

School's out • #Summer2017 is under way!

Hit cruise control & enjoy your SUMMER, wherever that may be.

Dear Residents, by the time this newsletter reaches you, the Old Mill Pool & Camp Algonquin will be in full swing - Yay! There's still time to register for Camp Algonquin, 4 weeks remain! You can register via Community Pass or visit Borough Hall, Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm.

Pool news:

NEW this year is *Beginner Yoga* poolside. We hope you take advantage of this NEW activity. What a super way to start your day! Back again this year are our Early Morning Lap Swim and Aquasize classes.

Fourth of July falls on a Tuesday this year, leaving us with a wonderfully long 4-day weekend! Games & activities planned all weekend long; the 4th will be our big day to celebrate! DJ Double C will be at the Pool Saturday July 1st and the 4th to spin some tunes. No worries if you miss one day, you will get to celebrate each day!

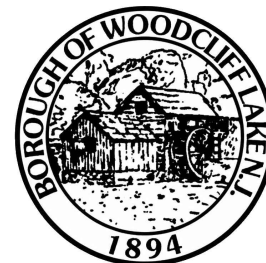
#Celebrate Woodcliff Lake

Moving with the times. New slogan for this year, #Celebrate Woodcliff Lake. Instead of celebrating on one day we will celebrate with various events throughout the year. We must continue to adapt and evolve. By doing so we hope we are able to provide our community members with multiple opportunities to participate in all or some of our Celebrations.

We hope that you enjoy your summer and all the wonderful events we have planned for your family.

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Elizabeth A. Calderone, Director, Parks & Recreation



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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR CARLOS RENDO



Summer is here, which means we're spending more time outdoors and enjoying all our Borough has to offer from the Old Mill Recreation Facility to our new Community Garden. Our municipality remains committed to protecting and preserving our environment and we were recently awarded a Clean Communities grant from the State of New Jersey for \$14,482.55. As the Commissioner of Local Government Assistance stated, "Clean Communities money is a vital resource for New Jersey's municipalities and counties every year because these grants help fund cleanups that will further enhance our communities, natural resources and roadways." Our Department of Public Works under the direction of Ray Blackton and our Parks and Recreation Department under the direction of Elizabeth A. Calderone, together with volunteers, including members of our Baseball and Softball Associations, participated in the Woodcliff Lake Reservoir cleanup this spring to rid the area around the reservoir of debris that washes ashore. Our efforts yielded 50 bags of trash and garbage, and we've helped make our reservoir cleaner and safer.

Another important aspect of environmental sustainability is recycling. Under the direction of Chris Behrens, our Recycling Coordinator, and because of your continued commitment and efforts to recycle, our municipality was awarded a recycling tonnage grant from the Department of Environmental Protection in the amount of \$18,398.

We are fortunate that our Borough is home to such lush and bountiful greenery. Having a healthy tree canopy leads to better air quality. Thanks to the efforts of our grant writers and our Shade Tree Committee, our municipality was awarded a grant of \$19,000 for tree plantings. Through the efforts of Shade Tree Committee member, Kathleen Bagley, the municipality has planted 47 new trees including 15 cherry trees lining the stone wall at the Great Lawn on Werimus Road, and additional trees planted in front of the following areas: the Bristol Assisted Living Facility, Saddle River Road adjacent to the BMW property, on Broadway along the railroad tracks, and on the grass area along Lockwood Field. Led by Shade Tree member, Wiebke Hinsch, we will continue to beautify our community and protect our tree canopy through this essential program.

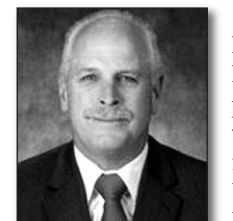
Improving air quality can also be achieved by driving less and using more public transportation. Our residents have asked for additional train stops and thanks to the efforts of our Council President, Tom Panso and our Borough Administrator, Tom Padilla, the Borough was able to successfully negotiate with New Jersey Transit two more train stops in the morning. Train #1622 will stop at 9:07 a.m. and Train #1624 will stop at 11:09 a.m. as part of this new schedule.

