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MAYOR'S REPORT - SPRING

Dear Fellow Residents,

When I asked to serve the community of Woodcliff Lake as your Mayor, I pledged my commitment to transparency in government. In the four months since I assumed the role, I have discovered a number of unexpected challenges which we face as a town - particularly in regard to municipal finances - which will impact our property taxes in 2012 and beyond. In keeping with my pledge of honest and accountable leadership, I wanted to share what I have learned about the town's financial circumstances, as well as my action plans to remedy them. I am confident that if we work together, we have every opportunity to make Woodcliff Lake a Top Ten town in New Jersey.

Challenge: Property tax appeals by the Woodcliff Lake Hilton and Mack Cali, spanning 2008-2011, resulted in refunds to them in 2012 totaling \$875,000. In addition, we face a potentially even more significant property tax appeal from BMW dating back to 2006, as well as the possibility of substantial, ongoing appeals by Woodcliff Lake's commercial residents (including more Mack Cali properties), as their property values are based on business income, not real estate market values.

Action Plan: To meet our current challenges, and protect ourselves from future property tax appeals, we are:

- Issuing a \$575,000 bond to pay most of the costs resulting from the Hilton and Mack Cali appeals
- Increasing 2012 overall municipal taxes by \$300,000 to fund the remaining cost of these appeals
- Increases to our taxes in the next couple of years will likely be needed to repay this bond, as well as additional bonds we may need to issue to pay for refunds resulting from the impending BMW and Mack Cali appeals
- Aggressively pursuing legal action, comprehensive research and analysis of the BMW property's financial history, and strengthening relationships with our commercial residents, to minimize the potential negative impact of current and possible future appeals on Woodcliff Lake's overall finances and tax rates.
- Implementing an annual plan to keep future assessed values updated and accurate. This will be particularly helpful as the economy improves, boosting with it their businesses' incomes, property values, and taxes.



Challenge: Higher borrowing costs for Woodcliff Lake have resulted from Moody's recent downgrade of our credit rating. The rating agency attributed this to the reduction of our Current Fund balance over the last four years (using our "rainy day" funds to pay annual bills, instead of setting aside additional savings each year and collecting more revenue to pay those bills), as well as limited sources of new revenue to meet our rising annual obligations, most notably the \$575,000 bond issue.

Action Plan: Rebuild our Current Fund balance through new revenue initiatives and fiscally-conservative expense management:

- Developing new sources of revenue, such as a Sanitary Sewage Excess User Fee, which could raise \$100,000 in fees while affecting less than 5% of residents
- Identifying residential development opportunities, which increase the number of taxpaying properties while maintaining the charm and character of Woodcliff Lake

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CAMPS

This year Summer Camp will again be held for six weeks, and will begin Monday, June 25th and end Friday, August 3rd. Camp will begin at 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM. Any rain days during both camp sessions will be made up the week of August 6th.

\$150 PER WEEK - \$375 FOR 3 WEEKS

**\$700 FOR FULL 6 WEEK PROGRAM for one child - Additional children 10% discount **Includes a free camp shirt.

INSURANCE COVERAGE IS PROVIDED TO ALL CHILDREN ENROLLED IN THE SUMMER CAMP.

As with pool membership, you will be able to register online at www.wclnj.com. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING PHONE NUMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY PHYSICIAN AND A NEIGHBOR TO CONTACT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY. IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL JAY ESPOSITO AT (201) 391-4977, EXT 211 or e-mail PARKAND REC@WCLNJ.COM.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN IT RAINS?

- Call (201) 391-4977- Ext 211 after 8:00AM for a message.
- When RAIN occurs while an outdoor session is in progress, and it appears the rain will continue, parents are expected to have an emergency plan in place to pick up their children from camp. SAFE PROVISIONS CAN BE MADE DURING BRIEF SHOWER PERIODS, BUT NOT FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF RAINFALL.
- Staff will be on hand to assist parents arriving to pick up their children.

DAY CAMP PROGRAM

Entering Grade 1 Through Grade 7

Woodcliff Lake's municipal day camp combines lots of activities with a friendly and informal atmosphere. Activities are varied so that campers are constantly involved in different events. Several times a week there are special events, contests, theme days, professional entertainment, and refreshments. The camp boasts an excellent staff, consisting of young people and adults who are dedicated and selected for their ability in working with children.

