

An E-Newsletter From Woodbury Town Councilman James Skoufis

Your Woodbury!

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Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Once more, a special thank you to everyone who has contributed their time, money, and prayers to those in town who were victimized by last month's hurricane and flooding. I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter.

Always,
James



Woodbury Government

- Senator Bill Larkin announced last month that a state fund has been set up to aid those residents affected by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. The program is to replace "essential appliances" like refrigerators, boilers, furnaces and washing machines, and is available to New Yorkers who did not receive insurance or FEMA reimbursements for these items; all grants are on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications are available at nysappliancerebates.com or by calling 877-697-6278.
- The Woodbury Town Board recently passed, by a 3-2 vote, the long-debated Initiative Law. The law gives residents the option to collect signatures and require the board to discuss and vote on an issue of concern that they feel is not being properly addressed - it's a safeguard to good government that will hold Woodbury's elected officials to a higher level of accountability than ever before. Councilmen Haviland and Palermo joined me in voting in favor of the law and should be commended for standing for greater transparency; Supervisor Burke and Councilman Levine voted against. Town Clerk Desiree Potvin should also be recognized for helping write the law at no cost to the taxpayers.
- The repairs to the Ridge Road and Oakland Avenue bridges are well underway and, barring unforeseen circumstances, should be operable in the near future. Route 105, being a county road, is not under Woodbury's jurisdiction but crews have been out repairing the damage there as well - the road, however, is not expected to re-open for quite some time due to the extensiveness of the destruction.
- A public hearing is scheduled for the Town of Woodbury Fiscal Year 2012 Budget for 11/3 at 7:30pm at Town Hall. In the meantime, the board will be reviewing the budget line-by-line in an effort to make it as responsible as possible.
- The Woodbury Town Board is accepting letters from any Woodbury resident interested in volunteering to serve on the Board of Assessment Review. Letters are due to Woodbury Town Clerk Desiree Potvin by 4:00pm on Friday, Oct. 14. The letters can be dropped off at Town Hall, mailed to PO Box 1004, Highland Mills, faxed to 928-7380 or e-mailed to dpotvin@woodburyny.us.
- This year's local elections will be held on Tuesday, November 8th from 6:00am-9:00pm. The contested races include two spots on the town council with Amidee Haviland, Carlton Levine, Tim Arone, and Lynn Prestia

running as well as the position of Highway Superintendent where Pete Stabile and Rob Weyant are up for election. As always, all are encouraged to exercise their right to vote and take part in Woodbury's democratic process.

Woodbury Calendar

- Saturday 10/15: The Central Valley United Methodist Church is holding a combination "Flea Market--Bake Sale--Homemade Soups" from 9:00am until 2:00pm. You're sure to find some fabulous treasures and delicious homemade goods at this annual fundraising event. The CVUMC is located near the top on Smith Clove Road in Central Valley; for more information, please call 845-928-6570.
- Sunday 10/16: Making Strides Against Breast Cancer hosts their annual walk at Woodbury Common starting at 7:30am; on-site registration will be available.
- Saturday 10/22: The Central Valley Elementary PTA hosts their 1st Annual Outdoor Fall Festival from 10:00am-3:00pm at the CV Elementary School across from Woodbury Common. They are still accepting applications from vendors. Any business interested in participating should email centralvalleypta@gmail.com. Vending costs are \$50 per space for crafters, \$100 per space for food, arts/crafts, and entertainment tables; Tables may be shared by two vendors splitting the cost.
- Sunday 10/23: A local girl scout, to earn the prestigious Gold Star Award, recently renovated the Dog Park near Earl Reservoir. The re-opening ceremony to present the terrific upgrades is set for 2:00pm - the public and their canine friends are encouraged to attend.
- Saturday 10/29: The Woodbury Parks Department hosts their annual Halloween Party at Earl Reservoir from 3:15pm-9:00pm. Activities will include pumpkin decorating, arts and crafts, a costume parade, haunted hayrides, and a movie at dusk.

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