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This Year's New and Different Election

Voting in this year's presidential election will be a different experience and may be confusing at times.

It is important to know that all registered voters will receive a "vote by mail" (VBM) ballot. The League of Women Voters* has been tracking the changes in dates and implementation of the process for the November 3rd Election and has



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www.Lwvbergen.org.

provided the following information as of the date of publication.

On September 4, New Jersey online voter registration became available. Tuesday, October 13 is the last day to register to vote. Bergen County recently mailed out voting information and applications to all postal customers. Applications in languages other than English are available online at www.state.nj.us/state/elections. You can also use the application form to change your name, address, etc.

On Monday, October 5, vote by mail ballots will begin going out. All registered voters will automatically receive a VBM ballot in the mail, with a postage-paid

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Where Does All That Stuff Go Anyway?

We know how important recycling is and how it helps to reduce the pollution caused by waste, so we thought we'd share some information *HorizoNews* gleaned from our interview with Andrea Hersh at Fort Lee's Department of Public Works. Andrea has worked for the Borough since 1995 and has been at the DPW for 18 years. She was eager to share her interest and knowledge of

recycling. She helps make sure Fort Lee is in compliance with recycling laws and what Bergen County mandates. Recycling can actually differ county to county!

Some Facts and Tips

FACT: Our garbage and recycling costs are included in our maintenance (i.e. taxes) and the

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Around the House



Storm Packs a Wallop

Tropical Storm Isaias hit our area with force in early August. Damage was done to many trees throughout our campus and around Fort Lee.

Horizon House and PSEG crews worked valiantly to trim dangling tree limbs and clear debris in the days after the storm.

Electrical transformer explosions on Horizon Road and other parts of Fort Lee, caused by high wind and heavy rains, knocked out



power to Building 6 for almost two days. The power outage in Building 6 affected the air conditioning in Building 5, which shares the same HVAC system. Cable TV and Internet service was also lost in most of the complex due to the power outage.

And, for several weeks after the storm, electrical repair work in the area caused occasional short outages.

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Around Town

This was the scene three weeks after the storm at Monument Park. The high winds damaged young and age-old trees alike.



See Bridge Traffic Before you Go

Fort Lee On Demand has a live camera feed of the GWB entrance and all the latest videos by and about Fort Lee. Click on the link below, then on “Live Now” near the top of the page to see the live bridge camera: <https://www.youtube.com/c/FortLeeOnDemand/featured>

And the Borough of Fort Lee website — <https://www.fortleenj.org> — has a treasure trove of information on how our government is organized, the buzz in town, departments of interest, town history, and common “how-to” topics for residents. Check out the Site Map for an overview of all that is offered at <https://www.fortleenj.org/sitemap>. For late-breaking news and traffic alerts, you can also sign up for mobile advisories via the Nixle service by texting 07024 to 888777

From the Editor

Many of us have been cooped up with Covid-19 fears for months on end. And due to possible issues with the spread of viruses on printed matter, we've been in suspended animation here at *HorizoNews*. Recently, we decided it would be a good idea to get the ball rolling again with an online-only mini issue. So, with the help of Management, we are distributing this special edition the touch-free way: via email. Please let us know what you think by writing us at: horizonews.editors@nj.rr.com

Want to be on the Horizon House Board of Directors?

Now's your chance to run! The Declaration of Candidacy forms have already been sent out to all shareholders by Lambert & Associates. The completed forms must be received by the Election Administrator by September 21st. Any shareholder in good standing, or their spouse, may run. The Annual Meeting and Election is scheduled to be held on November 9th.

Last Chance - 10 Minutes, 10 Questions, 10 years

During the early stages of the Covid-19 pandemic, New Jersey residents and people throughout the nation, began to receive postcard invitations from the United States Census Bureau to complete [10 census questions online](#).

Reminders were sent to residents who hadn't responded by May and census takers, wearing masks and gloves, started knocking on doors of households that hadn't yet responded.

Municipalities, libraries and other non-profit organizations, churches, etc. have been involved in making sure everyone is counted. Municipalities throughout the country, including Fort Lee, have formed Complete Count Committees (CCC) to reach out to residents, offer materials and instruction and generally help assure a 100% response rate.

The census is available online in 14 languages including: English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Russian, Arabic, Tagalog, Polish, French, Haitian Creole, Portuguese and Japanese. While paper forms are only available in English and Spanish, phone help is available in the other 11 languages.

