

Woodbury Bulletin Board - June Issue

By Town Councilman James Skoufis

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Enjoy the start of summer - officially, June 21 - as well as Father's Day. Also, just a reminder that all are welcome to drop me a line with any questions, concerns or suggestions at absolutely any time.

Always,
James

Your Local Government

- The Town Board unanimously voted Thursday night to join the Village Boards of Woodbury and Harriman to authorize lawsuits be brought against Kiryas Joel and the county. The litigation will seek to annul the Amended Final Environmental Impact Statement and challenge the procedural and environmental steps taken in determining the Harriman Treatment Plant's ability to expand every time it reaches 85% capacity, all to be paid by Woodbury and its surrounding communities' taxpayers. These issues are critically important to the well-being of Woodbury residents and you can be sure that updates will be provided as they come in.
- Central Valley Pool Update: Work continues to progress well and on-schedule with everything still pointing toward an on-time, highly anticipated reopening - I really believe residents will be very pleased with the renovations and new look. The pool is scheduled to open its gates on June 26 with daily 12:00-8:00pm hours. On a related note, Earl Reservoir opened on May 29 and will have daily 12:00-6:00pm hours until June 26, at which point days will be extended to 12:00-8:00pm.
- Without further ado, the Woodbury Police have a new contract; the Town Board voted 4-1 to ratify late last month. Our police officers here in town are more than deserving of the fair pay and benefits they will receive under the new contract and I look forward to their continued consummate service on behalf of the community. Both sides' negotiators - Supervisor John Burke and Councilman Carlton Levine for the town and the PBA for the police department - put in a tremendous number of hours and work into coming to agreeable terms and should be applauded.

- Woodbury's first annual Spring Cleaning Day was a great success with over 100 men, women, and children of all ages coming out to participate. Volunteers cleaned virtually all of the roads in town that particularly suffer from litter - Routes 32 and 105, Ridge, Dunderberg, Nininger, Park, Skyline, Schunnemunk, Bakertown, Smith Clove and many others were returned to their natural states. All of the other organizers, particularly Highway Foreman Rob Weyant and the Environmental Conservation Committee Members, put in countless hours into making everything come together and their tireless work should be noted and commended. Finally, we must be sure to thank all of the businesses who contributed supplies and money to make the cleanup possible - it's important our community supports them as much as they support our community. We hope to see you all next year!
- Finally, a note on the study and potential sale of Valley View Center: since 1979, Valley View has been a county-owned and operated nursing and rehabilitation facility in Goshen. Thousands of residents have passed through their doors - including countless from Woodbury - and received a tremendous level of care in the state-of-the-art facility. Additionally, being not-for-profit and accepting of Medicare and Medicaid patients, Valley View is an absolute treasure in Orange County that's open to all. Now, however, some county legislators are looking to sell and privatize the facility to the highest bidder - make no mistake: quality of care will be endangered, many of the 532 jobs at the site will be in jeopardy, and many of our seniors will be priced out of a for-profit center. Email and call all of our county legislators and tell them not to dare consider selling Valley View and, in the process, leave many of our seniors out in the cold.

Woodbury Calendar

- Saturday 6/5: The Men's Ministry of the Highland Mills United Methodist Church will host a car wash from 10:00am-3:00pm. There is no charge; people are asked to donate whatever they would like. For more information, please call 845-774-2473 or go to highlandmillsumc.org.
- Sunday 6/6: The Woodbury Historical Society's Gatehouse Committee hosts a fundraiser at Palaia Winery from 1:00-5:00pm. The "Jazz in the Vineyard" benefit will have a number of live bands and drinks and food will be available for purchase. The requested donation is \$10 and all proceeds will go to preserving and maintaining the 1912 historic stone building and its exhibits.

- Friday 6/11: The Woodbury Community Association hosts its 15th annual golf outing at the Falkirk Golf Course (formerly the Central Valley Golf Course). This is the WCA's biggest fundraiser and enables them to give back to our community in the many ways that they do. The \$150 entry fee includes golf, lunch, dinner, refreshments, shirt, and prizes. Don't golf? You can still help out by sponsoring a hole. Contact Charlie Knuth asap at 845-781-3084 to register or for more information.
- Saturday 6/12: The Woodbury Lions Club hosts its annual community garage sale from 10:00am-4:00pm at the St. Patrick's Church parking lot. Seller spaces are available for \$20 in advance or \$30 on the day of the event; please call Doug DeMeza at 928-2226 for more information. Proceeds allow the Lions Club to continue doing good on behalf of the community so be sure to support them at the sale.
- Saturday 6/12: The Highland Mills United Methodist Church will hold a flea market and bake sale from 9:00am-3:00pm with all proceeds going to benefit Habitat for Humanity. The event will be indoors so it will be held "rain or shine." Come early to get the best items and most delicious baked goods! For more information please call 928-0691.
- Friday 6/18: The Central Valley Branch of the Woodbury Public Library hosts Kids Day from 2:00-5:00pm. Come by for 20 minutes and enjoy crafts, prizes, and refreshments; everyone's favorite television character, Spongebob Squarepants, will also be making an appearance between 4:15-5:00pm.
- Saturday 6/19: The annual RunAmuck 5k race is held at Harriman State Park - participate as an individual or team through obstacles, beach crossings, and lots of mud. Sure to be lots of fun, check out runamuckfestival.com for more information and registration details.
- Sunday 6/20: The Gatehouse Committee will host its monthly open house from 2:00-4:00pm with a special "Tea in the Remembrance Garden" to include ice tea, lemonade, tea sandwiches, etc. The "Baseball in Woodbury" and "Kopchak Family" exhibits will continue. The Gatehouse Historic Site and Learning Center is at 224 Smith Clove Road in Central Valley. For more information please call 928-6378.
- Friday 6/25: Monroe-Woodbury High School graduation. Congratulations to the Class of 2010!

- Saturday 7/3: The Woodbury Firecracker Festival (formerly Woodbury Day) will begin with a 5k cross-country run/walk at 9:30am on the track behind the Central Valley Elementary School. All money raised will go to scholarships and defraying the cost of fireworks; registration forms can be found at woodburyfire.com. The day will continue with a street fair from 10:00-4:00pm and car show from 12:00-6:00pm at the Monroe-Woodbury Middle School; vendor applications can be found at woodburyfirecrackerfestival.com. Finally, the annual fireworks show will begin at dusk at the Monroe-Woodbury fields.
- 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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