

PVSC names conference room in honor of boro resident Bob Davenport

Hawthorne resident Robert “Bob” Davenport was honored last Thursday when the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission named a new executive suite in his honor. The January 12th event marked a ribbon-cutting ceremony as the PVSC reopened its administrative building after the space was destroyed in Superstorm Sandy. The public meeting room was dedicated to Donald Tucker, a Newark councilman and state assemblyman, who died in 2005.

The adjoining conference room was dedicated to Davenport, who was a PVSC commissioner and later executive director for a total of 33 years of service.

The 79-year-old Davenport was surprised by the honor. He had been picked up that morning to attend the ceremony by his son, Brian, PVSC’s superintendent of river restoration and facilities.

The elder Davenport praised the staff and said the PVSC has always been “a family affair.”

Davenport was also a former sheriff of Passaic County for two terms 1981-1989 and served as a sheriff’s officer from 1957 to 1981.

Tucker was a PVSC commissioner from 1985 to 2005. He was a Newark city councilman from 1974 until his death. He was elected to the NJ Assembly in 1994, representing the 28th District until his death in 2005.

During Superstorm Sandy in October 2012, storm-related flooding inundated PVSC’s 140 acre facility. More than 50 buildings were rendered as uninhabitable as a result.

According to PVSC officials, employees continued to operate the sewer treatment facility 24/7/365 since shortly after the storm. An estimated \$500 million in damage was caused when the hurricane generated a tidal surge that flooded the PVSC buildings with four feet of water.



Hawthorne resident Bob Davenport speaking at a meeting of the Passaic Valley Sewerage commission after the dedication of a conference room in his honor.



A turf blanket is covering the center of the Hawthorne High School football field. The area was aerated and re-seeded and will remain covered until the spring. School officials said the membrane costs about \$4000 which was offset by donations from the Boosters Club and fundraising efforts from groups that use the field: football, soccer, lacrosse and the HHS Band.

Photos by Judy Kopitar

Haledon School District announces Kindergarten, preschool registration

The Haledon Public School will be holding registration for preschool and kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year.

In order to be registered for preschool, a child must be four years of age before October 1; for kindergarten, five years of age on or before the same date.

Preschool registration will be done as a lottery. Forms can be obtained at the attendance office, January 30 through February 24. Kindergarten packets can be picked up beginning March 6. Packets will not be given out prior to this date.

The school office is open 9 am to 3 pm.

Parents invited to Drug Awareness Seminar Feb. 1

The Hawthorne Board of Education, along with the Municipal Alliance and borough Police Department are sponsoring a free Drug Awareness Seminar on February 1, at Hawthorne High School. from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Nationally acclaimed presentation expert and

US National DARE Officer of the Year, Timothy Shoemaker, will give a presentation that will unveil dozens of deadly new drugs and drug techniques that are currently plaguing the teen social scene.

Parents can ask questions.

Kindergarten registration February 1,2,3

Registration of children who will enter kindergarten next September in the Hawthorne Public Schools will be held on February 1, 2 and 3.

For the 2017-18 year, school assignment for all registrants will be determined through a process that seeks to balance enrollment figures across three elementary schools. The presence of siblings will be taken into consideration..

Children will be registered between 9:30 and 11:30 am and between 1 pm and 2:45 pm at Jefferson, Roosevelt and Washington Schools. To avoid delays, parents are asked to register by last name: A through H on February 1, I through P on February 2 and Q through Z on February 3.

To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must reside in Hawthorne and be five years of age on or before October 1, 2017. (No exceptions will be made to this date). An original birth certificate or a certified copy must be presented as required by state law to complete registration.

Proof of residency in Hawthorne must be presented along with a document from #1 and any two others from the following list.

1. House deed, mortgage or tax bill, or lease or, if residing without a lease, sworn affidavit (contact principal’s office for forms) by the landlord acknowledging the tenancy.
2. Driver’s license. (No post office box)
3. Pay stub with address or sworn

statement by the employer acknowledging address

4. Telephone, gas and electric, water or cable bill
5. Certificate of occupancy
6. Other valid legal evidence of residency as may be set forth in the school district’s administrative procedures.

7. Medical immunization records. Each child will also be required to have a complete physical examination before entering kindergarten in September.

If parents have any questions regarding kindergarten registration, call Jefferson School 973-423-6480, Roosevelt School 973-423-6485, Washington School 973-423-6495.

North Haledon kindergarten registration Jan. 24 - 26

The North Haledon School District will hold kindergarten registration for the 2017-18 year on January 24-25, 10 to 11:30 am, and January 26, 1:30 to 2:30 pm at the Memorial School.

Any child, who will be five years old on or before October 1, is eligible for enrollment. Parents must present their child’s original birth certificate, medical/ immunization records and three proofs of residency. One must be a tax bill, property deed, rental agreement or lease.

Documents and other registration information are available online at www.nhschools.org. For questions or to schedule an appointment call Mrs. Panagia, 973-427-8993.

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