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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR CARLOS RENDO



Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed a very happy and healthy holiday season. I would like to share some important news and recent updates. On December 31, 2018, Police Chief Anthony Jannicelli officially retired from the police force. Chief Jannicelli served Woodcliff Lake with honor and distinction for over 40 years and we are grateful for all he has done for our community. We thank him for his dedication and service and wish him all the best in his retirement.

The same day, Lt. John Burns was sworn in as our new Chief of Police. Please join me in congratulating him on his new role and thanking him for his commitment to protect and serve our community.

Back in November, I, along with Councilwoman Jacquie Gadaleta, Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi, and Catherine Best from Congressman Gottheimer's office, met with a group of Woodcliff Lake bus commuters and management representatives from Rockland Coaches to discuss issues affecting our bus riders. Our residents expressed their frustration with the lack of communication from Rockland Coaches regarding bus delays or cancellations. To address this issue, management is in the process of developing an application that tracks buses on their routes and provides up-to-date information on delays and cancellations. Additionally, they are focusing on improved communication between dispatchers and commuters when buses are delayed or cancelled.

Another subject raised was bus overcrowding. Rockland Coaches explained that because the Woodcliff Lake bus is the fifth stop on the route and a large number of commuters are picked up in Montvale, few seats are still available when buses reach our town. Rockland is adding 30 new buses (which are longer and can accommodate more passengers), in addition to adding five additional buses to deploy, should any of the others become unavailable. Rockland is also exploring the possibility of making Woodcliff Lake the origin stop for one of the new bus additions. We will continue to monitor this issue closely and meet again with Rockland in January/early February.

Finally, as we enter 2019, we welcome our new Borough Council. Congratulations to Councilwoman Jacquie Gadaleta on her re-election and being appointed our 2019 Council President. We also congratulate and welcome Ian Spelling as our newest council member. I look forward to working together on behalf of Woodcliff Lake.

MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT JACQUIE GADALETA



As I prepare for my third term as Councilwoman, I am humbled and honored to be given the opportunity to serve the wonderful community of WCL. My intention, and that of my fellow Council Members, is to deliver to residents exceptional service through a government that cares and values the health and success of every individual. Although challenges are imminent, our Council is comprised of intelligent, hard-working and dedicated people who want to ensure that our town will continue to be one which is embracing to all, a beautiful place to raise a family, with rising property values and financially sound for all posterity. As an elected official, it is my job to make informed decisions which help achieve these goals, so that people of all ages are positioned to thrive, live long and prosperously in an outstanding community. I look forward to working as a team to accomplish these objectives and, with the active friendship and support of all residents, our values and goals for success should be achieved !

"COMING SOON"

Multi town anti-bias event. Date to be determined.

Stay informed by signing up for updates via the towns website, located under E-Mail Subscriptions.

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FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Chief Anthony Jannicelli has retired, after 41 years of service to the Borough of Woodcliff Lake. During his many years of service, he worked tirelessly to make this a better community for our residents and businesses. He was instrumental in setting up the "Community Sector" program, assigning officers to specific residential areas, giving residents a personal contact for any questions or non-emergency problems. He also brought honor and recognition to the town's first law enforcement officer, Chief Marshal Christian Huljus, who was killed in a car crash while on duty. Having grown up in Woodcliff Lake, he knew the town and many of its residents personally. His office was always open for residents who needed him. We wish Chief Jannicelli all the best for a long and healthy retirement.

Placement of House Numbers:

"NUMBERS COUNT" – IN AN EMERGENCY, SECONDS MAY COUNT.

Please have your house number **VISIBLE** on mailboxes & dwellings to responding emergency personnel.

Removal of Ice and Snow from Vehicles/Sidewalks: Both statewide and borough ordinances require the removal of snow/ice from vehicles before operating them on roadways, **clearing sidewalks of snow/ice is also required under law**, especially in the area of our schools. Summonses can be issued for those safety violations.

Overnight Parking Requests: Borough ordinance restricts parking vehicles between 2:00 am and 6:00 am. This allows our officers to discover suspicious, abandoned or stolen vehicles. Residents may ask for occasional permission for overnight parking for a registered vehicle. Call us at 201-391-8222. In the event of a snowstorm, no overnight parking is allowed.

