The Borough of Woodcliff Lake New Jersey

November 2026

Mayor's Message



November always brings a welcome reminder to slow down, look around, and appreciate the incredible community we have here in Woodcliff Lake. As the autumn days get shorter, our town is still moving full speed ahead with plenty of ways to connect, give back, and spend time with family and neighbors.

First, I really hope you will join us for a vital community event, Woodcliff Lake Cares. It is happening on Tuesday, November 10, at 6:30 PM over at the Tice Senior Community Center. This Health & Wellness evening is focused on mental health awareness, substance-use prevention, and sharing available resources. We will also be unveiling our town's very first "Buster Box," which offers free, anonymous access to lifesaving Narcan. This has been made possible through the profound generosity of our neighbor, Patrice Lenowitz, in loving memory of her son, Max. Please come out to support one another and learn together.

Shortly after, on November 11, we mark Veterans Day. It is a time for all of us to pause and say a heartfelt thank you to the men and women who have served our country. We owe our freedoms to their courage and sacrifice, and we are deeply grateful.

For those doing some fall cleaning, our Town Shredding Day is coming up on Saturday, November 21, from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Ecology Center on Old Mill Road. It is completely free and a great way to safely get rid of old, sensitive documents. Just keep in mind that it is first-come, first-served until the truck fills up, with a limit of six boxes per car.

As Thanksgiving arrives, I hope you all get some well-deserved time to relax and be with the people who matter most. Just a quick reminder that Borough Hall offices will be closed on Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27, so our staff can celebrate with their families.

Finally, looking just a little bit ahead, we are kicking off the holiday season with two special community celebrations!

Join us for our annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Thursday, December 3, at 5:00 PM at Woodcliff Park. This festive community tradition will bring neighbors together for an evening of holiday cheer, including food trucks, hot chocolate, horse and carriage rides, and a special visit from Santa.

We will also come together for our annual Community Menorah Lighting on Sunday, December 6, at 5:00 PM. This special community celebration will mark the Festival of Lights and provide an opportunity for residents, families, and friends to gather and celebrate the joy, warmth, and spirit of Chanukah.

As always, keep an eye on the Borough website and our social media pages for updates. A huge thank you to our town employees, volunteers, and local groups who do so much to make Woodcliff Lake feel like home.

On behalf of the Borough Council and our entire staff, I wish you and your loved ones a very happy, healthy Thanksgiving and a wonderful start to the holiday season.

Warmly,

Carlos A. Rendo
Mayor, Borough of Woodcliff Lake

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

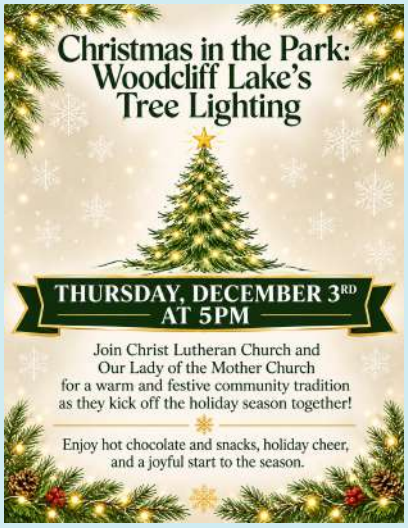
November 9	**Mayor & Council Meeting** Borough Hall 7pm
November 10	**Woodcliff Lake Cares: Buster Box Launch** Tice Senior Community Center 6:30PM
November 11	**Veterans Day Borough Hall offices Closed**
November 21	**Town Shredding Day** Ecology Center 8AM-11AM
November 26 & 27	**Borough Hall offices Closed for Thanksgiving**
December 3	**Christmas Tree Lighting** Woodcliff Park 5:00 PM
December 6	**Chanukah Menorah Lighting** Woodcliff Park 5:00 PM

Community Updates

Redevelopment News & Updates

Woodcliff Lake NJ - Redevelopment







DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



TOWN SHREDDING DAY – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

The Borough of Woodcliff Lake will host its annual Town Shredding Day on Saturday, November 21, 2026, providing residents with a free and convenient opportunity to securely dispose of unwanted documents containing personal or sensitive information.

- Saturday, November 21, 2026
- 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM, or until the truck is full
- Woodcliff Lake Ecology Center, Old Mill Road (behind the Old Mill Pool)

Resident Guidelines:

- Limit of 6 boxes per car, per trip
- No plastic bags
- No three-ring binders
- Service is available to Woodcliff Lake residents only

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of this free service to help protect their personal information and safely dispose of confidential paperwork.

Please note: Shredding services will end once the truck is full. Residents are encouraged to arrive early to ensure they can participate.



🍂 **Annual Fall Leaf Collection Program**

The Borough of Woodcliff Lake's annual fall leaf collection program is just around the corner! Residents are asked to review the important dates and guidelines below to help ensure a smooth and efficient collection process throughout the season.

