

Woodcliff Lake

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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR CARLOS RENDO



We kicked off the summer with a cause near and dear to our community. I would like to thank everyone who joined us on the causeway for our annual Spring Blossom Fest, in honor of Alyssa Alhadeff, a former Woodcliff Lake resident who lost her life in the Parkland Florida shooting last year. We were honored to have the Alhadeff family in attendance at this special event, which drew over 2,500 people. A special thanks goes out to Councilman Belgiovine and Councilwoman Gross, along with our Parks and Recreation Director Elizabeth Calderone, and our Special Events committee for leading this effort.

I am also pleased to share that Standard and Poor's awarded Woodcliff Lake an AAA bond rating, a status which was only given to 22 municipalities, out of the 565, in the state. This prestigious recognition is a testament to our diligence and focus on financial planning. Our revenues continue to remain strong while our debt service stays low, on top of a strong surplus, which contributes to our rating.

And while we are proud of our positive revenue, we must be vigilant on our spending to maintain this accreditation. In May, the Council adopted our capital budget, approving \$3.5 million in expenditures. As a point of reference, our 2017 capital budget was \$1,303,225.00. In 2018, our capital budget came in below the prior year, at \$1,165,000.00. This does not include the purchase of a \$950,000.00 fire truck, which is slated for the 2021 capital budget. The Council also adopted the Borough's 2019 municipal budget, which totals \$13,418,100. This is a \$359,251.00 increase, resulting in a \$32.00 tax increase for the average household assessed at \$753,277.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful and safe summer,

Carlos A. Rendo, Mayor

MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT JACQUIE GADALETA



"Open and transparent" are not just words, but actions that the Woodcliff Council incorporates in decisions that affect all residents. This was evident in the open session held at the Tice Center on Monday, June 10th that enabled our neighbors to listen and comment on the potential developers for the affordable housing units on Broadway. Woodcliff Lake is fortunate to have an educated, articulate and well-informed populace that contributes to the continued prosperity of our community. Going forward, the Mayor and Council will continue to have meetings that keep our residents up to date and tap into their knowledge, experience and opinions.

Now is the time to appreciate the summer season and the exquisite scenery in Woodcliff Lake. The Parks and Recreation Department is working to maintain our top notch pool, also known as the gem of Bergen County, and polish our programs for the benefit of all ages. Whoever coined the phrase "health is wealth" certainly was correct.

Our Department of Public Works is poised to make WCL the cleanest and most pristine community in Bergen County. Their dedication and that of our residents helps to make our natural beauty awe inspiring. Just look at the lake and you might be fortunate to see a Bald Eagle flying overhead! Lastly, it is our understanding that the FAA and Port Authority are reviewing the Teterboro flight paths and considering certain route changes that should reduce the low and frequent air travel over many streets in town. I plan to attend, with several residents, the upcoming meeting of TANAAC, the committee that bridges the interests of the airport and surrounding towns, like WCL. TANAAC logs and pays attention to every complaint, so any WCL resident who is so inclined can make her or his voice heard by visiting: planenoisenj.com.

May your summer be filled with health, happiness and prosperity, in our beautiful Woodcliff Lake!

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Woodcliff Lake Receives Tree City USA Growth Award for the Seventh Year

Mayor Carlos Rendo declared Friday, May 3, 2019 as Arbor Day in Woodcliff Lake. In honor of that day, the Shade Tree Committee had a tree planted on the campus of the Dorchester School and students from the Fifth Grade, along with Principal Susan Bauer; Roberta Lauren, Science Department; and Ms. Lauren Barbelet, Superintendent of Schools; helped to celebrate this event. After the tree planting, the Fifth Grade students presented their Arbor Day program, which was readings from *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss, which chronicles the environment. Bert Taylor of the Shade Tree Committee presented a quiz on trees.

For the thirteenth consecutive year Woodcliff Lake was recognized by the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA Community for its commitment to urban forestry. The requirements for this acknowledgement is to have a Shade Tree Committee, a tree ordinance, an annual Arbor Day celebration, and make a specific financial commitment to tree care. For the seventh year, the Woodcliff Lake Shade Tree Committee has been acknowledged for their outstanding work by being the recipient of the Tree City USA Growth Award. This is presented to Shade Tree Committees who go above and beyond their regular commitment as a committee.

The Woodcliff Lake Shade Tree Committee has been actively planting Street Trees in the community for many years. If you are a resident, and wish to have a Street Tree planted in the ten foot front area of your property, please contact Borough Hall at 201-391-4977 and your request will be forwarded to the appropriate person. The Shade Tree Committee consists of Clayton Bosch, Chairman; Marilyn Clark, Arbor Day Chairman; Kathleen Bagley, Ulises Cabrera, Carlo Disney; Roberta Green, Josephine Higgins; Wiebke Hinsch, Andy Lukac, Kevin Metz, Bert Taylor and Ira Zucker.

Councilwoman Angela Hayes is the Liaison to the Shade Tree Committee.

Contact Person: Marilyn Clark 201-391-4720



Shade Tree members Kathleen Bagley and Marilyn Clark; Jeanine Chiavelli, Woodcliff Lake Council member; Mrs. Amy Goldsmith, representative for the Mayor; Bert Taylor, Clay Bosch, Johanna Cairo and Josephine Higgins, Shade Tree members; joined by Dorchester School Fourth Graders.

WCL Department of Public Works

Ray Blackton is retiring after 36 years with the DPW! We wish Ray all the best and thank him for his dedication and hard work. The Borough could always count on Ray to get the job done!