There are no citizenship questions – you do not need to be a citizen to be counted — and the U.S. Census Bureau will never ask for your social security number, money, donations, bank or credit card information.

There's still time to be counted! The current deadline is September 30. To complete the census, you can call the number on your census postcard or, if you can't locate the

postcard, you can do the census online at my2020census.gov.

Why is it Important?

The U.S. Constitution requires that the Census Bureau take a *count* — a *census* — of America's population *every decade*. This includes all 50 states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Island Areas. The first census was conducted in 1790.

The census helps assure vital federal resources are allocated not only to the state of New Jersey, but to New Jersey's counties as well.

New Jersey receives over \$22.7 billion dollars annually from the federal government for numerous federal programs for transportation, education, housing vouchers, child care, healthcare, etc., based, in large part, from the results of the most recent Census.

This funding allows our communities to:

- Make investments in our roads, schools, emergency services, and more...
- Stimulate our local economies by helping businesses determine where to open places of commerce and very importantly...
- Determine how many Congressional representatives each state has and how voting district boundaries are drawn. (*Redistricting counts will be sent to states by March 31, 2021.*)

As you may also know, the state of New Jersey has lost three U.S. Congressional

seats since 1980 because of census undercounts, including 25 percent of New Jerseyans that didn't respond to the 2010 Census.

In the 2010 census, Fort Lee had only an 80% response rate to the Census. In contrast, our neighboring town of Glen Rock had a 100% response rate.

Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about individuals, households, or businesses, even to law enforcement agencies. Answers can only be used to produce statistics — they cannot be used against a responder in any way. All responses to U.S. Census Bureau must be kept completely confidential.

Beware of Scams! If you suspect a census scam, contact your local Census Regional Office at: 1-800-991-2520.



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return envelope. If you do not receive your ballot, you should contact the Bergen County Board of Elections at 201-336-7020.

There will be quite a few ways to return your VBM ballot. And once you cast your ballot, you will be able to track it at <https://nj.gov/state/elections/index.shtml>

County Clerk's office: If you would like to drop off your VBM ballot in person, you can bring it to the Bergen County Clerk's office, 1 Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, on Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 9 AM to 1 PM.

Secure ballot collection box: There will be one at the Fort Lee Community Center at 1355 Inwood Terrace. Drop boxes will have 24/7 video surveillance. You should receive a postcard listing drop box locations throughout the county, any of which you can use.

Via U.S. Postal Service: VBM ballots must be postmarked by Election Day, Tuesday 11/3; if you mail your ballot, it must be received by 11/10. Voters who intend to vote by mail are STRONGLY encouraged to complete and mail your VBM ballot as soon as possible. There is no need to wait until November to mail your ballot.

Hand in your VBM ballot at a polling place on Election Day: The polling stations on Election Day for Horizon House are as follows: Buildings 1, 2, 5 & 6 — at the Community Center at 1355 Inwood Terrace. Bldgs 3 & 4 — at the Youth Center at 2265 Lemoine Ave.

In-Person Voting: Voters may cast their ballots in person on November 3rd; however, if you choose to do so you will be casting a provisional (paper) ballot at the appropriate polling station listed above, as the poll workers have no way of knowing if you have or have not already returned your VBM ballot. Only individuals who are blind or have disabilities will be permitted to vote in the booths. Strict social distancing and masking requirements will be in effect for in-person voting.

In addition to presidential and local elections, there will be three Public Questions on the ballot: one on legalization of marijuana for personal use; another on extending the \$250 property tax deduction for veterans to include those who did not serve in time of war; and a third on whether to delay redrawing of legislative districts due to delayed census data collection caused by Covid-19.

For more information of the ballot questions, visit:

[https://ballotpedia.org/
New Jersey 2020 ballot measures](https://ballotpedia.org/New_Jersey_2020_ballot_measures)

Where Does All that Stuff Go?

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materials are picked up by Interstate Waste Services (IWS), the company that contracts with the Borough of Fort Lee.

Every household, single family or high rise, is entitled to two garbage and one recycling pick-up a week. If any additional days are needed, a development can execute a separate contract with IWS.

FACT: Our recycling is all "single streamed." That means that our recycling: metal, glass, plastic, paper, etc., is co-mingled, picked up and sent to a sorting facility. There's one nearby in Passaic, Atlantic Coast Fibers. That facility has been in business for over 80 years and has been visited by DPW employees to certify the process.