- Sunday, November 29 – Last day to place leaves at the curb

Important: Once the Department of Public Works has completed the final collection pass on your street, any remaining leaves must be removed and disposed of by the homeowner.

Important Reminders

- Rake leaves to the curb, not into the street, to help prevent storm drains from becoming blocked and to maintain safe roadways.
- Do not include sticks, rocks, branches, or other debris in your leaf piles. Sticks are not permitted and can damage collection equipment and cause delays.
- Please monitor the Borough website and official social media accounts for any changes, updates, or additional information regarding the leaf collection schedule.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping keep Woodcliff Lake clean, safe, and beautiful this fall!

🚛 2026 Sanitation & Recycling Updates

🗑️ Garbage Collection Reminders

- Limit of 5 cans/items per weekly garbage collection with a 50lb weight limit per can
- Containers must be 40 gallons or less and not designed for automated trucks
- Non-trash items must weigh less than 50 pounds per item and can include items such as lamps, rugs, chairs, and other household items.
- It cannot include recyclables or white metal items, such as appliances, or items greater than 50 pounds.
- All materials must be placed curbside by 6:00 AM on collection days
- Empty containers must be removed from the curb by 8:00 PM
- Curbside Collection Required -All garbage must now be placed curbside. Drive-up service is permanently discontinued.

♻️ Recycling Guidelines

- Recycling must be placed in a container — plastic bags are not permitted
- Curbside recycling may be co-mingled according to the published schedule
- At the Ecology Center, recycling must be separated
- Vehicles are required to have visible for entry
- No scavenging, no trailers, no commercial vehicles, and no walk-ins

📄 The full 2026 Sanitation & Recycling Calendar is available online.

♻️ **Ecology Center —**
📍 Located at the DPW Yard
New Weekend Expanded Hours:
Saturdays & Sundays: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Wednesdays: 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM (unchanged)

💧 Clean Water Awareness

Clean water is essential for all of us. Learn how you can help protect our stormwater and local environment:
🌐 Visit **www.cleanwaternj.org**

📅Click here to view the **Schedule**;

📬 Contact Us
For any issues related to garbage or recycling, please email:

📩sanitation@wclnj.com

Woodcliff Lake NJ - Public Works

Parks and Recreation Department



💙 WOODCLIFF LAKE CARES: CONNECT. EDUCATE. SUPPORT. 💙

The Borough of Woodcliff Lake invites residents to attend WOODCLIFF LAKE CARES: CONNECT. EDUCATE. SUPPORT., a community Health & Wellness event on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 6:30 PM at the Tice Senior Community Center.

Presented in collaboration with Hills Valley Coalition, Alumni in Recovery, and The Center for Alcohol and Drug Resources, the evening will focus on mental health awareness, substance-use prevention, overdose awareness, recovery, and connecting residents with valuable community resources.

💜 A LIFE-SAVING RESOURCE: THE BUSTER BOX
A highlight of the evening will be the unveiling of Woodcliff Lake's first Buster Box, which will provide free, anonymous access to Narcan (naloxone), a lifesaving medication that can reverse an opioid overdose.

The Buster Box is being donated by Woodcliff Lake resident Patrice Lenowitz in memory of her son, Max Lenowitz, helping bring an important overdose-prevention resource to the community.

🎤 GUEST SPEAKERS
The program will feature three guest speakers who will share their personal experiences and perspectives:

- Samantha Marri – Sister of Buster Marri, whose family helped bring the Buster Box initiative to communities throughout Bergen County.
- Ellen Carmody – Co-Director of Parent Programs at Alumni in Recovery, supporting individuals and families affected by substance use and recovery.
- Patrice Lenowitz – Woodcliff Lake resident and mother of Max Lenowitz, whose generous contribution is making the Borough's first Buster Box possible.

Attendees will have an opportunity to learn about overdose prevention, the importance of Narcan, current substance-use concerns, and resources available to support individuals and families.

💙 Through WOODCLIFF LAKE CARES: CONNECT. EDUCATE. SUPPORT., the Borough is committed to promoting awareness, reducing stigma, and strengthening connections to information and support services.

📅 Tuesday, November 10, 2026
🕕 6:30 PM
📍 Tice Senior Community Center
411 Chestnut Ridge Road

💜 Residents are encouraged to attend this informative community event. Together, we can build a more informed, connected, and supportive community where awareness leads to action and action can save lives.



🌟 Leave Your Mark – **Sponsorship Opportunities Now Available in Woodcliff Lake!** 🌟

Looking for a meaningful way to support your community while creating a lasting legacy? The Borough of Woodcliff Lake is proud to offer several sponsorship opportunities for individuals, families, and local businesses who want to invest in the beauty, vitality, and future of our town.