SESAME CAMP PROGRAM

For children ages 4 and 5

Campers are assigned to groups by age. Each daily session is divided into 4 periods.

A typical daily session will include: songs, story time, and arts & crafts. Remaining

periods are filled with teacher/counselor-led games, swimming and special events.

The Sesame Camp director, assistant director, and the counselor staff greet children upon arrival at the Major League Field parking lot. Attendance is taken at 8:30 AM.

FIELDS

USE REQUEST: Playing fields of the Borough are reserved for authorized use. Individual, group, and business applications will be honored to the extent that availability permits. RENTAL FEES MAY APPLY.

RENTAL FEES: The following SEASONAL user rates are as follows:

ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE

(Old Mill) Seasonal Use (no lights) \$700.00; (w/lights) \$1,000.00

Private Business and Corporations - (Old Mill) Seasonal Use \$1,200.00

Private Business and Corporations - (School) Seasonal Use \$ 600.00

LIGHTED FIELDS Currently 4 fields in the Borough are equipped with lights. Their use requires advance approval, and hours for use are limited.

FIELD UPKEEP Authorized use of municipal fields includes full responsibility for the condition in which fields are left following usage. Violators will be notified and repeat violators will have use privileges revoked.

YOUTH PRIORITY: Policy of the Borough ensures first priority for facility use is extended daily (To 9:30PM) for sponsored youth activities of the Borough. Sponsored activities are recreational programs which include youth baseball, basketball, softball and soccer.

"OLD MILL POOL 2012"

POOL INFORMATION

Opening Weekends

Saturday May 26th, Sunday May 27th & Monday May 28th

Pool Hours 12pm - 5pm
Weekends Only June 2nd & 3rd - June 9th & 10th - June 16th & 17th: Hours 12pm-5pm
Thursday June 21st and Friday June 22nd: 3pm-7pm

FULL TIME

Full time June 23rd - Labor Day Monday Sept 3rd
Weekdays 12pm-8pm
Weekends 11am-8pm

SWIM LESSONS

Saturday Mornings

10:15am - 10:45am

Lessons Start

June 30th thru July 28th

CAMP INFORMATION 2012

June 25th -August 3rd
Monday - Friday
8:30am-12:30pm
No Camp July 4th



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- A steadfast focus on shared services, such as the upcoming Police Consolidation Study, to reduce costs while maintaining or enhancing the levels of service residents receive

- Reducing annual operating expenses, or at least minimizing their growth, through detailed, line-by-line scrutiny up front of each budget item, and enhanced financial control of actual expenses throughout the year

- Leveraging leading-edge technology and "green" initiatives to lower office administrative and energy costs, as well as reduce our carbon footprint.

Challenge: Lower property taxes by achieving a more equitable formula for funding the Pascack Valley Regional High School than the current state-imposed formula, which financially disadvantages Woodcliff Lake relative to our neighboring towns. In a nutshell, our current cost-per-student is virtually twice that of Hillsdale and River Vale.

Action Plan: As you may have read in the local press, we have re-engaged legal counsel and are vigorously pursuing a multi-year strategy which, once successful, will result in greater fairness in funding our high school and an annual \$1.5 - \$2.5 million reduction in Woodcliff Lake's property taxes. Please visit our website www.wclnj.com for details.

As you can see, we face serious financial challenges in the months and years ahead. Yet I see these challenges as opportunities to be great, and I know we can overcome them with focused, knowledgeable, and collaborative action.

We have the passion, discipline and commitment to become a Top Ten town by doing what it takes to enhance our property values, quality of life and municipal services. We will keep you posted on the progress of key issues and initiatives affecting residents through the borough website, www.wclnj.com, our bi-weekly Mayor & Council meetings, e-mails and letters like this one. In the meantime, please get involved: feel free to visit, call (201-391-4977) or write me at mayorgoldsmith@wclnj.com with your questions, ideas and comments.

Sincere thanks for your support and appreciation for the privilege of being your Mayor. My family joins me in wishing you and your family a healthy and happy spring and summer.

