

Woodcliff Lake

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Special Events • Coming Up

Mayor's Wellness Challenge – Kick Off – April 18 – more information to come

Open House Pool/Camp – April 18 and 19 - 11am-12pm at the Old Mill Pool – weather permitting

1st Clean Up Day – WCL Reservoir – **April 25** - 9am-1pm – weather permitting



Spring Food Truck Festival – May 16
(rain date 17) – across the Causeway

October 3 (rain date 10) – Rinzler Field



The CFTA "Council for the Arts in conjunction with the Parks & Recreation Dept. asked local amateur photographers to submit photos that exemplify what makes our community special. The photo contest was entitled "A Vision of Woodcliff Lake" and we had over 30 entries! Thank you to all who participated, and a BIG THANK YOU goes out to BERGEN COUNTY CAMERA of Westwood for determining the winners AND for donating the prizes. Lisa Kachajia took 1st place with her magnificent photo captioned "Sunrise on the Meadow".

2020 Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday, March 28

12:30 - 1:30 pm

Rain date:

Sunday, March 29th at 12:15pm
at Westervelt Lydecker Grounds



**Special Appearance by the
Easter Bunny!**

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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR CARLOS RENDO



Dear Neighbors:

As we embark on a new year, and a new decade, I want to first thank you for showing your trust in me and allowing me to lead our borough for the next four years.

I look forward to working alongside Councilman Stephen Falanga and Councilwoman Angela Hayes both also victorious in November, as well as the entire council to continue to make Woodcliff Lake a special community that it is.

I don't deliver a message of change because I believe what we have locally is already pretty special. By working together, Woodcliff Lake will continue to be a special place to live and raise a family in the years to come. We all have a part to play in maintaining Woodcliff Lake a top 10 town in the State and I hope you will join me in our efforts.

Bringing you new ideas that will improve your daily lives is paramount to me. To this end, my first initiative this year is to improve your commuter experience. I am happy to report that Hip transportation is now servicing our commuters in Woodcliff Lake. Hip transportation is an application-based transportation bus company. With Hip, you can log onto their app and reserve your seat to New York City on a brand-new modern bus. No more standing on a bus, no more late buses, no more multiple stops into the City. Hip will pick you up at the Apostolic Church then pick up Montvale commuters at their train station and go straight to New York City. No more commuter hassles! For more information on Hip, please visit their website: RideHip.com and download their app!! In addition, in keeping with this theme of improving your commuter experience, the council recently approved the purchase of the property adjacent to the Jehovah's Witness Church. This lot, across the street from the Apostolic church may in the future serve as extra parking for our commuters. Getting to work easy and on time is our goal.

We all have a part to play in maintaining Woodcliff Lake the best place to live and work and I hope you will join in all our efforts. My best for a happy and healthy 2020!

Sincerely,

Mayor Carlos A. Rendo

Board of Health News

- Free nurse consultations & blood pressure checks
- Free Monthly health conference for Woodcliff Lake children etc
- Carbon Monoxide poisoning increases during the winter months – help protect yourself and your household. 50,000 people visit the ER each year because of carbon monoxide.

For full information on these three important topics please visit [www.wclnj.com/Departments/Board of Health/Newsletter Information](http://www.wclnj.com/Departments/Board%20of%20Health/Newsletter%20Information)



Jennifer Charnow, MSW has been appointed the Woodcliff Lake Stigma Free Coordinator. She also represents Woodcliff Lake on the Hills Valley Coalition and is the creator of the Parent Academy Program in the Woodcliff Lake school system. Her vision and mission for Woodcliff Lake's Stigma Free campaign is as follows:

Woodcliff Lake Stigma Free Mission

Advancing our society's perception of mental illness starts in our community. We will educate our community about mental illness, normalize emotional challenges, and provide mental health resources for those suffering. We will provide programs designed to address issues related to our residents' social, educational, emotional or physical health as well as other topics that can strengthen our sense of community and our own personal growth.

Please check the towns website for upcoming Stigma Free events and feel free to reach out to Jen with any questions or ideas for programming via: jcharnow@wclnj.com



DPW Events

1. **SNOW – Clear your sidewalks and don't put snow in the street. Residents and private snowplow companies are not permitted to plow snow into the roads or across the roads.**



2. **Ecology Facility**

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, April 12th

3. **Paper Shredding Days at the Ecology Facility/Lydecker House**
Spring: Sat. March 28th 9:00m-12:00pm behind Lydecker House

4. **STAY GREEN & Celebrate Earth Day on Wednesday, April 22:** Check the Borough's website for the annual cleanup around the lake. Please do your part to help save WCL's piece of the planet. To join WCL's Green Team contact our Recycling Coordinator: cbehrens@wclnj.com

DPW Questions? Report potholes

Call 201.391.3172 or email cbehrens@wclnj.com

Woodcliff Lake Senior Association Highlights for February and March 2020

- Thursday, February 6, 12:30 – Speaker Kevin Woyce on *Old Glory: The History of the American Flag*
- Thursday, March 5, NOON – St. Patrick's Day luncheon catered by Davey's Locker, and entertainment by Jimmy Walsh at 1 p.m. - \$15 payable in advance to WLSA
- Call Marilyn Clark, 201-391-4720 if you have any questions or are interested in membership

MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT BRIAN SINGLETON



Dear Neighbors:

I am grateful for the opportunity to continue serving on the Borough Council, as well as, this year, to have been selected by colleagues as council president.