🌳 **Woodcliff Park Tree & Bench Sponsorships**
Support the continued growth and beauty of our newest community space by sponsoring a commemorative tree or bench at Woodcliff Park.

- Each sponsorship includes a personalized plaque and offers a unique way to honor a loved one, celebrate a milestone, or show your support for the community and environment. Limited bench sponsorships remain, so don't miss this special opportunity to leave your mark in a meaningful way.

🎉 **Event Sponsorships**
Want to support our fun-filled community events like Woodcliff Wednesdays, Movie Nights, or Oktoberfest? We offer sponsorship opportunities that include brand visibility, on-site signage, shout-outs, and more!

🏆 **Scoreboard Sponsorship**
Support local youth and adult athletics by sponsoring one of our scoreboards.
Great exposure for businesses looking to connect with active families and sports enthusiasts.



🚩 **"Welcome to Woodcliff Lake" Sign Sponsorship**
Sponsor one of our entrance signs and showcase your support for our hometown pride.
A unique advertising and civic engagement opportunity for local businesses.

📩 Interested in Sponsoring or Want to Learn More?
Contact us at **parkandrec@wclnj.com** for details, availability, and next steps.
Let us help you find the perfect way to give back to your community!

🌿 Thank you for helping us grow a stronger, more vibrant Woodcliff Lake.
Your support makes a real difference!


Hometown Heroes
★ Banner Submission Form ★
INSTRUCTIONS: Please fill out this form, attach a photo of your hero, and provide a copy of their DD-214 (if available). If emailing your submission, please SCAN PHOTOS AT 600dpi for best results.
ALSO INCLUDE A CHECK FOR $150 made out to: "Borough of Woodcliff Lake"
Please mail to or drop off at: Borough of Woodcliff Lake, 188 Peacock Rd., Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677
Hero Information
Full Name: (First, M.I., Last; or as you would like it printed)
War(s) / Era(s) Served: (WWII, Korea, Active Duty, etc.)
* "Era" means Hero served during conflict period, but was not in war
Rank: (if known)
Branch: (Army, Navy, etc.)
Dates of Service: (i.e. May 1969 - May 1973, 1942 - 1945, etc.)
Dates of Residence in Woodcliff Lake: (approx. dates acceptable)
Prestigious Medals & Other Information: (optional)
WOODCLIFF LAKE
PROUDLY HONORS
HOMETOWN HEROES
JOSEPH F.
FITZPATRICK
Sponsor Information
Your Name:
Phone Number:
Email:
The following will be printed on your banner as written (space limited)
Sponsored by:
(i.e. His Loving Family; The Smith Family; John & Jane Miller; The Children of James "Jimmy" Jones)
GATES Flag & Banner
If you have questions or need assistance filling out this form, please contact Ryan Magee at (201) 391-4977 x219 or send an email to ParkAndRec@wclnj.com

Now Accepting Submissions: Hometown Heroes Banner Program

The Borough of Woodcliff Lake is proud to introduce our Hometown Heroes Banner Program, created to honor and recognize local veterans and active-duty service members.

Beginning this Veterans Day, full-color banners featuring each honoree's name, photo, branch of service, and rank will be displayed throughout town.

How to Participate:

- Eligibility: Current or former Woodcliff Lake residents who served in any branch of the U.S. military
- Sponsorship Fee: $150 (covers banner production and display)
- What's Needed: Completed application form, military photo, and (if available) a copy of the DD-214

Applications can be submitted:

- In person at Borough Hall
- By mail
- Digitally via email to: **parkandrec@wclnj.com**

A submission form can be found:

- On the Borough website at **Woodcliff Lake NJ - Woodcliff Lake Hometown Heroes Banner Program**
- Inside the August Newsletter
- Shared via our social media channels

If you or someone you know would like to be honored, we encourage you to apply and help us highlight the courageous individuals who have served our nation. This is a meaningful way to visually celebrate the service and sacrifice of our community's heroes.

For questions or assistance, please contact:

Email: **parkandrec@wclnj.com**

Phone: (201) 391-4977 x219"





Police Department



🚸 NOW HIRING: SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS 🚸

The Woodcliff Lake Police Department is accepting applications for School Crossing Guard positions for the upcoming school year.

Position Details:

- 📅 School Year: September through June
- ⏰ Schedule: One hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon
- 💵 Starting Pay: $22.00 per hour
- ✔️ Applicants must be 18 years of age or older

Interested?

Contact Sgt. Schanel at (201) 391-8224 or **mschanel@wclpd.com** for more information.

Applications are available at wclpd.com and may be submitted:

- In person at Woodcliff Lake Police Headquarters, Monday–Friday, 8:00 AM–4:00 PM
- By email to **admin@wclpd.com**

Join our team and help keep Woodcliff Lake's students safe each school day!