Jeff Goldsmith



WOODCLIFF LAKE SENIOR ASSOCIATION

For People 55 and Up

The Woodcliff Lake Senior/Community Center, located in the restored and beautifully furnished former residence of Frank and Harriet Tice, is conveniently located in the Tice Shopping Center. The spacious community room houses a piano and updated audio-visual components for dancing, movies and listening enjoyment. There is also a library and two computers housed within the enclosed sunroom. Free computer lessons are available.

WLSA exists to provide information, good fellowship and activities for women and men fifty-five years of age and older. Currently, our activities include one business meeting a month, which takes place on the first Thursday of the month, when we have a speaker, refreshments and games. Our annual picnic is scheduled for June 21st when we'll have a Dixieland Band, Dr. Dubious and the Agnostics, entertain us. Our Social Meeting is on the third Thursday of the month when we celebrate members' birthdays, have refreshments and games. Aerobics meets three times a week; duplicate bridge, line dancing, Tai Chi, beginner's bridge and social bridge meet once a week. Our book club meets once a month. Our most recent trip was to the Westchester Broadway Theater to see S'Wonderful - music of the Gershwins. Special parties for Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and holiday celebrations are just a few of our special events.

Officer Paul Brown is our liaison to the Police Department and he keeps us up to date on safety, scams, and is available to speak to us at any time.

Our newsletter and calendar, sent to all members every other month, includes upcoming events and other information that might be of interest.

We would like to hear from Woodcliff Lake Seniors who are not currently members. Please complete the form below and we will send you an issue of the WLSA Newsletter so you'll have a better understanding of what we are about. If you would like to join, receive more information or express your thoughts in person, please feel free to contact me at 201-391-4720. I look forward to speaking with you.

Marilyn Clark, President, WLSA

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____

Best time to call _____

_____ I would like to receive a WLSA Newsletter before making a decision to join. Please mail this form to WLSA, 188 Pascack Road, Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Spring 2012 News Letter

NIXLE: COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

This agency, along with the Borough, participates in the Nixle program which provides emergency notices, alerts and advisories. Residents can register for the program by going to www.nixle.com and setting up a user name and password, and listing your address or closest cross-street. You will then be able to choose how you wish to be notified, such as via email, text message etc. Users will be able to choose Police Department Emergency notices (alerts and advisories) and/or Borough Business (community). Nixle was used extensively last October during the Halloween Snow Storm/Power outage via email and cell phone text messages.

PERSONNEL

We regret to announce the passing of Sergeant Rolf Poege, retired (72), a 25-year veteran (1966-1991) of this agency, and Captain Michael Arnone, retired (59), a 33-year veteran (1975-2008) of this agency.

70TH ANNIVERSARY LINE OF DUTY DEATH OF CHIEF MARSHAL CHRISTIAN HULJUS

In February 1942, Chief Marshal Christian Huljus became the only Woodcliff Lake police officer to be killed in the line of duty when his vehicle crashed while attempting to pull over a speeder in the area where the tennis courts are located on Werimus Road. In 2002, the 60th anniversary of the Chief Marshal's death was recognized, resulting in a web page memorial. In November of 2011, one of his relatives--granddaughter Christine Edwards--discovered the web site information and contacted this agency. She and her husband were visiting in the area and met with us. Thanks go to the Woodcliff Lake Mayor and Council, as well as the Community Life and Pascack Press for honoring Chief Marshal Huljus with a Borough Resolution and articles reflecting the visit of his granddaughter.

COST OF POLICING WOODCLIFF LAKE

There has been a lot of discussion regarding the cost of "Policing Our Town." I am available to anyone who would like to discuss our costs. The Woodcliff Lake Police Department is the only paid 24/7 department in town. I can be reached at 201-391-4977 x 244.

AREA BURGLARIES

We are reminding residents to lock their homes, use lights on timers and activate their home alarm systems. The area towns have had home and car burglaries. Also, lock your cars and take your keys. Do not leave key fobs in your vehicle.

Criminals have a device that will flash the lights on your car indicating that the key fob has been left inside, and can gain access to closed garages by using garage door openers in unlocked cars in driveways.

Our officers are maintaining "high visibility" in conjunction with our other enforcement campaigns. Please call us immediately if you observe suspicious activity.

