

Woodbury Bulletin Board - July Issue

By Town Councilman James Skoufis

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Enjoy the newsletter and, as the summer heats up, be sure to cool off at the re-opened Central Valley Pool!

Always,
James

Your Local Government

- The Town and Village Boards recently passed home rule requests asking Albany to allow Woodbury to consolidate governments. As passed, the resolution asks that Woodbury be allowed to revert back to a town with the one addendum that a village cannot be created within the town; the new entity would be governed by one board rather than the current two. Because the town encompasses a small portion of Harriman that the village does not, Woodbury cannot completely consolidate on its own and instead must ask the state legislature for, effectively, an exception.
- One of the things I've sought to do is encourage more student and youth participation in government. The Town Board recently and unanimously passed a resolution creating an internship program with the board - starting in September, applications will go out to Monroe-Woodbury, Cornwall, and Burke High Schools and one senior or rising senior will be selected every semester to participate in the workings of our local government; the program qualifies for Comprehensive Diploma hours.
- More than 600 residents welcomed the grand re-opening of the Central Valley Pool last Saturday, taking advantage of the clear weather and start of summer. Park passes will continue to be issued Monday-Friday from 10:00am-4:00pm for the rest of the summer at the Parks Department located adjacent to Town Hall. Additionally, swim lesson and Camp Rez openings are still available and interested parties should contact the office at 845-928-9588 ext 6.
- As part of ongoing negotiations with Cablevision, Councilmen Amidee Haviland and Frank Palermo have gotten WiFi capabilities at the Reservoir. Though only available to Cablevision customers, this is a terrific service for those who want to surf the Net while relaxing on the

beach. Further updates will be provided once negotiations come to a close.

- At the recommendation of the Environmental Conservation Committee, I'm happy to share that the town will be conducting independent energy audits of their municipal buildings. This is an important first step toward scaling back on usage and, in the process, saving taxpayer money. Local businesses and homeowners are encouraged to do the same, especially as utilities bills spike during the hot summer months - check out Orange and Rockland's incentives and rebates for more information:
<http://www.oru.com/programsandservices/incentivesandrebates/>
- The July 3rd Woodbury Firecracker Festival (formerly Woodbury Day) was a tremendous success thanks to the hard work of the event's working committee, especially its chair, Maria Hunter, the Highland Mills Fire Company, and all of the local businesses and organizations that contributed. If you missed the fun and fireworks, be sure to keep an eye out for next year's event.
- *The Village of Woodbury has declared a water emergency and all residents are urged to use water only when necessary until further notice.*
- Like it or not, the start of campaigning season is upon us as candidate petitions continue circulating town. If you get asked to sign one of the forms, don't fret - you aren't committing to supporting or voting for that person. All the petitions do is allow a candidate to be on the ballot come the election.

Woodbury Calendar

- Wednesday 7/7: BNI International hosts a networking session at the Central Valley Hampton Inn behind Kohl's - meet business men and women who can help you grow your company and enjoy a complimentary breakfast. Meetings will be held weekly at the same time throughout July and begin at 7:00am.
- Wednesday 7/7: The local chapter of the Society of Decorative Painters meets at 10:00am at the Central Valley Firehouse on Smith Clove Road. Beginners are welcome; call 928-8460 for more information.
- Thursday 7/17: A reminder that Town Board meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of every month at Town Hall at 7:30pm; untelevised workshops are held the immediate preceding Monday.

Likewise, Village Board meetings convene on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the same time and place.

- Saturday 7/24: Palaia Vineyards hosts a benefit for the Joan's Legacy Lung Cancer Foundation as the Neil Young Tribute Festival continues. Event is from 1:00-8:00pm and the requested donation is \$10.
- Monday 7/26: The Highland Mills Fire Company hosts their annual fundraiser at the Falkirk Golf Course (formerly Central Valley Golf Course). The \$125 entry fee includes golf, breakfast, lunch, cocktails, dinner, shirt, and prizes; visit woodburyfire.com for a registration form. Our fire companies are fully staffed by volunteers and need your support to continue their unparalleled work.

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