



# Woodcliff Lake

The Official Newsletter of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake

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## Bringing Our Community Back Together

*Dear Residents, we are hopeful to continue our tradition of coming together to celebrate Oktoberfest. This year, we will seek the assistance of our community members and associations through sponsorship and participation, and of course could only move forward if outdoor gatherings remain possible at that time.*

*Stay tuned to learn how you or your organization can help bring the community together for this year's Oktoberfest celebration and community gathering. For all events, this year Recreation will be utilizing TICKETLEAP, an online ticketing platform.*

*Be sure to receive all updates by visiting the Borough website and sign up for subscriptions to weekly notices via constant contact.*

- **9-11 Tribute – 7pm** Further information forthcoming, via social media platforms and towns website.



**October 3 – 5:30pm - 9:30pm** rain date October 10

Further information forthcoming via social media platforms and towns website.

- **Halloween – October 24 - 12-1:30pm** rain date October 25

Further information forthcoming, via social media platforms and towns website.



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GO TO E-MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS & SIGN UP VIA CONSTANT CONTACT

### BOROUGH HALL REMAINS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

*Appointments can be made; you will be met outside Borough Hall by the tent. You may also leave items in the mail slot. There is a doorbell located on the table, please ring during office hours, Monday – Friday 8am – 4pm and someone will come to the door.*

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## MESSAGE FROM MAYOR RENDO



While the COVID-19 pandemic continues to bring uncertainty from both a health and economic perspective, our governing body in Woodcliff Lake remains focused on keeping our community safe and fiscally sound.

I must say first that I am proud of the efforts of the Woodcliff Lake Police Department, and all that they do on behalf of, and with, our community. They may be a small force, but their impact is mighty, and a large part of what allows our neighborhoods to be ideal for living and raising a family. It was also an honor to swear-in Tara Tamburro to our Department recently. There is no doubt that Officer Tamburro will uphold her oath to “protect and serve” while also providing inspiration to a younger generation of females that look to enter such a noble profession.

As we continue to face the economic backlash of COVID-19, it was also especially gratifying to work with the Council, and Woodcliff Lake’s professional staff, to pass a municipal budget with a no increase in spending or municipal taxes. At a time when residents have lost jobs, and our own intake of revenues has decreased, we knew that there was no other responsible move than to further tighten our belts. While we made difficult decisions, perhaps some we wished we didn’t have to make, we also did so without reducing the municipal services have not only come to expect, but also deserve.

This is responsible leadership.

## MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT SINGLETON



What we have faced over the past several months, together, has certainly provided us all with challenges unlike those we have ever faced before. However, we have not backed down from the adversity, and, while in some ways we are still in the midst of it, there are rays of hope on the horizon.

It appears that in our area COVID-19 is in decline, though, as we know, we still really know very little about it, and that could change by the time you read this message. One thing is certain, we will continue to take it on with the resolve of making Woodcliff Lake, and beyond, healthy again.

That includes being economically sound.

If there is anything this health crisis didn’t change it is the commitment my colleagues on the Borough Council and I have to maintain fiscal responsibility as the core principle in all of our decision making. We are entrusted to be good stewards of your tax dollars, and that’s a responsibility we all take very seriously.

Over the past weeks, and as the economic impact of COVID-19 set in, we set to work to craft a municipal budget that not only holds the line on spending, but also on municipal taxes. How can we ask residents, many feeling the squeeze on their own household budgets, to pay more during such a difficult time? We can’t and we didn’t. Instead, we drafted and passed an annual spending plan that rose up to meeting the challenge of these unprecedented times.

## Woodcliff Lake Police Department

**“NUMBERS COUNT” – In An Emergency, Seconds May Count.** House numbers should be **VISIBLE** on mailboxes & dwellings.

**Special Needs Outreach Program** – is for residents who have a family member with any type of special needs: medical, physical or mental. It is designed for officers to have a personal connection with the special needs resident. For more information, contact Det./ Sgt. Malloy at [cmalloy@wclpd.com](mailto:cmalloy@wclpd.com) or call 201-391-4977 ext. 426.

**Project Medicine Drop** - The drop box is located in our lobby and is available 24/7 for unwanted medications (no liquids or syringes). For access to the drop box after business hours/weekends, please use the call box, to the left of the double doors, and advise dispatch.

**The Woodcliff Lake Police Department encourages residents to follow us on:**

[www.wclpd.com](http://www.wclpd.com) and <https://www.facebook.com/Woodcliff-Lake-Police-Department-674013132657219/>.