BROADWAY AND WOODCLIFF AVE.--NEW TRAFFIC SIGNALS--LEFT TURN RESTRICTIONS REMOVED

The widening of Broadway and the installation of traffic signals will help accommodate the increase of traffic as a result of the Spring 2012 closing of the spillway on Reservoir Road/ Church Road. This federally mandated dam construction will take approximately 2 years. This may push some of the almost 4,000 vehicles per day that use Reservoir Road/Church Road onto Broadway and Woodcliff Ave. The signals are activated, and the "left turn" restrictions have been removed from Woodcliff Avenue as well as Highview Avenue. Pedestrians-use the push-button to activate the signal in order to cross.

USE CAUTION

Highview Avenue/Broadway is a separate intersection and controlled via "STOP" signs, not by the traffic signal at Woodcliff Avenue. Traffic turning left onto Broadway must yield to traffic both north- and south-bound or be subject to a summons.

Chestnut Ridge Road/Saddle River Road Construction Construction has begun at this intersection. Expect some detours and delays as the project proceeds. At the end of the construction, Saddle River Road to Chestnut Ridge Road will be the through street, and the "STOP" sign will be on Woodcliff Lake Road (Saddle River NJ) at Chestnut Ridge Road.

UNDERAGE DRINKING

Borough ordinance prohibits the possession or consumption of alcohol on private property for individuals under 21 years of age. Parents are urged to instruct their underage children to immediately leave a party where alcohol or illegal drugs are available to them. Failure to do so may result in charges, even if they did not consume alcohol.

MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS:

Move Over Law: This law requires drivers to reduce speed and change lanes when approaching authorized vehicles displaying emergency lights while at the side of the roadway.

Seat Belt Law: All passengers, regardless of age or location in the vehicle, must wear seat belts. The Woodcliff Lake Police Department has 4 certified child safety seat specialists. Residents can install child safety seats themselves and have a certified officer inspect the installation, or have one of our certified officers install them. Appointments are required and are scheduled according to the availability of these certified officers.

STOP For Pedestrians in Crosswalk: This law has been amended from "'yield' to pedestrians." Drivers must now make a complete STOP for a pedestrian in a crosswalk. However, pedestrians crossing mid-block must yield to the traffic.

School Zone Parking/Speeding: Parents are reminded to observe speed limits and proper parking, especially when picking up children. It is illegal to pick up or discharge passengers in the middle of the roadway, as well as to park within 10 feet of an intersection and 50 feet of a STOP sign. Do not drop off children less than 50 feet from the STOP sign at Rose Ave. and Woodcliff Ave. A sign is posted.

Disregard of Crossing Guard's Directions: Title 39:4-80.1 makes it a traffic offense to disregard the directions of a school crossing guard. A summons can be issued for this offense resulting in points against your driver's license.

THIS AGENCY ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN THESE NATIONAL HIGHWAY SAFETY CAMPAIGNS:

Hang up, Just Drive: Hand-Held Cell Phone/Texting Violation Enforcement

Click it or Ticket: Seat Belt Use Enforcement

Over the Limit, Under Arrest: DUI Enforcement

Put the Brakes on Fatalities: Speed Enforcement-This agency has purchased and utilized both in-car RADAR, as well as hand-held LASER devices.

Full Stop or Traffic Stop: Full stop at STOP signs

CHECK THE WOODCLIFF LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT WEB SITE-- WWW.WCLPD.COM--FOR ANY UPDATES.

Have a safe spring,
Chief Anthony Jannicelli, WLDP

BOARD OF HEALTH

Please remember - Never Swim Alone!

Children must wear helmets when bicycle riding!

Beware of Lyme disease with the increasing deer population in our area! Please check regularly for ticks! Pamphlets are available in Borough Hall.

There will be a free Blood Pressure Screening on Woodcliff Lake Day. Look for the flyer for date and details!

Take advantage of monthly free County Health Screenings at the Tice Center every 3rd Thursday, from 10:30 a.m. until noon - except in July.

The Borough Ordinance Chapter 227, Section 227-2 regarding the hours permitted to use lawn mowers/blowers has been amended - there is to be no use of lawn movers/blowers before 8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday and not before 9:00 a.m. on Sunday.

For Board of Health questions and/or concerns, call Kathy Rizza at 201-391-4977 x202.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS (C.E.R.T.)