It will be my goal to preside with integrity and to show respect for all that come before our body in the coming months.

Our focus will be on maintaining Woodcliff Lake's charm and beauty, ensuring that our town remains the ideal community to live in and raise a family.

Together we will work diligently on producing an annual budget that keeps our high level of local services and minimizes the financial impact on our residents. Protecting our parks and preserving our town's culture will also remain high on the agenda.

I look forward to hearing from all of you throughout 2020.

Sincerely,

Brian Singleton, Council President

Woodcliff Lake Police Department

Vehicles Stolen from Driveways - Woodcliff Lake, as well as area towns, are having vehicles stolen, when the owner leaves the key fob in the car. Vehicles have been entered, which can result in the thief gaining access to closed garages by using garage door openers in the unlocked cars in driveways. Lock your car. Take your keys/key fob.

Snow and Ice Reminders - The removal of snow from vehicles and clearing sidewalks is required by both state law and borough ordinance. Failure to do so could result in summonses. Reminder: No overnight parking on streets during snow events.

Community Policing Sector Officers - Officers are assigned to a Community Policing Sector, introducing themselves to approximately 200 homes in their sector. This uniformed officer will present you with their business card and they are your point of contact for any questions or non-emergencies. To identify your assigned officer, go to our website www.wclpd.com "Community Sector Program". In the event of an emergency, call 201-391-8222.

Project Medicine Drop - The drop box is located in our lobby, 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.

Traffic Department - Our Traffic Department, one of ten in the country, acquired a \$5,500 DUI Enforcement grant. Sergeants DeGeorge and DeAngelis also acquired 2 new Lo Jack units, free of charge, to aid in tracking stolen vehicles.

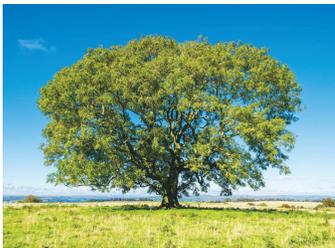
The Woodcliff Lake Police Department encourages residents to follow us on: www.wclpd.com and <https://www.facebook.com/Woodcliff-Lake-Police-Department-674013132657219/>.

Any questions, please feel free to call me.

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



Shade Tree



The exotic Emerald Ash Borer has been killing ash trees throughout the United States and has made its way to Northern NJ. The prediction by the Department of Agriculture is that if untreated 99% of NJ ash trees will die due to EAB infestation.

In Woodcliff Lake, our Shade Tree committee has been addressing this problem with preventative pesticides that are drilled into the trunk of the trees. We have the mayor and council to thank for supporting these measures and Bert Taylor for spearheading the awareness of the problem.

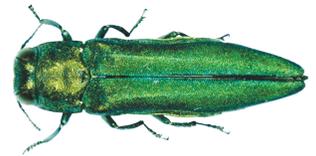
WHAT CAN HOMEOWNERS DO?

1. Identify ash trees on your property. Info www.emeraldashborer.gov.
2. Consult a professional tree company or arborist for assessment.

3. Look for dying tree branches at the top of trees or woodpecker damage.

4. Don't move suspect branches or wood because it will spread the infestation.

5. Report any EAB findings to NJ Dept. of Agriculture 609-406-6939. On a positive note, our town offers trees for free to be planted within the towns "right of way" generally from the curb to 10 feet in. Plantings are done in the Spring and Fall. Any resident who would like to have trees planted can do so by contacting Borough Hall at 201-391-4977. A member of Shade Tree Committee will meet with the homeowner to discuss species and location of the trees before any planting is done.



Property Maintenance: The winter season is upon us. I would like to remind everyone that all walkways and sidewalks have to be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours of the ending of the storm. Also at no time is snow to be thrown onto the roadway.

Tri-Boro Volunteer Ambulance Corps

Tri-Boro Volunteer Ambulance Corps proudly serves the residents, businesses, and visitors to Woodcliff Lake, Park Ridge, and Montvale. Our ALL VOLUNTEER members provide professional and compassionate care to all we serve.



- As our 2019 fund drive concludes we would like to say **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated. Your donations allow us to continue to respond to those in need 24/7/365. **There is never a charge for our service!**

- **We are in CRITICAL NEED of members.** Are you or someone you know interested in becoming an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)? Are you currently a Registered Nurse (RN) or Physician interested in giving back to your community? If you said yes to any of the above, WE NEED YOU!

Email – membership@tbvac.org or message us through FB!

- When seconds count we can't help you, if we can't find you. Display your house number clearly, where we can see it. Please unlock your door once you have called 911 so EMS personal can enter.
- When you see a blue light please pull over. We might be responding to help someone you know or love.

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