

## Woodbury Bulletin Board - August Issue

By Town Councilman James Skoufis

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Enjoy this month's newsletter!

Always,  
James

### **Your Local Government**

- With the garbage contract set to expire at the end of this year, the Town Board recently went out to bid for a new one with the aim of improving the current service. The bid requires, for instance, a return to automated pickup. Likewise, the eventual bid winner will need to provide sturdy and compatible bins - both garbage and recycling - to all residences. Justifiably so, garbage collection is easily one of the most frequent complaints people send my way, but I'm optimistic that the new contract will result in a much-enhanced service. An update will be provided once a bid is awarded later this summer.
- In similar news, Orange County recently approved single stream recycling. Instead of having to manually sort bottles, plastics, paper, etc, they can now all be put into one container - any sorting will now conveniently take place at the end of the carting process. The Woodbury Refuse Department asks that items be placed into a closed-lid container and to not use any plastic or paper bags when filling it. Finally, as a reminder, recycling pickup is every Wednesday for all residents in the refuse district.
- The county has requested more time to put together its defense and, as such, our first court date in the KJ Pipeline and Harriman Sewer Treatment Plant expansion lawsuits has been pushed back to, in all likelihood, September. A tremendous amount of preparation has been put in by Supervisor Burke, Mayors Queenan and Welle, the respective Town and Village Boards, community groups, and our lawyers to get us to this point. Likewise, Legislator Roxanne Donnery - having vigorously fought the pipeline at the county level for much of the past decade - has provided a wealth of knowledge and information that has proved invaluable to our efforts. Updates will continue to be provided as they come in.

- With some rain having come our way, the Village of Woodbury has relaxed the recently imposed water restrictions - outdoor water usage is now permitted between the hours of 7:00-9:00pm. Outdoor use restrictions still apply for all other times until further notice.
- By authorization of the Town Board, Supervisor Burke recently signed a contract enabling any surplus equipment to be sold online via an auction site. At a time when municipalities must turn to creative solutions to raise revenues and stabilize taxes, I believe this is a advantageous and intelligent approach that should be pursued whenever the opportunity arises.

### Woodbury Calendar

- Thursday 8/5-8/8: The Robert W. Souza Scholarship for the Performing Arts will offer its latest presentation, "The Secret Garden," under the early evening stars of the Palaia Vineyard's outdoor stage. Souza's "The Secret Garden" is scheduled for four performances: Thursday, Aug 5; Friday, Aug 6; Saturday, Aug 7; and Sunday, Aug 8. All shows begin at 8:00pm - suggested arrival is 7:30. Tickets are \$10 for adults, children, and seniors. For more information about the performances or tickets, call 845-782-0453.
- Sunday 8/15: The Rez hosts an antique car and bike show from 1:00-5:00pm to benefit the Make A Wish Foundation. For more information or to register, call the Parks Department at 845-928-9588 x6.
- Friday 8/20: Woodbury resident Anthony Favia suffered critical injuries in a July 4 motorcycle accident. Favia, 39, is the father of three young daughters and, thankfully, recently returned home to his family. As he continues to recover and rehabilitate, Friends of the Favia Family has organized a benefit to provide financial assistance - the August 20 event, which will take place at the Rez from 6:00-9:00pm, will feature live music, a light dinner, and raffles; the suggested donation is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children, although any donation amount will be accepted. A rain date is set for August 27.
- Sadly, another local resident recently suffered seriously injuries in a motorcycle accident - Zak Tantalos, a fellow 2005 MW graduate, remains in critical condition. Donation bins are located in many of Woodbury's small businesses and people are urged to give what they can. The greatest quality of Woodbury is the character of the people who live here - both the

Favias and Tantaloses need our help so, please, do whatever possible to come together and assist our neighbors in need.

- Sunday 8/29: The 28th Annual Woodbury Country Ramble 5k Race is set for the August 29. The 5k race and 2 mile health walk begins at 9:00am while the Coach/Judge Ed Kellmen Ramble Scrambles begins an hour later at 10:00. Proceeds from the events go on to benefit the Dick Wilson Memorial Scholarship at the MW High School and the Woodbury Lions Club community programs. To register and for more information, visit [countryramble.com](http://countryramble.com) or call 845-258-8088.

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