We also continue to improve our infrastructure. At our recycling center, we replaced a 50 year old compactor that was beyond its lifespan. We are also working with our Baseball and Softball Associations to improve our baseball fields for the benefit of our children. We have spent \$86,900 thus far for repairs, maintenance and renovation including \$13,800 for the resurfacing of Rinzler field, \$6,000 for new fencing on Lockwood and Major field, \$6,500 for a new roof on our field house and \$60,600 to improve a neglected Bagley field. Repairs and upgrades to Lockwood Field have begun, including fixing the infield lip, new infield clay and reconstruction of the pitcher's mound.

Finally, also of note, the New Jersey Department of Transportation awarded Woodcliff Lake \$150,000 toward the paving of Harriet Drive and improvements to Shaw Road. We expect that the bids for the paving will go out during the fall season and we will continue to keep you informed of any updates.

Wishing you all a safe and wonderful summer.

MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT THOMAS PANSONO



The 2017 municipal budget was adopted at the May 15th meeting of the Mayor and Council. The Budget Committee worked to keep our increase to a manageable level. Although we are faced with mandated and uncontrollable expenses such as: pension costs, health care and salaries, we are happy to report that we were able to keep the increase to the average home to \$35. The municipal portion of your tax bill, the only one the Mayor and Council have any control over is just 24% of the overall total. The remainder is the schools (local and regional) at 64% and the county at 12%. During the budget process we also assess our capital plan and look forward to short and long term needs. During the last couple of years, and continuing this year we have replaced aging equipment. We recently replaced the compactor which was approximately 50 years old and is used extensively by a great deal of our community. We are planning on replacing some other aging equipment at the DPW, including some vehicles that are over 30 years old. We need to have safe reliable equipment for our personnel to properly do their jobs. We will also begin updating and replacing the pump stations we have throughout the town. Our road paving will continue and with the help of grant monies we will be paving several roads later this year. After this year most of the roads used to access the schools will have been repaved. The exception being the county roads, which fall under the jurisdiction of Bergen County. We continue to look for additional grant opportunities and other ways to realize savings while providing the services our residents expect and deserve, while keeping any increase as low as possible.

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CELEBRATE WOODCLIFF LAKE

APRIL

Eggs-Tra, Eggs-Tra - Easter Egg Hunt

Clean Up Day

MAY

Memorial Day Summer Kick Off

Aquasize, Early Morning Lap Swim -

Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning July 11th - August 24th

NEW - Yoga Poolside -

Wednesday and Fridays, beginning July 12th

JULY

4th of July Extravaganza - DJ, Games, Door Prizes, Apple Pie Eating Contest, Face Painting and More

Movie Night with Trivia - July 21st

(by Tennis Courts 8pm-ish)

Family Night Under the Stars - July 28th

at the Pool - until 11pm (RD: August 4th)

NEW - Friday night Summer Adult Volleyball - 6-8pm

Just show up and play!

SEPTEMBER

Drool in the Pool – Woof! – September 5th

NEW - Labor Day Wind Down Weekend

9/11 Tribute

NEW - Oktoberfest Celebration – Prost!

September 23rd (RD: Sept. 24th) – more details to follow

OCTOBER

Breast Cancer Awareness – October 7th (RD: Oct. 14th)

Halloween Bash – October 28th (RD: Oct. 29th)

DECEMBER

Christmas Tree Lighting / Santa Visits

Menorah Lighting

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF HEALTH



Mosquitoes are not only annoying; they could also be dangerous to your health spreading disease such as the West Nile Virus and various forms of encephalitis. Worldwide, mosquitoes kill 750,000 people per year primarily from malaria. Due to the warm and wet spring, they are expected to thrive in northern New Jersey this year from April to October.

Residents can take a number of steps to reduce potential exposure to mosquitoes by eliminating the primary mosquito-breeding area – standing water.

- Dispose of cans, buckets, plastic containers, ceramic pots or similar containers that hold water on your property. Stagnant water is where most mosquitoes breed.
- Clean clogged roof gutters every year, particularly if the leaves from surrounding trees tend to plug drains.
- Turn over plastic wading pools when not in use.
- Turn over wheelbarrows and don't let water stagnate in birdbaths.
- Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish such as flat head minnows or gambusia available from the state's fish hatchery in Hackettstown.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools not in use and remove any water

that may collect on pool covers.

