

Woodbury Bulletin Board – December Issue

By Town Councilman James Skoufis

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Even when it isn't the holiday season with so much going on in our lives, it's easy to lose track of what's happening here in town. In addition to keeping you abreast of local news and events, this email newsletter that I'm starting can also serve as a way to engage you in your local government and offer a chance to send me your ideas and suggestions to bring to the town board. Likewise, if you ever need assistance with something in town or navigating through our government, absolutely do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Finally, if you would like to include something in the next email, please send it along - this presently goes out to over 150 Woodbury families so it's an easy way to get the word out to people if you have news or an event you'd like to share. Enjoy the first issue of the Woodbury Bulletin Board and have a very happy holidays alongside those you love.

Always,
James

Your Local Government

- First and foremost, we say goodbye to one of the hardest working and admirable public officials in Woodbury, Geraldine Gianzero, who finishes up her eight years of service on the town board this month. Even in my few months sitting alongside her, I have learned a tremendous amount and gained a perspective and understanding of our local issues and government that I simply would not have if it weren't for her. She truly and exclusively has always had the best interests of the town in mind and heart and will be sorely missed going forward.
- With the town re-organizational meeting around the corner we not only welcome the return of Councilman Frank Palermo to the board, but we also usher in new committee assignments. Though I urge people to serve on any and all committees that pique their interest, I want to particularly put out a call to serve on two that I will be sitting on: the Environmental Conservation Committee and the Technology Committee. Both will offer opportunities to make a tremendous difference for the town and your neighbors, make Woodbury a greener, cleaner, and safer community, and present a chance to lower our tax burden in ways that have, to date, not been explored. If you are interested in serving on either of these committees - and you certainly don't have to be an expert in the fields by any stretch - please email me at this address or call me at 347-406-3387; meetings will likely be held once a month.
- The Village Board will be holding a continued public hearing on the dedication of Brigadoon's roads to the village at the December 29th meeting. All, especially Brigadoon residents, are encouraged to attend.

- Finally, though I will be hitting the streets again in a few months to hear what is on residents' minds, forward along this email to friends and family in town that may be interested in receiving this newsletter going forward. Likewise, have them send me their email address to be included on the email list.

Woodbury Calendar

- December: It's not too late to brighten the holidays for a child in need - toys are still being collected at the Woodbury Police Department, Mario's, Modell's, and Toys R Us (Woodbury Commons). Additionally, a special thanks is in order to the Highland Mills United Methodist Church and everyone else who have made collections this season.
- Saturday 12/19: Santa visits the Highland Mills Fire Company at noon, immediate following a magician act at 11am. Donations of a non-perishable food item is requested; call 845-928-6070 for more information. While you're there, be sure to support our fire fighters and pick up a Christmas tree if your family still needs one - they are on sale until 12/24, Thursdays-Sundays.
- Saturday 12/19: Groovy Tuesday plays at one of my favorite local establishments, Palaia Vineyards. If you've never been, it's highly recommended. For their full schedule of events check out their website at www.palaiavineyards.com. Must be 21+; call 845-928-5384 for more information.
- Monday 12/21: The Highland Mills branch of the Woodbury Public Library teaches an Intro to the Internet from 9am-11:30am. They have regular computer courses throughout the year and those interested are encouraged to attend this great service provided by them (\$10 deposit); call 845-928-6162 for more information.
- Tuesday 12/22: The Central Valley branch of the Woodbury Public Library hosts their regular knitting and needlework night at 7:00pm. They meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month; call 845-928-2114 for more information.
- Thursday 12/24: The Central Valley United Methodist Church hosts a candlelight service at 7:30pm in celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ; call 845-928-6177 for more information.
- Thursday 12/31: Charlie's Pub in Central Valley hosts a New Years Eve party (\$5 cover charge) - music, food, and a champagne toast at midnight; call 845-827-5039 for more information.

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