FACT: Electronics/computers can be brought to the Department of Public Works Facility at 530 Jane Street for disposal. This location accepts electronics and computers only. No appliances, vacuums or microwave ovens please!

FACT: The number on the bottom of plastics does not matter. All plastics can be recycled in New Jersey and at Horizon House.

TIP for pizza boxes: Clean the bottom of any food before putting it on the shelf in the recycling area. This keeps the bugs away and is a courtesy to our staff.

TIP for broken glass: Please wrap it carefully in paper, put it in a separate bag or box labeled "broken glass" and place it on the shelf. We don't want anyone getting cut!

TIP for shipping cartons: Please flatten the box before putting it in the recycling area.

Make sure items are clean, that they are safely packed and you are considerate of your neighbors and staff when disposing of your recyclables! Trash that is not recyclable should be bagged and put in the compactor chute. Do not use trash bags that are too big to fit comfortably in the chute. If you have a problem and need help, call your doorman and a porter will be sent to assist you.

For more recycling information, visit the Bergen County Utility Authority (BCUA) www.bcua.org or the Fort Lee Recycling Coach: <https://www.fortleenj.org/173/Recycle-Coach>.

Have a Laugh!

By The Unknown Columnist

Just prior to the deadline for my daily constitutional, the editor of this "publication" asked me in no uncertain terms to produce a list of my 50 favorite animal puns. I told him that request was for the birds. It really put me in a fowl mood. Does he think I'm some kind of penguin? He must be cuckoo! Oh yeah... he was really going to egret that request. I'll make him eat crow! But wouldn't you know it, five minutes after he made the request he phoned me back to say there was no space for such a list anyway. This edition of HorizoNews is a "mini." So, away I fly back to my roost, not to be heard from again till the cows come home.



Classifieds

Services

Affordable Sciences/ History Tutor- 26+ years experience in private tutoring for all levels from middle school to college level. Can help prepare for SAT,MCAT as well as all Sciences, History & Philosophy. Can also help tutor students for RN exams and RN science courses. Please contact me @ 201-400-9814.

Can you help out a neighbor? Very sweet, independent elderly lady residing in Building 3 is looking for someone to help her get dinner on the table during Sat/Sun around 5:30pm. Hours are flexible. Please call her daughter - 201-768-3988.

Caricaturist- One of the best party caricaturists in the tri-state area also happens to be a neighbor in Bldg 2. For more fun at your next party or event, call Bud Geisenheimer for samples and rates at 201-224-7754. Or email him at: ourwaystudios@gmail.com.

Cat Sitter- Purrfect care when you're not there®. Loving cat care while you work or travel. Insured. Bonded. References. Guaranteed. Call 201-490-4498, email: deborah@YourCatSitter.com or visit us online at www.YourCatSitter.com

Certified Home Healthcare Aide- recently certified by Freedom Home Healthcare. Looking for full-time or part-time work, preferably on Horizon House premises. I live in Bldg #6. Hours are flexible. Also have past work experience and references are available upon request. Please call Rosa @ 201-224-4468.

Certified Home Health Aide (HHA) — Seeking full-time position. Will live in or live out. Light cooking and housekeeping. Has experience and references. Call Mariya (201) 284-0777.

Elementary and Special Education Tutor- I am an experienced educator with a solid academic background and hands-on teaching experience. I have been teaching in the public school system for the past 18 years, and I have been working as a private tutor for the past ten years. I have the ability to interact effectively with students to create a positive and exciting learning environment. I am certified in elementary education, Orton-Gillingham, and special education. If your child is struggling in school give me a call to discuss tutoring times and rates. Call Rene at 201-410-9450 or email me at renechak@gmail.com

Experienced Health Care Companion or Nanny- looking for employment. Available as a live-in or on a daily basis. Has previously cared for HH resident for the last 3 years and references are available. Please call Juliet -201-310-1084.

Composition, Piano, Improvisation, Theory Lessons - Live the Music! Every lesson is an exciting experience. Individual approach and careful choice of direction in regards to every student. The lessons are always productive, and inspire the students to study on their own. It does not matter whether the student wants to be a musician or study for pleasure and cultural development. I invariably succeed in bringing the very best out of every single person I set my heart on instructing. Online lessons available. Please contact Margarita Zelenia 201-496-6451 mzelenia@nj.rr.com

Daughter for a Day – Horizon House resident for 17 years, retired business woman, available to help you with bill paying or organizing your home office, taking you to and from doctor's appointments (and waiting with you), driving you wherever you need to go, grocery shopping, light meal preparation and airport drop-offs. Please call Marlene @ 201-290-8481.