- Make sure screens fit tightly over doors and windows to keep mosquitoes out of homes.
- Consider wearing long-sleeved shirts, long pants and socks when outdoors, particularly when mosquitoes are most active at dawn and dusk, or in areas known for having large numbers of mosquitoes.
- Use insect repellents according to the manufacturer's instructions. An effective repellent will contain DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Consult with a pediatrician or family physician if you have questions about the use of repellent on children, as repellent is not recommended for children under the age of two months.

If any resident sees an area where water is stagnant and is a potential site for mosquito breeding, please contact staff at Borough Hall who will alert the Bergen County Division of Mosquito Control. The County has extensive information on their website regarding mosquito control and Zika and other viruses.

Reminder: Free nurse consultations and blood pressure checks every third Thursday of the month (except July and December) from 11:30 to 12:30 at the Tice Center. No appointments required. Another summer reminder to stay healthy – wear protective sunscreen this summer!

Shade Tree News

As you drive past the Old Mill please note the **Tree City USA** flag that is flying just beneath the American Flag. This is the 11th year that Woodcliff Lake has been given the honor of achieving the status of a **Tree City USA** community awarded by the Arbor Day Foundation. Thanks to the dynamic and tireless efforts of Marilyn Clark we have met and gone beyond the criteria for certification. This is a very successful team effort that speaks well for our community and its commitment to preserving the natural resources of our town.

The Shade Tree Committee is addressing the issue of the Emerald Ash borer (**EAB**) which has been killing ash trees across North America since 2002. The prediction is that 99% of NJ Ash trees, if untreated, will die due to this borer infestation. The Shade Tree Committee has done extensive research into this issue including assessing the number of street trees in Woodcliff Lake and exploring options of pesticide treatments. Thanks to the monumental effort of Bert Taylor, our committee is well informed and is in a position to move forward in addressing this problem.

What can homeowners do?

1. Identify ash trees on your property. Go to www.emeraldashborer.nj.gov for info.
2. Monitor your ash trees for EAB...look for dying branches at the top of trees or woodpecker damage. Consult your tree service company for further assessment.
3. Don't move suspect branches or wood because it will spread the infestation.
4. Report any EAB sightings to Department of Agriculture 609-406-6939.

The Shade Tree Committee wishes you a summer filled with all the good things that Woodcliff Lake has to offer: natural beauty, shade from our trees and the warmth of our community.

FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

In New Jersey, under social host liability laws, adults who serve or supply alcohol to persons under the age of 21, can be held liable if any of those underage persons are killed or injured. Parents who break these laws could be charged for medical bills and property damage and could be sued for emotional pain and suffering. In addition to lawsuits, parents in New Jersey may find themselves subject to criminal prosecution for underage drinking by their teen and their teen's friends. (see exemptions under 2C:33-17b, and Woodcliff Lake Borough Ordinance 179-27) In addition, parents may be held responsible even if they're not at home when underage drinking occurs. They may also be held responsible if underage drinking takes place anywhere on their property.

New Police Officer Hired: Please welcome P.O. Michael Charnesky to our ranks. Officer Charnesky is an Alternate Route graduate of the Morris County Police Academy, and his appointment was in effect on June 1, 2017. Welcome Aboard.

NJ Department of Justice Award: On May 22, 2017, our police department received the NJ Attorney General's 2017 Community Policing Award. This award recognized our "Community Policing Sector Program" which has been in effect since 2002. See our web site www.wclpd.com for more information on the program and your sector officer.

Scams: Several new scams have surfaced. Some caller ID's list local numbers, but are not from in the state, or in this country. Do not give personal information or send money. Some scams indicate that your relative is either being held for ransom or has been arrested and needs money. Other scams identify themselves as the IRS and that the police are on the way to arrest you. Please verify with this agency if you have any questions.

Ride-Along-Program: This agency has a long standing program for anyone 18 years of age and either lives or works in Woodcliff Lake to participate in a ride-along. Please call 201-391-8224 M-F from 8:00-4:00pm to register for an appointment. The program consists of a tour of our headquarters, display of our patrol car equipment, and a tour of the town from a police officer's perspective.