## Seniors Association

If you are part of our Senior Association, you have been receiving relevant information from our President, Marilyn Clark. If you are not yet a member, please sign up so you can stay informed and in touch with fellow Seniors. You can join by emailing Marilyn at [mjjclark@wclnj.com](mailto:mjjclark@wclnj.com)

Join the WCL Community e-mail list it's easy!

Just send your email address by text message:

Text  
**WCLCOMMUNITYNEWS**  
to **22828** to get started.



Message and data rates may apply.

## Building Department Notice

All pools, whether inground or above ground require permits. Depending on the type of pool, the level of permitting changes.

The building department, after reviewing recent changes in the Pool and Spa code, has implemented new guidelines for the installation of above ground storable or temporary pools. Please contact us as your pool may only require one simple permit.

Pool safety is extremely important and remember that any pool over 24” in depth requires a permit.

Please contact us by phone with any questions at 201.391.4977 x209 between the hours of 8am-1pm, Monday - Friday.

Mark Berninger  
Construction Official

*We hope to transition to an electronic version for cost savings and to become environmentally friendly.*

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# Department of Public Works News

Ecology Hours - Until Further Notice

(MUST HAVE A DECAL & WEAR A MASK)

## Wednesdays – 8 AM – 7 PM – NEW EVENING HOURS

- BRUSH – DROP BY WOOD CHIP PILE
- BULKY
- CO-MINGLES BOTTLES & CANS (to keep flow moving)
- CARDBOARD/CHIPBOARD & ALL OTHER MATERIALS (still mixing newspapers in w/mixed papers)

## Weekends – 8 AM – 1 PM

- BULKY
- CO-MINGLES BOTTLES & CANS (to keep flow moving)
- CARDBOARD/CHIPBOARD & ALL OTHER MATERIALS (still mixing newspapers in w/mixed papers)
- BRUSH – DROP BY WOOD CHIP PILE
- ELECTRONICS – do not leave out for pickup
- BOOKS
- USED OIL

**PLEASE NOTE:** Donation bins at the Ecology Center are overflowing and have been closed until further notice.

Gloves and masks must be worn. Safety glasses should be worn when emptying bottles and cans – Please take extra caution around bins, social distancing remains in effect – Limited number of cars will be allowed inside center – Limit trips to center if possible – Masks required for entry – Ecology decal must be displayed – No walking into center – Continue to check the borough's website for updates.

Recycling simplified.

Missing garbage day stinks.

Stop guessing.

Find out what is and isn't recyclable in your community and spend less time recycling more.

Recycle Coach sets you up with a personalized collection calendar and pickup reminders when you need them, that way you never miss another collection day.

Get the Recycle Coach app today.

Recycle Coach saves people time and energy with intuitive digital tools that make recycling easy.

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## RECYCLE COACH

Please consider downloading the app to your cell phone. Reminders, changes in regular schedules & regular curbside pickups will be pushed to you or visit the towns website, borough depts., dept. public works, recycling/recycle coach, scroll down, click view schedule, enter your zone and you will see what's happening in your ZONE

## GARBAGE/RECYCLING

Garbage cans must be 40 gallons or less in size so they can be manually lifted. Oversized cans that are designed for automated trucks must be replaced with proper sized cans.

- Curbside Cleanup and Recycling resumes to normal, all bottles and cans must be separated.

- Electronics are to be dropped off at the center, not left out for pickup.

\*Keep checking the Borough's website for updates

## IMPORTANT - Jumping Ahead to Fall - LEAF SEASON

Beginning October 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020 - only cardboard/chipboard and mixed papers will be collected on CLEAN UP DAYS

DPW will NOT collect bulk garbage, metals or brush

October 1, 2020 - Wednesday ecology hours will be 7 AM - 3 PM

Please note bulk garbage, metals and brush can still be dropped off at the ecology center during October, November & December

## NEW SHREDDING DATE

September 19 - 9 AM - 12 PM - behind Lydecker. Residents only, 6 bags/boxes per trip - Rain or Shine - make note of October 24 also

## Info. For Businesses & Schools

-The NJDEP requires all businesses and schools to recycle. Check the BCUA website for the items that are required to be recycled in Bergen County or call the local Public Works Department for guidance.

-The NJDEP requires all businesses and schools to maintain stormwater structures. For guidance or questions you can call the local Public Works Department.