Dry Cleaning, Tailoring and Shoe Repair - Cleaner America Inc, owned and operating by a Horizon House resident provides the following services. Full service Dry Cleaning, Shirt Laundry, Tailoring. Pick up and delivery to your doorman five days a week with one to two day turn around. All work done in my 4500 sq foot plant. Leather, Suede and shoe repair available. Price lists available at front desk. Call 201-998-4106 for service.

Get Your Gold Out.... Turn scrap unused and broken jewelry into cash today. Horizon resident owner has worked in the jewelry business for 30 years. I can top every price on the market. Call 201-314-4711.

Global Visions Travel- Memorable travel experiences designed by a knowledgeable travel professional. Think about a Safari in South Africa, River Cruise in Europe, traversing Asia, discovering the Galapagos or sailing on the Amazon. Expert in designing inter-generational family celebrations worldwide and Bar/Bat Mitzvah Private Car/Private Guide tours to Israel. The world is waiting! Please call or email for a personal consultation: globalvisionstravel@aol.com or 201-280-3015.

Helping Neighbors — professional woman, worked as a computer programmer, fluent in English and Russian available for help with: Organizing your home business, support your website and online presence, any assistance you need on the computer. Childcare, assisting with school homework and virtual leaning. Companionship and light household chores, shopping, grocery. Drive you to the appointment, shopping or anywhere else. Please do not hesitate to contact Inna for those or other services @201-410-0182.

Home Improvements — Arthur Esposito, President of A.C.E. General Contracting, has lived in Horizon House for 32 years. He and his team of talented and dependable craftspeople have worked in over 400 Horizon House apartments, handling projects involving electrical, plumbing, painting, kitchen and bathroom, tiling, wood flooring and more. His company is state certified and fully insured to meet Horizon House's high standards. To see

a prime example of his work, visit Building 5's lobby — A.C.E. did it! For a free and reasonable estimate, contact Arthur: 201-224-6333 (O), 201-650-4693 (cell), espo924@verizon.net (email)

Horizon Deli in Building 6 offers a wide variety of fresh food and household items. A great place for breakfast, lunch or a snack. Eat in or take out. Try our weekend special: 1/2 dozen bagels, 1/2 lb. cream cheese, 1/4 lb. lox -- all for just \$21 (Sat & Sun only). Call 201-886-8882 for free delivery, no minimum required.

Horizon North Haircutters — Louis has been in the complex for over 25 years. He thanks his loyal customers for their continued support, and looks forward to new ones. The shop now offers women's hair cutting by Norma, who also does highlights, color, keratin treatments, perms, blowouts, updos and more. We also offer a full line of quality hair care products. Hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Tuesdays-Saturdays. Call 201-886-7377 to make an appointment with Louis or drop by the shop in the Lobby Level of Bldg. #6. For women's services, please set up an appointment with Norma at 201-888-8988.

Horizons Classic Physique — Fully equipped and conveniently located in Building 5. We cater to all age groups from pre-teen to seniors with all types of medical conditions. In addition to one-on-one training we now offer couples training and half hour sessions for the budget conscious. As always all trainers are degreed and or certified with more than 17 years of training experience. We also have an in house nutritionist/dietician by appointment. For a free consultation contact Michael Esposito at 201-886-9371 to discuss all of your needs.

Legal Services – Attorney admitted in NY and NJ, 30+ years of practice serving individuals & small businesses. General practice, focusing on estate planning & administration; residential real estate; entity formation; commercial and personal leases. Available for consultations in your home. Contact Melinda B. Maidens, Esq.; (201) 321-8166 or gindigar@gmail.com.

Looking for Social Media Promoter- to help promote a new full production quality CD with 26 original songs. Please call Howard at 201-303-1000.

