

# Woodbury Bulletin Board - January Issue

By Town Councilman James Skoufis

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and new year resolutions are still intact. Enjoy this month's Woodbury Bulletin Board!

Always,  
James

## **Your Local Government**

- I am very pleased to announce that our two library branches will now be carrying a subscription to Ancestry Plus, the premier family history research website. Some time ago I approached our Library Director with the idea of signing up for the program, which I have experience with and have found to be exceptional - I'm confident it will be a terrific and widely-used addition. Access is only available at the Highland Mills and Central Valley sites; stay tuned for a future instructional seminar.
- The County Executive and Orange County Water Authority are trying to ram through a master plan that would create a single, county-wide water district, increase taxes, and have the ability to force projects and water connections on local municipalities without our consent. In layman's terms, this means two things: 1) more unwanted pipelines here in Woodbury and elsewhere and 2) we're going to be forced to foot the bill. I and most others on the Woodbury Town and Village Boards have deep concerns over the proposed water master plan as it exists and will be working on a resolution stating our opposition to points of contention. Likewise, I'll keep you posted on when the vote in Goshen will take place and what you can do to help.
- You know all of those large snowflakes, reindeer, snowmen, and other winter decorations found throughout Woodbury? Those were all the result of the Town Beautification Committee's tireless work - they deserve a tremendous thanks for their year-round commitment to making our community a more sightly one.
- Another special thank you goes out to all of the local churches, organizations, and businesses who collected toys for children in need. As an example, St. Patrick's Church collected over 600 gifts for local families - theirs and everyone else's generosity brightened the holiday season for many, many people.
- A number of you responded to the last newsletter with interest in joining the new Environmental Conservation and Technology Committees. The Environmental Conservation Committee is scheduled to have its first meeting on Wednesday 1/27 at 7:30pm while the Technology Committee will be convening the next day

on 1/28 also at 7:30pm. Meetings will take place in Town Hall and are open to the public - all are encouraged to attend with ideas or suggestions. Likewise, it's not too late to join if you'd still like to get involved.

- For those who want to look back at previous editions of the Woodbury Bulletin Board, you can now do so at my updated website, [skoufisforwoodbury.com](http://skoufisforwoodbury.com) - I will be posting issues as they become available every month. Also be sure to continue sharing any news, business and events to include in future newsletters.

### **Woodbury Calendar**

- Saturday 1/9: Palaia Vineyards hosts a "Star Trek Party" with the band, Duo Phonic. Arrive dressed as your favorite character and avoid cabin fever! 7-10pm and 21+. Also, the vineyards new winter hours are: Thurs, Fri, Sat 12-10pm and Sun 12-6pm; call 845-928-5384 or visit [palaiavineyards.com](http://palaiavineyards.com) for more information.
- Sunday 1/10: The Orange County Youth Symphony, which is in its first season, debuts at 7pm in the auditorium of the Monroe-Woodbury High School. Admission is \$15 per person; visit [ocysny.org](http://ocysny.org) for more information.
- Tuesday 1/12: The Art Studio continues its "Art Start" class for children ages 4-7. Kids are introduced to basic art concepts while having fun with painting, drawing, and sculpture. Other programs for pre-schoolers and teens are also available; call 845-928-8823 or visit [theartstudiowoodbury.com](http://theartstudiowoodbury.com) for more information.
- Tuesday 1/12: Charlie's Pub in Central Valley hosts an open mic night, as they do every Tuesday, starting at 8pm; call 845-827-5039 for more information.
- Sunday 1/17: Central Valley resident and watercolor artist Jeanne Landau Cohen has a reception in her honor from 2-5pm at the Piermont Fine Arts Gallery, 218 Ash Street in Piermont; call 845-398-1907 or visit [jeannelandau.com](http://jeannelandau.com) for more information.
- Monday 1/25: Registration for 4-H will take place at the Central Valley Elementary School at 7pm. Area youth 5-19 and divided into age groups will learn valuable skills ranging from community service to electronics to public speaking - the program aims to help them transition from childhood into productive adults; call 845-344-1234 for more information.

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