"Chief for a Day": I would like to thank Middle School Student Matthew Falanga for participating in the Bergen County Sheriff's "Chief for a Day" program, representing the Woodcliff Lake Police Department. "Chief Falanga" was sworn in at the Borough Hall, assisted me with payroll, had a tour of headquarters and a ride-along thorough the Borough. We then went to the Bergen County Court House for more photos and a motorcade to the Stony Hill Inn for lunch and presentation of plaques. What a great day. Thank you.

Chief Anthony Jannicelli

Woodcliff Lake Police Department



Woodcliff Lake Senior Association

There are no meetings scheduled for July and August, with our first event being held Thursday, September 14 at noon. This will be a Western Themed Luncheon, with BBQ chicken, salads, cake, coffee and great music for dancing. Call Marge Durba, 201-391-6252 for reservations.

Activities continue with aerobics at the Senior Center, Monday/Wednesday/Friday at 9:30 and Water Aerobics at the pool Tuesday/Thursday from 10 to 11 July 6 through August 24.

Pat Schuber will speak to us about *Alexander Hamilton* at our business meeting, Thursday, October 5th at 12:30.

Tri-Boro Volunteer Ambulance Corps

The Tri-Boro Volunteer Ambulance Corps, established in 1938, has been answering the call for help from the residents, businesses and visitors within our communities of Woodcliff Lake, Montvale and Park Ridge for 79 years. TBVAC is an All VOLUNTEER organization. Our Volunteers provide compassionate, professional care in your most difficult moments. You can also find us at community events lending a hand when needed.

Our 2017 Fund Drive is currently underway. You should have received our mailing during EMS week (May 21 – 27, 2017). If you did not receive the mailer and would like to make a donation, you can do so through the PayPal link on our website: TriBoroAmbulance.org or you can mail your check to TBVAC, PO Box 204, Park Ridge, NJ 07656.

All donations are greatly appreciated. We are a 501(c)(3) corporation making your donation fully tax deductible. The majority of our operating budget comes from the thoughtful donations we receive from our community during this fund drive.

Did you know??

- Always pull over when you see a blue light. EMS personnel are trying to answer a call for help.

- Safety helmets are required for children ages 4 to 17 whenever riding bicycles, scooters, rollerblades or skateboards.

- Your local police department can assist with the proper installation of child car seats.

- Help Save Lives: Don't Text and Drive.
- Display your house number prominently to avoid delaying emergency personnel.

The members of Tri-Boro Volunteer Ambulance Corps wish you all a safe and happy summer.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT COMMENTS AND ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

So many questions come in on a daily basis that we thought it might be helpful to list all the answers and information that we can think of. This may help you make decisions regarding the maintenance of your home, building additions, alterations and whatever other problems you may be experiencing. Remember, this is only a guide, and if what you are looking for is not here, or you do not understand our comments, please feel free to call us any morning between 8:30AM and 10:30 AM on extension 209.

- You can get detailed information on any code and/or ordinance by logging on to wclnj.com.
- Parking cars on the grass and/or parking unregistered cars in your driveway is not permitted.
- Lightweight commercial vehicles are not permitted in front yards (driveways).
- Recreational vehicles/boats/trailers are not permitted in front yards (driveways).
- Signs are not permitted in the public right-of-way, **including utility poles.**
- Garden and tool sheds, less than 100 sq. ft., must be located in the rear yard, a minimum of 10 feet from the rear and side property lines. A zoning permit is required.
- Garden and tool sheds and cabanas over 100 sq. ft. must be on a foundation, and require a construction and zoning permit; and be located in accordance with required zoning setbacks.
- Swimming pools (above & in ground), including walks, patios, decks, equipment and cabanas, under 100 sq. ft., must be located in the rear yard, 20 feet from the rear and side property line.
- Five-foot solid fences with one-foot lattice are permitted in the rear of your front building line. Four-foot fences are permitted in the front of your building line. A zoning permit is required.
- Four-foot fences (pool barriers) are required around in ground pools, and the ladders of above ground pools. A construction and zoning permit are required.
- If you live on a corner lot, the triangular distance of 25 feet from each

corner must have a clear vision for oncoming traffic. Fences and shrubs are to be a maximum of three feet high.