Mortgage Financing/Loans - Experienced licensed mortgage broker (20 Years) NMLS #705682. 2 Horizon House resident. I have the knowledge and expertise needed to explore the many financing options available from Purchase (incl Coops & Condos), Refinance, Conventional, Jumbo, FHA & VA, Reverse Mortgages & Renovation Loans. I strive to build lasting relationships by providing personalized mortgage solutions, competitive rates, and unsurpassed service. Call or email me for free consultation in your home or on the phone. Jacki Katz (201) 981-4444 Email: talk2jacki@gmail.com

Piano Lessons- Experienced educator and composer who has an original fun approach suitable for all ages and abilities. Free introductory lesson. Music videos can be viewed at You Tube- George Eckhardt Music. Please call George Eckhardt @ 551-265-0102 or 201-969-9593.

Tailoring Services- Horizon House resident with 30 years of experience in tailoring for ladies and gents. Please call 201-224-5822.

Goods

Electric Wheelchair- Brand New- never been used. Must sell/sacrifice. Please call 201-224-2929.**

WANTED: LP's/ CD's/ DVD's- all genres of music, movies and TV. Please call Andrew - 551-265-8473.*

Community Blogs

Dear Horizon Friends. My book "Liberal Theology" was just published. The e-book version, costing \$0.99, is available at amazon.com. The free online version is available at: <http://pages.csam.montclair.edu/~kowalski/LIBERAL9.htm>. Please share this link with other potential readers. Would be interested in any feedback and I would be happy to discuss the book, in small groups or at meetings, if invited. kowalskiL@mail.montclair.edu

Do you have hearing problems? My recently composed essay, about relatively inexpensive PSAs (Personal Sound Amplifiers) is at: <http://pages.csam.montclair.edu/~kowalski/aps.edu>. Feel free to share this link with those that might be interested. The PDF file with my essay will be emailed to those who request it. KowalskiL@mail.monclair.edu

WANTED: REPORTERS for HORIZONEWS - Takes minimum time. Provides fun and satisfaction. Send an email to horizonews.editors@nj.rr.com or call the Management Office (201-224-6300) and tell them you are interested and we'll get in touch with you.

To Horizon House Music Lovers - Please check out the new posts by Margarita Zeleniaia, resident Horizon House composer and concert pianist, on her website: <http://www.margaritazeleniaia.com/music/video-gallery/>. I have just finished my 2 act opera named "Caligula's Favorite Play" (based on the Camus' play). Here is a link to the 9 minute DEMO that consists of 7 different arias and monologues: <https://youtu.be/03vv9jSM0Rg>

HorizoNews would like to acknowledge the great work the Horizon House staff has done throughout the Covid-19 crisis. Thanks so much for continuing to come in and provide such outstanding service!

To All Horizon House Contributors to the Building 5 Library -- The Library Committee thanks all who donate books to our library. To help us make the library more effective, please:

1. Place all contributions and returned books on the library cart, NOT on the shelves.
2. Limit donations of nonfiction soft covered books to those published in the last 10 years. Limit donations of hard covered fiction books

to those published in the last 20 years. Dates can be found on back of title page.

3. NOTE THAT WE DO NOT ACCEPT COOKBOOKS, SELF-HELP BOOKS, BOOKS ON RELIGION, BOOKS IN BAD REPAIR, SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS, OR TRAVEL AND GUIDE BOOKS.

Note: The library is currently closed due to HVAC system repairs. These guidelines will still apply when it reopens.

Classifieds Email Address: horizonews.classifieds@nj.rr.com

Address for Letters to the Editor: horizonews.editors@nj.rr.com

Ads and letters for the next issue should be submitted no later than December 1. Ads should be emailed to horizonews.classifieds@nj.rr.com. Letters of 300 words or less should be sent to: horizonews.editors@nj.rr.com. Please include "HN December" in the subject line for both ads and letters to help us filter out spam.

Ads must meet the following criteria:

- *Ads must be 85 words or less.*
- *If commercial goods and/or services are offered, the advertiser's primary place of business must be within the Horizon House complex.*
- *Ads must be accompanied by the **advertiser's full name, building, apartment, and telephone number**. This information is needed by the HorizonNews staff for verification purposes and will not appear in the ad except at the advertiser's request.*
- *Upon acceptance, ads for "Services" and "Community Blogs" will appear indefinitely unless cancelled in writing.*
- *Upon acceptance, ads for "Goods" and "Real Estate" will appear for two issues unless renewed or cancelled in writing. First-issue ads will appear with a single asterisk; second-issue ads, with two asterisks.*

Classified ads in *HorizoNews* are provided as a service to the community and are limited to services and goods provided TO Horizon House residents BY residents or commercial tenants in good standing in Horizon House.