

# Woodbury Bulletin Board - April Issue

## By Town Councilman James Skoufis

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I wish you all a very happy Easter, Passover, and April. Enjoy this month's newsletter!

Always,  
James

### **Your Local Government**

- Congratulations to Neil Crouse and David Sutz who were respectively re-elected and elected to the Village Board this past month. Likewise, Lorraine McNeill ought to be thanked both for running as well as her past service. With the election decided by eight - 8 - votes, it bears reminding that every single vote counts. Thank you to those who took the time to come out and have your voice heard.
- The Parks and Recreation Department's informational packet should have hit everyone's mailboxes by now. Applications for Camp Rez, Club Impact, and Summer Employment are still being accepted and can also be found on their website - [woodburyparkandrec.com](http://woodburyparkandrec.com) - as can park pass information; this summer's events calendar will be made available soon.
- It is with great pleasure that I'm able to share the news that our legislators in Albany have chosen to side with the people and have vowed not include the proposed parkland and historical site cuts and closings in their upcoming budget. Governor Paterson's recommendation would have had a devastating effect on Woodbury's and the Hudson Valley's local economies, tourism, and recreation. Thank you to everyone who spoke out on this important issue!
- With the snow now melted away, litter has become a major issue here in Woodbury. The best way to combat the unsightly paper, bottles, and coffee cups is for everyone to do their own small part - that means not adding to the problem and, if you can, picking up after others' disregard for the environment; offenders should be reminded that they face a steep fine of up to \$1000. I'll also be looking for additional ways we as a community can continue to combat littering here in town.
- Every year an audit is conducted of each of the town departments to ensure fiscal responsibility. Having just completed the rounds, all those who put in the hard work to make this year's happen, especially Councilman Amidee Haviland, ought to be thanked for keeping an eye on our tax dollars.

- Estrada Road Closing: It was recently discovered that the small bridge that passes over Woodbury Creek on Estrada Road is in dire need of repair. After inspecting the nearly 100-year old bridge last week, it's clear to me that the bridge is not presently safe to drive over - much of the stone is cracked or has crumbled away and at least one of the structural bars has completely dislodged. The Town Board will discuss what options we have going forward to remedy the situation but, for the time being, the bridge is closed indefinitely and detour signs should be followed.
- The 2010 Garbage and Recycling Calendar has been released by the Refuse Department - there are few changes from 2009. Those living on the west side of Route 32 will have their trash picked up on Tuesdays, those on the east side will have pickups on Fridays, and all recyclables will be picked up on Wednesdays. If you have questions you can contact the Refuse Department at 928-6684 x21.
- With high school graduation fast approaching, I encourage students to apply for any college scholarships and aid that they come across. Speaking from experience, scholarship money can go a long way in alleviating the financial hardship that often accompanies college. One such local opportunity is the Kirk Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by the Woodbury Historical Society. Candidates must be high school seniors who reside in the Town of Woodbury and have an interest in social studies, the sciences and/or the performing arts; applications are available at the MW, Cornwall, and Burke guidance offices as well as both Woodbury library branches.
- For those looking for work, there are four part-time openings in the town Buildings and Grounds department. Applications are available for a brief time longer at the Town Clerk's Office at 511 Route 32, Highland Mills (Town Hall).
- Woodbury residents should have received a census form in the mail by now (if you haven't, visit [2010.census.gov](http://2010.census.gov)). Having everyone accounted for increases New York's share of federal funding and reduces all of our taxes so please mail the form back if you haven't done so already.

### **Woodbury Calendar**

- April: The Highland Mills and Central Valley library branches host a wide variety of computer classes for the public ranging in topics from email use to social networking to online shopping; specific dates and topics can be found on their website at [rcls.org/wpl/classes/wplclasses.shtml](http://rcls.org/wpl/classes/wplclasses.shtml). More information can also be had by calling 928-2114 or 928-6162.
- Saturday 4/3: Earl Reservoir hosts the town's annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Woodbury PBA. The fun starts at 10:00am, rain or shine.

- Sunday 4/4: Happy Easter! Check with your local church for holy week mass schedules.
- Tuesday 4/6: The Monroe-Woodbury Garden Club hosts a hands-on workshop with participants learning how to build a bluebird birdhouse. The event starts at 7:30pm at the Central Valley Methodist Church and has a \$5 fee to cover expenses; those interested are asked to contact Marie at 928-9551 so that adequate supplies can be brought.
- Sunday 4/18: The Gatehouse hosts its re-opening event from 1:00-5:00pm. The stone building on Smith Clove Road was once the grand entrance to the Proctor Estate and, after a major renovation in recent years, is now the Woodbury Historical Society's Historic Site and Learning Center. The story of "Baseball in Woodbury" will be a major theme at the re-opening event, highlighting the town's rich baseball history, fierce rivalries, and outstanding talent.
- Wednesday 4/21: The Citizens for the Preservation of Woodbury hosts a forum from 7:00-9:00pm at the Central Valley Elementary School on water and sewer issues. Proposed topics include the OC Water Master Plan, the KJ Pipeline, and the county's sewer capacity.
- Sunday 4/25: Join others in giving hope to the more than half a million babies born too soon each year. The March of Dimes' March for Babies, set to begin at 9:00am at Woodbury Commons - registration starts at 8:00am - raises money to support programs that help mothers have healthy, full-term pregnancies.

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