Holiday Garbage Schedule Changes:

July: Zone C - Wed. July 3rd

September: Zone A - Tue. Sept. 3rd & Zone B - Wed. Sept. 4th

BCUA Hazardous Waste Dates (For Chemicals, Paints, Propane Tanks and more):

Location: 200 Campgaw Road, Mahwah

Dates: Saturday - July 20th & Sept. 14th

Time: 9 am - 3 pm

Info: www.bcua.org

BCUA Recycling (For Tires, Electronics & Shredding):

Location: 400 Paramus Road, Bergen Community College

Date: Saturday - Aug. 17th

Time: 9 am - 2 pm

Info: www.bcua.org

- To report potholes call 201-391-3172 or email cbehrens@wclnj.com
- Check the Borough website, www.wclnj.com, for info. and updates on road paving during July.
- We will be checking Ecology Decals this summer so make sure you have the current decal.

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CAPSTONE REALTY
 Rob Friedberg, Brad Gillman and Mitch Adelstein
 EST. 1894

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 CELEBRATING WOODCLIFF LAKE

You're Invited To A
Cocktail Party

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19th, 2019
 7PM - 9PM
 50 Tice Blvd., Woodcliff Lake

\$35 per person / Includes Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres
 Please respond with payment & attendees by
 the Seventh of October to
 Elizabeth A. Calderone, Parks & Recreation Director
 Borough of Woodcliff Lake, 188 Pascaek Road, WCL
 Checks payable to: Borough of Woodcliff Lake

Space is limited
Cocktail Attire
Adults Only

SWIMMING POOL GUIDELINES

Each year Woodcliff Lake adds a couple of dozen residential swimming pools to its inventory. Some of these are elaborate in-ground concrete pools and some are above the ground vinyl pools with wooden decks and stairs or ladders. Each of these types has its own problems with regard to safety. Recently the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission did a survey on the safety of residential pools. Each year, hundreds of young children die, and thousands come close to death due to submersion in residential swimming pools. It is estimated that each year about 300 children under 5 years old drown in residential swimming pools. Hospital emergency room treatment is required for approximately another 2,300 children under 5 years of age who were submerged in residential pools. This study was done many years ago. We are sure that these numbers have more than doubled since then. The following statistics came about from an extensive study done by the Consumer Product Safety Commission:

- 1) 75 percent of the children involved in swimming pool submersion or drowning accidents were between 1 and 3 years old.
- 2) Boys between 1 and 3 years old were the most likely victims of fatal drowning's and near-fatal submersions in residential swimming pools.
- 3) Most of the victims were being supervised by one or both parents when the swimming pool accident occurred.
- 4) Nearly half of the child victims were last seen in the house before the pool accident occurred. In addition, 23 percent of the accident victims were last seen on the porch or patio, or in the yard. This means that fully 69 percent of the children who became victims in swimming pool accidents were not expected to be in or at the pool, but were found drowned or submerged in the water.
- 5) 65 percent of the accidents occurred in a pool owned by the victim's immediate family, and 33 percent of the accidents occurred on pools owned by relatives or friends.



6) 77 percent of the swimming pool accident victims had been missing for five minutes or less when they were found in the pool drowned or submerged. The speed with which swimming pool drowning's and submersions can occur is a special concern: by the time a child's absence is noted, the child may have drowned. Anyone who has cared for a toddler knows how fast young children can move. Toddlers are inquisitive and impulsive and lack a realistic sense of danger. These behaviors, coupled with a child's ability to move quickly and unpredictably, make swimming pools particularly hazardous for households with young children.

Swimming pool drownings of young children have other particularly insidious features: these are silent deaths. It is unlikely that splashing or screaming will occur to alert a parent or caregiver that a child is in trouble. It was concluded that the best way to reduce child drowning's in residential pools was for pool owners to construct and maintain barriers that would prevent young children from gaining access to pools. Please call our building department for the Safety Barrier Guidelines recommended by CPSC and the Uniformed Construction Code. We would be more than happy to assist you. **However, please keep in mind that there are no substitutes for diligent supervision.**

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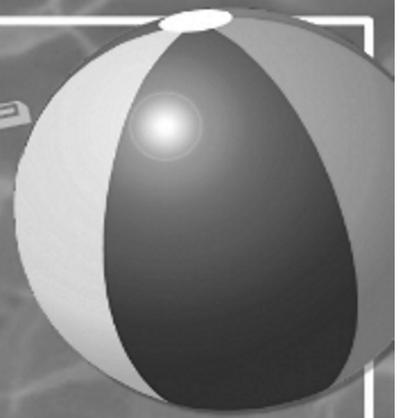
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**OLD MILL POOL
SUMMER 2019**



IMPORTANT INFO

WEEKEND HOURS: 11 AM - 8 PM

WEEKDAY HOURS: 12 PM - 8 PM

EARLY MORNING LAP SWIM & WATER AEROBICS

EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY

BEGINNING JULY 9 - AUGUST 29

EMLS: 6:30 AM - 9 AM / WA: 10 AM - 11 AM

MEMBERS and WCL/OT SENIORS - FREE

NON-MEMBERS WELCOME! - \$10 AT THE GATE

SWIM LESSONS? EMAIL TODD COLOMBO

TCOLOMBO@WCLNJ.COM



FOR MORE DETAILS REFER TO:

WWW.WCLNJ.COM

QUESTIONS?

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