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

<http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/about.shtm>

<http://www.bcoem.org/overview1.htm>

If you are interested in joining Woodcliff Lake's C.E.R.T. team please contact Sgt. John Burns at Woodcliff Lake Police Headquarters, voice mail 201-391-4977 ext. 512 or e-mail jburns@wclpd.com

American Cancer Society Relay For Life Returns to Pascack Valley High School

Once again Pascack Valley High School in Hillsdale is proud to host The American Cancer Society's signature fundraising event, Relay For Life, on May 19-20, 2012 beginning at 5 p.m.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is an overnight community celebration where individuals and teams camp out and take turns walking or running around the high school track "relay" style to raise funds to fight cancer. There are also fun activities for all throughout the event. At nightfall, participants will light hundreds of luminaria candles around the track in a moving ceremony to honor cancer survivors, as well as remembering those lost to the disease. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life represents hope in that those lost to cancer will not be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day, cancer will be eliminated.

Cancer survivors are the heart of the Relay and are invited to join in the ceremonies. Survivors and caregivers, please inspire others and help kick off your local Relay For Life event by walking in the Survivor and Caregiver laps.

This year our Relay will offer the unique opportunity to participate firsthand in a landmark new cancer research study, Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3). This is an opportunity for those of us who have never been diagnosed with cancer to actively get involved in the very research our Relay helps to fund, to help prevent cancer for this and future generations. Enrollment will be taking place on site at Relay For Life of Pascack Valley from 5:30 - 9:30pm. For more information please visit cancer.org/cps3.

You don't need to be a track star to be a winner in this race for life. No matter who you are, there's a place for you at Relay. If you are interested in donating, volunteering, forming your own team, or joining the Relay as a cancer survivor, visit our website or contact:

Danna Boshak at Danna.Boshak@Cancer.org / 201-457-3418 x 2225 or

Sue Gilroy at sgilroy@pascack.k12.nj.us

Visit RELAYFORLIFE.ORG/PASCACKVAL-LEYNJ for more information.



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 as many 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 detail 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 our 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 during the week: 7AM to 6PM for construction, and 7AM to 7PM for lawn mowers/blowers. On Saturday 8AM to 5PM for construction and for lawn mowers/blowers 7AM to 7PM. Construction is not permitted on Sunday and Holidays, lawn mowers/blowers can operate between 9AM and 7PM on Sunday and holidays. 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

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

Each year the Shade Tree Committee conducts a Street Tree program where trees are planted in the town right-of-way. The objectives are to enhance the beauty of town public spaces and add to the environmental benefits which trees provide. Last year our efforts resulted in having 35 trees planted along the streets and roads of our town. Our procedure was to identify potential areas for planting based on open areas and public exposure, and then meet with homeowners of adjacent property to jointly agree on locations and types of trees. After trees were delivered, we depended on our Department of Public Works to store, water and protect them until they were able to plant them. Later, in the fall, JC Landscaping planted additional trees while the DPW had its hands full picking up leaves. We're waiting to see all of these additions burst forth with new leaves this spring.

The rest of the year was even more active as far as trees were concerned, as most homeowners know. The combination of hurricane Irene and the October Halloween storm wreaked havoc with town trees both public and private. In certain areas, such as Stonewall Court, over 60% of the trees were either broken off at ground level or damaged so severely that the DPW removed them completely. The culprit species were predominantly of the Callery pear family, normally attractive trees with beautiful blossoms in the spring. Unfortunately the tree shape, fragility and the presence of leaves and heavy snow

was a lethal combination. (Of course not only pears suffered, as anyone who heard the loud cracking of branches from big oaks and maples can attest to.

This condition has been treated as a priority situation by the Mayor and Council, and special funding has been made available. We, along with the DPW, are currently arranging to have most of those trees replaced with a variety of other types of trees. This is a monumental task of coordination and patience to ensure that about 75 trees get to the right place at the right time, and all involved should be commended. (By the time you read this, the work may have been completed.)

Despite this additional workload, we are going ahead with our Street Tree program again. We will identify priority locations, and homeowners who are interested in participating should call Borough Hall or email me directly at cbosch@wclnj.com. The objectives are as in the past; the benefits of shade and beauty which trees add to our neighborhoods plus the value trees add to our homes.

One other item should not go unnoticed; recently Galaxy Gardens donated a large, beautiful old Blue Atlas cedar tree to the town. This unique tree has been planted near the tennis courts off Werimus Road.