- Every dwelling erected shall have at least a one car garage.
- Incidental home professions or occupations, although permitted in some cases, are regulated by ordinance, and require a zoning permit.
- Non-conforming structures and their use may be grandfathered; however you cannot increase their size or use, without permission from the Board of Adjustment.
- Driveways are to be a minimum of 5 feet from the property line.
- All business closing hours are from 11:00PM to 5:30AM each day.
- Cutting down trees are regulated by ordinance. Please call the Building Department for a permit.
- A homeowner doing additions and/or building pools shall not occupy the addition or use the pool without first securing your final inspection, and receiving your Certificate of Occupancy or Approval.
- Noise restriction: Construction—Monday through Friday, 7AM to 6PM; Saturday, 8AM to 5PM. Construction is not permitted on Sunday and Holidays. Lawn Mowers/Blowers—Monday through Thursday, 7AM to 7PM; Friday, 7AM to 6PM; Saturday and Sunday, 9AM to 5PM. **Commercial landscaping equipment may not be used at all on Sundays.** Please call the police to report any violations to this ordinance.
- All of the above (and much more) can be reviewed by logging on to our web site. Just click on our Zoning ordinance, Sign ordinance, Property Maintenance ordinance, and Fence ordinance. If you have any questions, please call the Building Department.

Respectively Submitted, Nick Saluzzi, Construction Official

WCL Department of Public Works Summer 2017

To Report Potholes or have questions or concerns:

Call the DPW at 201-391-3172 or E-Mail, Rayblackton@wclnj.com.

Ecology Facility

Ecology Facility Hrs.: Wed. 7:30am-3:30pm, Sat. & Sun. 9:00am-4:30pm

Only residents with a valid decal may use the Ecology facility.

Ecology facility may be closed during inclement weather.

Paper Shredding Days at the Ecology Facility/Lydecker House

Sat. November 4th, 9:00am to 1:00pm

Limit of 4 bags or boxes per car per trip – residents only.

BCUA Hazardous Waste Days (ID Required)

Bergen Community College - 400 Paramus Rd., Paramus, NJ 07652

Sun., June 25 - Sun., Oct. 15 - 9:00am-3:00pm

(Items Accepted: Aerosol cans, Anti-Freeze, Fertilizer, Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Gasoline, Insecticides, Mercury Switches, Motor Oil, and Paints & Varnishes.)

BCUA's Computer/Electronics Recycling, Tire Recycling and Paper Shredding Events.

Bergen Community College - 400 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ 07652

Sat., Aug. 19 -9:00am-2:00pm For a complete listing go to: www.BCUA.org

Alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V) can be disposed in normal trash.

No spring leaf pick up. Do not put leaves out. **They won't be picked up.** Leaves & grass are **Not** accepted at the Ecology facility. Use leaves & grass as a resource for compost. Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.

Brush & branches are accepted at the ecology facility during normal operating hours only. **Brush must be tied in bundles or in a container when put out for cleanup day.**

Keep pollution out of storm drains:

Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains - Recycle used motor oil - Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

Sewer Dept.

The Sewer Dept. maintains 40 miles of sewer line within the Borough including 5 pump stations. We Need Your Help! Some of our pump stations are experiencing clogs due to cleaning wipes and baby wipes. Do not flush wipes. Please discard these items in the trash.

Sanitation

***IMPORTANT NOTE: Please make sure your garbage can does not exceed 40 gallons in size.**

Check the schedule or website; Wclnj.com on holiday weeks as your regular pick up day may be rescheduled - Keep containers in good condition with tight fitting lids - Put items at the curb by 7:00AM for your cleanup day - Please call 201-391-3172 if you experience a problem with your garbage or recycling.

Recycling

-Cardboard and Newspaper rebates increased gradually during 2016 and again in 2017.

Let's STAY GREEN and be recycling machines!

-Rinse out all bottles and cans before recycling.

-Make sure all cords are intact when recycling electronics and do not remove any electronics from the container. No scavenging of any kind at the center.

-Please recycle clean and dry plastic bags at area supermarkets.

-*WOODCLIFF SCHOOL was awarded \$858 in grant money from the BCUA for a recycling initiative!*

-STAY GREEN & HELP SAVE WCL's PIECE OF THE PLANET!

REDUCE + REUSE + RECYCLE