

An E-Newsletter From Woodbury Town Councilman James Skoufis

Your Woodbury!

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Dear Friends & Neighbors,

The Woodbury Bulletin Board has a new look and name: Your Woodbury! I hope you'll continue to find the e-newsletter as enjoyable and informative as before and, as always, please send any suggestions you might have to make the monthlies even better.

Always,
James



Woodbury Government

- It was in an email I sent out yesterday but it's worth repeating: if you or someone you know needs assistance in the aftermath of the hurricane, please let me know. It can never hurt to ask even if you think it's a longshot. Also, in addition to those volunteer and town groups I listed in yesterday's message, the Village Water & Sewer Department, Buildings Department, and Buildings & Grounds Department were also out throughout the weekend, going above and beyond the call of duty for residents.
- County Route 105 - the road that runs alongside Mario's and the Highland Mills Library/Senior Center - will be closed for the foreseeable future due to tremendous damage from the storm. Additionally, the Ridge Road Bridge and Buena Vista/Oakland Bridge suffered structural damage and will be closed for a time. All other roads in town are now operational.
- Due to destruction to the entrance walkway and other damage, the Central Valley Pool will be closed for the remainder of the season; Earl Reservoir will remain open for swimming until September 5 at 6:00pm. The Rez will also host an end-of-season barbeque on Saturday, September 3 from 3:00-5:00pm.
- Our town refuse hauler will conduct a special collection on Saturday, September 3 and Saturday, September 10 to pick-up bulk items resulting from the damages residents sustained from Hurricane Irene. There will be five trucks and crews dedicated to Woodbury beginning at 4:30AM - the entire town will be collected on these days.
- The recent electronics collection that was held here in town was a huge success with over 21,000 pounds of material dropped off by local residents. We have scheduled a second round of collections for November 18 and 19 at the Highway Department.
- There is one primary election in this year's elections - Town Highway Superintendent. Peter Stabile and Robert Weyant are competing for the Republican, Independence, and Conservative lines on Tuesday, September 13 - if you are a member of one of these parties please come out and vote between 6:00am-9:00pm; all four polling places in town will be open.
- Cablevision recently paid the Town of Woodbury's \$10,000 access fee that was negotiated during last year's new contract that Councilmen Frank Palermo and Amidee Haviland oversaw. This money will go towards improving the audio/visual and broadcasting equipment for Local Channel 22.

- The Woodbury Town Clerk's Office recently announced that it now accepts credit cards to pay for dog licenses, marriage licenses, garage sale permits, hunting and fishing licenses and any other fees that are collected by the Town Clerk's office; Visa, MasterCard and Discover will be accepted. A convenience fee is charged to the customer based on the transaction total (minimum fee is \$1.50) so there is no cost to the Town of Woodbury for this service.

Woodbury Calendar

- Tuesday 9/6: School's no longer out for the summer - first day of classes. In addition to wishing the best to all new and returning students, please be reminded to respect school buses and pedestrians when out driving.
- Saturday 9/10: The Woodbury Lions Club hosts their annual yard sale from 10:00am-4:00pm at St. Patrick's parking lot. Proceeds go toward the tremendous work and charity that the organization does on behalf of our community.
- Sunday 9/11: With the support and organization of many in town, especially the Beautification Committee, Woodbury marks the 10th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks with the unveiling of a memorial at the Highland Mills Firehouse at 6:00pm. All are invited to attend; please call 928-6342 for more information.
- Saturday 9/17: I typically only include Woodbury events in this section but, as someone who has lost a loved one to brain cancer, I would like to make an exception and include the following: a benefit concert will be held for Goshen resident and seven-year-old Grace Leva who is battling a brain tumor. A local band called "Sun Never Rises" has organized the event on her behalf from 3:00-7:00pm at Craigville Park in Goshen - the day will include live music, games, and food; donations are being asked to help support Grace and her family. I personally hope that all those who are able to turn out and help do so; for more information please call Tracy at 845-651-3050.
- Saturday 9/24: The Woodbury Girl Scouts holds a yard sale from 8:00am-3:00pm at Smith Clove Elementary School; the sale will be a fundraiser for the individual troops.
- Sat/Sun 10/22-23: The Orange County Arts Council will host its third annual Open Studio Tour weekend - here in Woodbury, the Art Studio, located on Route 32 in Highland Mills, will be participating. The purpose of the event is to create a dialogue between artists and residents, and to bring about a broader knowledge of the arts. Doors are open from 11:00am-5:00pm each day; for more information please visit ocartscouncil.org.

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