Clay Bosch
Chairman, Shade Tree Committee

GREEN TEAM

Mayor Jeffrey R. Goldsmith is inviting members of the community to serve on the borough's "Green Team". The Team will identify concrete actions that can be implemented on the path to becoming a green, sustainable community. Spear headed by Councilwoman Donna Abene, Borough Administrator Wolfgang Albrecht and Acting DPW Superintendent Dave Antoine, the "Green Team" is excited to have members of the Woodcliff Lake Community join them.

ABOUT SUSTAINABLE JERSEY

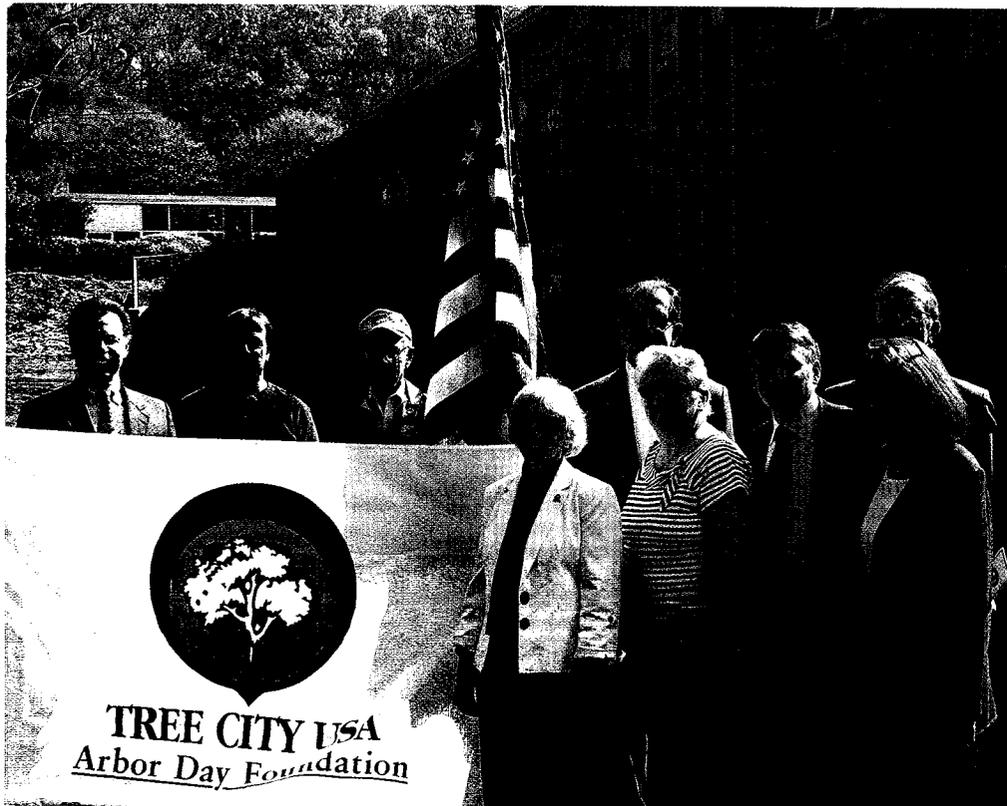
Sustainable Jersey is a certification program for municipalities in New Jersey that want to go green, save money, and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term. It is the most successful statewide municipal sustainability certification program in the country. Over 6,700 people in New Jersey have participated in statewide training and outreach events in 2010. The program has distributed over half a million dollars to New Jersey communities to support an estimated 1,500 actions taken "on the ground" to make communities more livable, environmentally friendly and prosperous. Over 300 of New Jersey's towns and cities (56%-or 315 towns across all 21 counties) have registered to become Sustainable Jersey certified. By supporting community efforts to reduce waste, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and improve environmental equity, Sustainable Jersey is empowering New Jersey towns to build a better world for future generations.

Sustainable Jersey is a collaborative effort between the New Jersey State League of Municipalities' Mayors' Committee for a Green Future and the Municipal Land Use Center at The College of New Jersey, in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. The policies and other substantive contents of the program are developed through a transparent participatory process involving NGOs, academics, government, and the business community. Program sponsors include the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, PSEG Foundation, New Jersey Natural Gas, Church and Dwight, Covanta Energy, Elizabethtown Gas, United Water, Verizon, Atlantic City Electric and CDS-Xerox. www.sustainablejersey.com

Woodcliff Lake's Green Initiative - The following items are part of the Borough's Green Initiative.

