumbing systems containing lead for several hours or more, the lead may dissolve into your drinking water. This means the first water drawn from the tap in the morning, or later in the afternoon if the water has not been used all day, can contain fairly high levels of lead.

Steps You Can Take to Reduce Exposure to Lead in Drinking Water

For a full list of steps visit: <https://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/dwc-lead-consumer.html>

- 1. Run the cold water to flush out lead.** Let the water run from the tap before using it for drinking or cooking any time the water in the faucet has gone unused for more than six hours. The longer the water resides in plumbing the more lead it may contain. Flushing the tap means running the cold-water faucet. Let the water run from the cold-water tap based on the length of the lead service line and the plumbing configuration in your home. In other words, the larger the home or building and the greater the distance to the water main (in the street), the more water it will take to flush properly. Although toilet flushing or showering flushes water through a portion of the plumbing system, you still need to flush the water in each faucet before using it for drinking or cooking. Flushing tap water is a simple and inexpensive measure you can take to protect your health. It usually uses less than one gallon of water.
- 2. Use cold, flushed water for cooking and preparing baby formula.** Because lead from lead-containing plumbing materials and pipes can dissolve into hot water more easily than cold water, never drink, cook, or prepare beverages including baby formula using hot water from the tap. If you have not had your water sampled or if you know, it is recommended that bottled or filtered water be used for drinking and preparing baby formula. If you need hot water, draw water from the cold tap and then heat it.
- 3. Do not boil water to remove lead.** Boiling water will not reduce lead; however, it is still safe to wash dishes and do laundry. Lead will not soak into dishware or most clothes.
- 4. Use alternative sources or treatment of water.** You may want to consider purchasing bottled water or a water filter. Read the package to be sure the filter is approved to reduce lead or contact NSF International at 800-NSF-8010 or www.nsf.org for information on performance standards for water filters.
- 5. Determine if you have interior lead plumbing or solder.** If your home/building was constructed prior to 1987, it is important to determine if interior lead solder or lead pipes are present. You can check yourself, hire a licensed plumber, or check with your landlord.
- 6. Replace plumbing fixtures and service lines containing lead.** Replace brass faucets, fittings, and valves that do not meet the current definition of "lead free" from 2014 (as explained above). Visit the NSF website at www.nsf.org to learn more about lead-containing plumbing fixtures. **If you are planning to replace your lead service line, contact us at 973-827-0166.**
- 7. Remove and clean aerators/screens on plumbing fixtures.** Over time, particles and sediment can collect in the aerator screen. Regularly remove and clean aerators screens located at the tip of faucets and remove any particles.
- 8. Test your water for lead.**
- 9. Get your child tested.** Contact your local health department or healthcare provider to find out how you can get your child tested for lead if you are concerned about lead exposure. New Jersey law requires that children be tested for lead in their blood at both 1 and 2 years of age and before they

are 6 years old if they have never been tested before or if they have been exposed to a known source of lead.

10. **Have an electrician check your wiring.** If grounding wires from the electrical system are attached to your pipes, corrosion may be greater. Check with a licensed electrician or your local electrical code to determine if your wiring can be grounded elsewhere. DO NOT attempt to change the wiring yourself because improper grounding can cause electrical shock and fire hazards.
11. **Water softeners and reverse osmosis units** will remove lead from water but can also make the water more corrosive to lead solder and plumbing by removing certain minerals; therefore, the installation of these treatment units at the point of entry into homes with lead plumbing should only be done under supervision of a qualified water treatment professional.

The owner or operator (e.g., landlord) of a multi-unit dwelling (e.g., apartment building) must distribute this information to every resident. Delivery of a hard copy of the notice must be done by hand, or mail, and by posting the information in a conspicuous location in the common area of each dwelling.

Please share this information with all other people who consume this water at this address provided by the Ogdensburg Water System, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by the Ogdensburg water system. State Water System ID#: [PWSID NJ1916001]

Date distributed: [October 1, 2024 Fall Newsletter]

April, 2024

Dear Ogdensburg Water Customer,

In December, 2023 the Mayor and Council mailed to all Ogdensburg water customers a letter with a link to complete an online survey regarding a lead line replacement plan implemented by the State of New Jersey.

If you haven't completed the online survey or if you don't have access to a computer please complete the following survey and return to Borough Hall via mail or place in the Borough's drop off box by the front door of the Municipal building. Please include a photo of the service line coming into you house that connects to the meter; include the meter.

Ogdensburg Water Customer Survey:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Block and Lot: _____

Phone Number cell or home: _____

Year the house was built: _____

Is the pipe magnetic: _____

Select one of the following: Which material is your water service made of? If you do not know circle unknown.

- Copper
- Lead
- Galvanized Steel
- Plastic
- Unknown
- Other

IF YOU CAN NOT PROVIDE ALL THE INFORMATION OR A PICTURE THEN PLEASE COMPLETE THIS TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY AND RETURN IT. THIS IS THE BEGINNING STAGE OF OUR BOROUGH WIDE SURVEY AND WE WILL CONTACT YOU IF MORE INFORMTION IS NEEDED.

Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

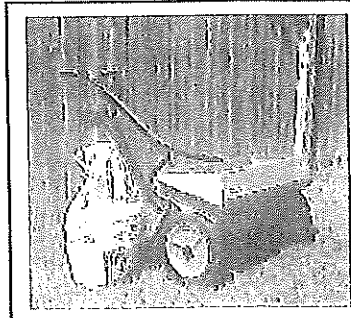
A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

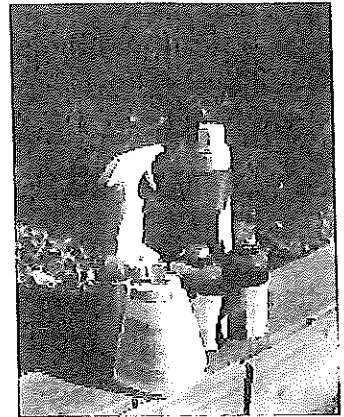
As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.



As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.



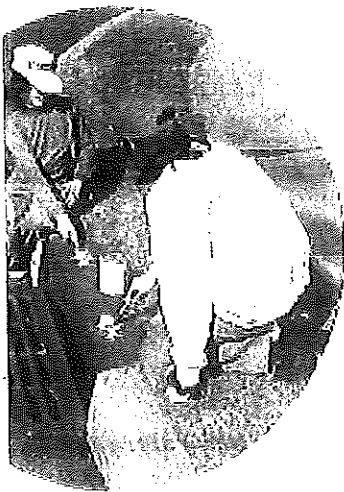
Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.

- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.

- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.



Keep pollution out of storm drains

- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.

- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

Clean up after your pet

- Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.
- An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.
- Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. And remember to:
 - Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
 - Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.
 - Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

Don't feed wildlife

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.
- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.



Don't litter

- Place litter in trash receptacles.
- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.
- Participate in community cleanups.

Dispose of yard waste properly

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.



Contact information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org

Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
 Division of Water Quality
 Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control
 Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program
 (609) 633-7021



www.cleanwaternj.org



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Police Department Reminders “Snow Removal”

The Police Department would like to remind everyone to facilitate snow removal, no person shall park a vehicle on any street in the Borough when streets are snow covered and when the Borough is in the process of removing or cleaning the streets of snow. Borough Code Chapter 7 10.1.

Any unoccupied vehicle stopped or standing in violation of this section, shall be deemed a nuisance to the safe and proper regulation of traffic, and any Police Officer or member of the Borough of Public Works Department

may provide for the removal of such vehicle. The owner of such vehicle shall be responsible for the cost of removal and storage before regaining possession of the vehicle. Borough Code Chapter 7 10.2.

Please ensure you lock your vehicle and residence doors; if you notice any suspicious or criminal activity, contact the Borough Police Department. Remember if your car has a push button start remember to remove your key fob from the car.

With school back in session for our children’s safety, obey all the speed limits and remember to lower your speed during inclement weather. **Reminders:** Basketball Goals should be removed from street for snow removal purposes. The Borough will not be responsible for damage done during plowing.



Garbage and Recycling Information

Every Tuesday—Household Garbage—limited to (2) 32 gallon containers. If you have additional trash and need to place more household garbage out for pickup, you will need to purchase a sticker at the Borough Hall at \$2.00 per sticker and place one sticker on each additional bag of garbage. The first Tuesday of the month one bulky item is permitted to be left at the curb. Resi-

dents are permitted to put out a washer, dryer, dishwasher, carpet, furniture, treadmill, microwave or refrigerator. A refrigerator and/or any item that contains Freon must have a certified Freon free sticker on it before Blue Diamond can take it. Construction material will not be picked up. Recycling pickup is every other Thursday. **Electronic waste will not be** picked up, televisions, desktop or

laptop computers, monitors etc.

The Borough’s Recycling Center on Brooks Flat Road is open Saturday mornings from 8:00am to noon; if the dumpsters are filled up before noon the recycling center will close early. Reminder all cardboard must be broken down, no plastic bags, cans and bottles rinsed clean.

*Free E-Waste Events
SCMUA sponsors free e-waste events to all Sussex County Residents. Call SCMUA at 973-579-6998 for information*

Haunted Mine Event - Ogdensburg Historical Society Events

Water Quality Report can be found at www.ogdensburgnj.org on the home page. **Clean Communities News;** If you need reusable shopping bags, insulated grocery bags or car litter bags pick them up at Borough Hall. New this fall are lunch totes and measuring cups which are also available to the residents.



Sterling Hill Haunted Mine Event: The Annual Sterling Hill Haunted Mine hosted by the Sterling Hill Mining Museum will be held October 25 and 26 from 5:00pm to 10:30pm. From 5:00pm to 6:00pm “Scary but not so scary” tour for kids. From 6:00pm to close “very scary, my heart just exploded” tour for all others.



Ogdensburg Historical Society events: October 12 and October 27, 2024 open house at the Museum. December 9, 2024 there will be a Holiday Ethnic Dinner/Cookie Walk at the Ogdensburg School cafeteria. For additional information contact the Ogdensburg Historical Society at oburghhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Tax and Water Billing Dates
Taxes are due:
February 1st
May 1st
August 1st
November 1st
Water Bills:
Mid-March
Mid-June
Mid-September
Mid-December

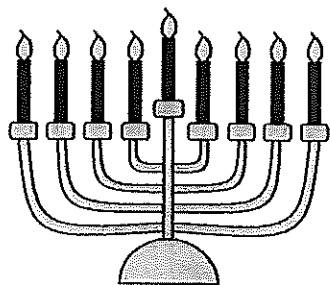
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Council of the Bor-
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everyone a Happy
and Safe -



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Mayor

George P. Hutnick

Council Members:

Nelson Alvarez

Steve Ciasullo

Brenda Cowdrick

Alfonse DeMeo

Kenneth Poyer

Caren Ruitenberg



Holiday Season.