School Safety: In 2017, by the order of the, Bergen County Prosecutor, our officers received updated and revised "Active Shooter" training. This is in conjunction with neighboring police agencies and our schools. Our agency actively trains and upgrades equipment to deal with emergencies in or around our schools. Our officers also conduct unannounced "walk-throughs" of our schools, as well as neighboring high schools. The costs for the training and equipment, not covered by grants and donations, are justified and necessary to do all we can to protect our children and faculty.

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.

Community Policing Sector Officers- Begun in 2002, we established "Community Policing Sectors". Officers are assigned to these sectors, introducing themselves to the approximately 200 homes in their geographic sector area. This uniformed officer will present you with their business card, as well as a letter from me describing the program. **This officer is YOUR point of contact** for any questions or **non-emergencies**. Sergeants have also been assigned, as the point of contact for our business sectors. To identify your assigned officer, go to our website www.wclpd.com, "Community Sector Program". In the event of an emergency, officers on duty will handle that call.

Special Needs Outreach Program – Detective Sergeant Chad Malloy is organizing an outreach program in our community for anyone who has a loved one with any type of special needs, whether it is medical, physical or mental. The goal of the program is to have a personal connection, which will let the officers relate and care for the special needs resident in future emergency or non-emergency situations. Please contact Detective Sergeant Malloy at cmalloy@wclpd.com or call 201-391-4977 ext. 426 for further information.

Toys for Tots – Police Officers Kathy Powers, Keith Kalmbach and Ryan Hansen would like to thank all the residents and businesses, who generously donated to the Woodcliff Lake Police Department's Toys for Tots program. The toys were given to the Marines and PBA Local 206, to be distributed locally. Thank you for making this year another wonderful success.

Cell Phone/Texting Violations: "Don't Text and Drive" – **Mandatory court appearances** are now required, as a result of changes in penalties for using hand held-cell phones, while operating a vehicle. Fines have increased to \$200-\$400. This includes all "hand held" functions of the cell phone, including texting and GPS. If using the phone for GPS functions, secure it in a GPS type holder.

Ride-Along Program- Anyone over the age of 18, who lives or works in Woodcliff Lake, may take part. Participants will get a tour of our police station, see the equipment carried in our patrol cars and ride along with an officer, giving you a tour of the town from the "police perspective". Participants must call for an appointment to 201-391-8222, M-F 8 am -4 pm, and will be required to sign a hold harmless waiver.

Nixle: Community Notification System: This agency participates in the Nixle program for emergency, advisory and community notices via text and email messages. Residents may go and log on to the Nixle website (www.nixle.com), set up a user name and password, and list your address or closest cross-street.

This agency actively participates in these National Highway Safety Campaigns:

You Text, You Drive, You Pay: Hand-Held Cell Phone / Texting Violation Enforcement **Click it or Ticket:** Seat Belt Use Enforcement

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over: DUI Enforcement

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

Full Stop or Traffic Stop: Full stop at stop signs **Woodcliff Lake Police Department Web Site - www.wclpd.com** for updates.

Have a safe WINTER. Any questions, please feel free to call me.

Acting Chief John Burns, Woodcliff Lake Police Department 201-391-4977 x414

Shade Tree Committee News

This past November there was an article published by National Wildlife which reported on urban tree decline at the average rate of 36 million trees per year. Such decline in the tree population can have "serious implications for people and wildlife."

In Woodcliff Lake our Shade Tree Committee has been active in monitoring tree removal permits and following up on tree replanting commitments through the efforts of Carlo Disney and David Berger. It is important that homeowners know that Woodcliff Lake has Ordinance 16-13 which attempts to protect and control the tree canopy of the

borough. STC has been diligent in planting shade trees around the Borough, addressing the Emerald Ash Borer through pesticide treatment and monitoring tree removals as well as replacements through permits and binders.

Question: How much carbon dioxide can the average tree absorb in a year?

A. 28 pounds B. 48 pounds C. 70 pounds

The **answer** is B and is one more reason to be thankful for trees which naturally counteract negative effects of our suburban environment.