## Shade Tree Committee News

Planning has been going on and we will now implement some of these plans. Our list of requests for street tree planting will be refined and added to if we get additional requests in time for fall planting. We have been in contact with the OLMC church and are discussing street tree planting along Woodcliff Ave. We have surveyed the condition of currently planted trees and find that more replacements are needed than in previous years. While the message about our street tree program has been made public over the years, we hope to directly contact specific homeowners to encourage their cooperation.



Unfortunately, one casualty of the unavailability of funds is our program to prevent the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer. The specific time for application of the pesticide was the month of May, which obviously, was lost, so we'll have to hope that last years application will carry over another season.

We'll continue our effort to keep Woodcliff Lake green and healthy.

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**WCL'S ROAD TO RELAUNCH – PHASE 2  
EFFECTIVE MONDAY, JUNE 22**



BOROUGH: **BALL FIELDS – LOCKWOOD; MAJOR & RINZLER**

- BASEBALL & SOFTBALL ARE CONSIDERED MEDIUM RISK & ARE LIMITED TO NO-CONTACT DRILLS & PRACTICES ONLY
- BATHROOMS REMAIN CLOSED-PORTA JOHNS ARE IN PLACE
- HOURS OF OPERATION:
  - MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY – UNTIL 10PM
  - WEDNESDAY AFTER 4:30PM – 10PM
  - SATURDAY & SUNDAY 2:30PM – 10PM
- BRING HAND SANITIZER
- WE RECOMMEND MASKS BE WORN WHEN ENTERING AND EXITING & WHEN SOCIAL DISTANCING IS NOT FEASIBLE
- NO SITTING ON BLEACHERS; BRING OWN CHAIRS IF STAYING
- FOLLOW DIRECTIONS POSTED
- CONTACT ASSOCIATIONS DIRECTLY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION



MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING – STAY 6 FEET APART – COVER YOUR FACE – WASH YOUR HANDS  
VIOLATIONS CAN RESULT IN PRIVILEGES WILL BE REVOKED

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Text your ZIP CODE to 888777 to opt in.

**WCL'S ROAD TO RELAUNCH  
EFFECTIVE MONDAY, MAY 25TH**

TENNIS COURTS



- ALL COURTS WILL BE OPEN DAILY FOR PLAY
- SHARE COURT TIME – 1 HOUR LIMIT – BE MINDFUL OF PLAYERS WAITING
- WE RECOMMEND MASKS BE WORN WHEN ENTERING AND EXITING COURTS
- SINGLES PLAY ONLY
- GATES WILL BE OPEN TO PREVENT TOUCHING
- OPEN FROM SUNRISE – 10PM
- GAZEBO IS CLOSED
- BRING HAND SANITIZER
- PORTA POTTY IN RINZLER PARKING LOT
- RESTROOMS ARE CLOSED
- PARK DOWN BY COURTS, DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAY

MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING – STAY 6 FEET APART – NO GATHERING OF GROUPS  
NO ORGANIZED SPORTS WILL BE ALLOWED – VIOLATIONS CAN RESULT IN PRIVILEGES BEING REVOKED.

**COUNTY OF BERGEN ANNOUNCES GRANT PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL RELIEF FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND SMALL BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY COVID-19 PANDEMIC** Bergen County CARES provides Direct Reimbursement to Municipalities and Small Business Grants up to \$10,000 for eligible local businesses.

To qualify for the Bergen County CARES Small Business Grant program, scheduled to receive applications mid-July, businesses must fall under the following criteria: • Businesses with a physical location in Bergen County, NJ. Home-based businesses are eligible. • Businesses deemed “non-essential” within the classification of “Businesses Required to Close” as per the Governor’s Executive Order No. 104, dated March 16, 2020 • Businesses with 1 - 19 full-time employees • Sole-proprietorships; LLCs; LLPs; Corporations; and S-Corporations are eligible. • Businesses owned by county employees and elected officials, as well as their immediate families, are not eligible • Businesses must have been open and operating on March 1, 2020 Priority will first be given to businesses who have not received any Federal grant assistance, New Jersey Economic Development Authority grants or US Small Business Administration grant or other grant assistance. Questions about the County’s grant programs can be sent to [BergenCountyCares@co.bergen.nj.us](mailto:BergenCountyCares@co.bergen.nj.us)

*In 2021 the publication of the newsletter will become environmentally friendly, no more printed/paper versions. Newsletters will be sent via the town’s social media platforms. Copies will be available at the Borough Hall or you may download via the town’s website. Transitioning to paperless will also allow cost savings. It’s a win, win for everyone.*

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