Woodcliff Lake unveiled newly installed Bike Racks in 2011 located at Borough Hall and the Train Station. The newly installed Bike Racks provide daily commuters with a healthy and fun option to commuting!

In these times of high gas prices, a warming climate, increasing traffic congestion, and expanding waistlines, increasing bicycling and walking are goals that are clearly in the public interest. According to the Bicycling and Walking in the U.S.: 2010 Benchmarking Report "where bicycling and walking levels are higher, obesity, high blood pressure, and diabetes levels are lower. Higher levels of bicycling and walking also coincide with



increased bicycle and pedestrian safety and higher levels of physical activity". Increasing bicycling and walking can help solve many of the largest problems facing our nation. As this report indicates, many states and cities are making progress toward promoting safe access for bicyclists and pedestrians, but much more remains to be done.

Recreational biking can be a fun, affordable family activity that is appropriate for every family. You don't need to spend a lot of money; a simple bike ride to the park or bike ride in your neighborhood can be a fabulous way for the family to spend some quality time together.

RECYCLED WASTE VEGETABLE OIL PILOT PROJECT

This is a recycling project. We are utilizing a waste product, Waste Vegetable Oil (WVO) that has been used for cooking and is ready for disposal. Rather than adding it to the landfill or having it enter the sewer system, Woodcliff Lake will process the WVO through filtration equipment and use it to power diesel engines in our Borough fleet. The pilot project is currently underway and the "blended fuel" is being used in all of our garbage trucks. Look for the WCL trucks that are labeled "This Truck Runs On Waste Vegetable Oil".

PURCHASE OF ENERGY

The Borough recently authorized joining the new Bergen County Coop on Purchase of Energy.

The Bergen County Pricing System (BCPS) is

a buying group for electricity generation and natural gas supply services available to all local government units within the Bergen County jurisdiction.

The initial analysis projected for WCL is a \$41,000.00 dollars savings over our current purchasing agreement of electricity thru Hudson Energy & PSE & G.

CONSERVATION OF WATER

The Borough is researching and considering studying the benefits of a sanitary sewer excess user charge system.

SALT BRINE INITIATIVE FOR 2012

The Borough is planning on initiating a program to use salt brine next winter. The use of salt brine will delay freezing precipitation from adhering to roads for a couple hours during a winter weather event and/or when temperatures and humidity can cause frost to form on bridges, hills and other potentially problematic roadways. The brine is applied prior to the potential of freezing conditions.

Using salt brine can provide our staff with additional time to respond to freezing precipitation. In addition, the application of salt brine may reduce the need to call in employees on an overtime basis to treat bridges and overpasses that have a tendency to freeze or when small snow showers pass through the area overnight and leave a dusting on the roadways.

To join the Green Team please contact Borough Administrator Wolfgang Albrecht at 201-391-4944 ext. 216 or by email at walbrecht@wclnj.com

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RECYCLING

PAPER SHREDDING DAY AT THE ECOLOGY FACILITY

Sat. May 19th, 9:00am to 1:00pm

HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS (ID REQUIRED)

Sun., April 15th; Sun., June 10th; Sun., Oct 14th

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

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

For a complete listing go to www.bcua.orgx

USED TIRES CAN BE TAKEN TO:

Bergen County Community Service Bldg.
327 East Ridgewood Ave. Paramus NJ, 07652

Sun., April 29th & Sat. August 18th

9:00 Am to 2:00 Pm

Four (4) tire limit per person (ID required)

THERE IS NO SPRING LEAF PICK UP

Please do not put leaves out They will not be picked up. Leaves and Grass, are Not accepted at the Ecology Facility. Brush & branches are accepted at the ecology facility during normal operating hours only. Brush must be tied or in a container when put out for clean-up day.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING IS NOW MANDATORY

Please bring these items to the Ecology Facility, Or put them out on clean-up day. Please keep electronics separate from other items.

Acceptable Materials

- Monitors, CPU's, printers, keyboards, faxes, copiers, laptops, and components such as hard drives, circuit boards, speakers, modems, motherboards, and power supplies.
- Television sets and VCR's • Stereo equipment • Cellular phones