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 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 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 is 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 Monday to Thursday: 7AM to 6PM for construction, and 7AM to 7PM for lawn mowers/blowers. On Fridays 7AM to 6PM. Saturday 9AM to 5PM for construction and for lawn mowers/blowers 9AM to 5PM. Construction is not permitted on Sunday and Holidays, lawn mowers/blowers can operate between 9AM and 5PM on Sunday and holidays. **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

To Report Potholes or have questions or concerns: Call the DPW at 201-391-3172 or E-Mail rayblackton@wclnj.com

Christmas trees will be picked up at the curb during January.

SNOW – Clear your sidewalks and don't put snow in the street. Residents and private snowplow companies shouldn't plow snow into the roads or across the roads, doing so can lead to hazardous road conditions. The Borough can enforce this by Ordinance - Everyone's cooperation with this safety matter will be appreciated.

Ecology Facility

Important time change, the center will now close at 3pm on Wednesdays

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

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

Ecology facility may be closed during snowstorms.

Ecology center closed Easter Sunday, April 21st

Paper Shredding Days at the Ecology Facility/Lydecker House

Sat - March 30th, 9am-12pm & Sat - Oct 19, 9am-1pm

BCUA Hazardous Waste Days (ID Required)

Check www.bcu.org for dates and times and locations

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

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

No spring leaf pick up. Leaves are only accepted at the Ecology center during leaf season. Grass is **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 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 6:00AM for your cleanup day - Please call 201-391-3172 if you experience a problem with your garbage. Garbage and recycling may be cancelled during snowstorms.

Recycling

-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.

-Use containers when placing recyclables at the curb, don't place in bags.

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

STAY GREEN & Celebrate Earth Day on Monday, April 22: Check the Borough's webs

****We'd like to wish Scott Davis a happy retirement after 33 years of service. His hard work and dedication will be missed!***

REDUCE + REUSE + RECYCLE

CAMP ALGONQUIN OF WOODCLIFF LAKE



Summer Tennis Camps for children will be offered during the Pool Summer Camp sessions. Three separate one (1) week programs: Classes are in the morning for 4 consecutive days with Friday as a make-up day in the event of a rainout earlier in the week. Cost is \$80 per session. Provided by TGA Sports Foundation.

9:00 AM for ages 6 & 7 * 10:00 AM for ages 8 & 9 * 11:00 AM for ages 10 - 12

The three tennis camps start and end on:
June 24th to June 28th * July 8th to July 12th * July 22nd to July 26th



Sign up via: <https://register.communitypass.net/reg/>

TGA Sports Foundation will provide extra activities during camp and will also host a 2-week Summer Sports Camp after Camp Algonquin has ended. Details to come soon.

Please note: enclosed camp rates, are the proposed new rates.

Ultimate Frisbee



Golf



Healthy Tips from the Board of Health

Free one-year rabies vaccines are available for pets on January 12 from Noon to 2 PM at the Firehouse. License renewals can also be completed at that time. If you miss this session, please follow up with your veterinarian.

Rabies is a potentially deadly virus that attacks the central nervous system most commonly caused by animal bites. The principle hosts are wildlife and bats. The vaccination of pets has greatly reduced the transmission rate of domestic animals. Modern drugs have nearly eliminated human deaths, however severe nerve damage may still occur. Bats are frequently found in homes. They seek food and shelter and attempt to enter homes. IF A BAT ENTERS YOUR HOME, try to isolate it in a closed room and call Boro Hall or the police immediately and they will contact the County Animal Control squad that the Boro contracts with.

Several dead deer have also been found on private property this season. Please be advised that the County Animal Control will dispatch someone to pick up and remove the animal at no charge to the resident. Please call the Police Department or Boro Hall to dispatch someone from the County if there is dead deer found on either public or private property.

The Board of Health provides blood pressure checks and general health consultations at no charge for residents. The clinic is conducted by a nurse from the Bergen County Department of Health Services and is held on the 3rd. Thursday of every month except July and December, from 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM at the Tice Center on Chestnut Ridge Road. No appointments are required, and adults of all ages may attend.

Exercise and Eat Healthy in the New Year! We are preparing for another Wellness Challenge in the Spring, so get yourselves ready!

2019 Easter Eggstravaganza

Sunday, April 14th

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Rain date:

Saturday, April 20th at 12:15pm
at Westervelt Lydecker Grounds



Special Appearance by the
Easter Bunny!