🚔 A Friendly Reminder

As you go about your daily travels, we remind everyone to please slow down, obey posted speed limits, and stay alert while behind the wheel.

Whether you're driving through residential neighborhoods, school zones, or along our local roadways, taking a few extra seconds can make a big difference in keeping our community safe.

Remember, the speed limit isn't a suggestion—it's there to protect everyone! Look out for your neighbors, watch for pedestrians, and let's all do our part to keep Woodcliff Lake's roads safe.

🚗 Slow down. Stay alert. Arrive safely!

Facebook
🌐 Stay Updated: **www.wclpd.com**
📞 *For emergencies: Call 911 or 201-391-8222*

Senior Association

Calling all Woodcliff Lake residents 55 years of age or older

WLSA Woodcliff Lake Senior Association Newsletter
For more information or to join, please contact:
wclsenior@gmail.com

Woodcliff Lake NJ - Senior Association

Shade Tree Committee

🌳Now Accepting Applications for Spring Tree Plantings

The Woodcliff Lake Shade Tree Committee is now accepting applications from residents interested in having a shade tree planted in the Borough right-of-way in front of their property as part of the spring planting program.

Residents interested in participating can complete the Request for Tree Planting Application available on the Borough website. The Shade Tree Committee will determine the appropriate tree species and planting location based on the site and surrounding conditions.

Help us continue to preserve and enhance Woodcliff Lake’s beautiful tree canopy!

Fire Department

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Woodcliff Lake Fire Department - Bergen County, NJ

Recipe of the Month



🍂 COZY AUTUMN WILD RICE SOUP 🥣

Warm up this November with a hearty, comforting soup filled with seasonal vegetables, wild rice, and a creamy, flavorful broth. This autumn-inspired recipe makes a wonderful family meal on a chilly fall evening!

⏱️ PREPARATION & COOKING

- Prep Time: 15 minutes
- Cook Time: 45 minutes
- Total Time: 1 hour
- Servings: 8

🛒 INGREDIENTS

- 6 cups vegetable broth (or chicken broth)
- 1 cup uncooked wild rice
- 8 ounces baby bella mushrooms, sliced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 medium carrots, diced
- 2 celery ribs, diced
- 1 large sweet potato (approximately 1 pound), peeled and diced
- 1 small white onion, diced
- 1 bay leaf
- 1½ tablespoons Old Bay seasoning
- 1 (14-ounce) can unsweetened coconut milk
- 2 large handfuls kale, roughly chopped (stems removed)
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 tablespoon olive oil or butter

👩‍🍳 DIRECTIONS

1. Sauté the vegetables.
In a large soup pot, heat olive oil or butter over medium-high heat. Add the diced onion and cook for approximately 5 minutes until softened. Add the garlic and cook for another minute until fragrant.
2. Add the soup ingredients.
Stir in the vegetable broth, wild rice, mushrooms, carrots, celery, sweet potato, bay leaf, and Old Bay seasoning. Mix well.
3. Simmer.
Bring the soup to a gentle boil, then reduce the heat to medium-low. Cover and simmer for approximately 30–40 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the wild rice is tender.

4. Make it creamy.
Remove the bay leaf. Stir in the coconut milk and chopped kale. Continue stirring until the kale wilts into the soup.
5. Season and serve.
Taste and add salt, pepper, or additional Old Bay seasoning as desired. Serve warm with crusty bread for a delicious autumn meal!

🍁 HELPFUL TIPS

- For a traditional creamy version, substitute 1½ cups of half-and-half for the coconut milk.
- Add cooked, shredded chicken for a heartier chicken and wild rice soup.
- Baby spinach can be substituted for kale.
- If the soup thickens after refrigeration, add a little extra broth when reheating.

BON APPÉTIT! 🍽️

Have a recipe you'd like featured in a future newsletter?
📧 Email us at **parkandrec@wclnj.com**

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📲 THE BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE APP IS NOW LIVE! 🎉

Your Borough. Your Information. Right at Your Fingertips.

The official SDL Portal App for the Borough of Woodcliff Lake is now available for download on both Apple and Android devices!

Stay connected and informed with instant access to:

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Stay Informed with RAVE Alerts!

Woodcliff Lake Police and the Borough now use the RAVE Alert System to quickly share critical updates via phone, email, text, and social media.

Get alerts about:

- Severe weather and flooding
- Road closures and accidents
- Water emergencies
- Fire or HazMat incidents
- Evacuations and more

Don't miss out—register now to receive emergency and community notifications.
Sign up here:
https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action?pa=wclnj
Stay safe and connected with RAVE!

SIGN UP

Critical Care & Life-Saving Programs through your utility provider-

If you or someone in your household depends on electricity to operate life-sustaining medical equipment, or has a serious medical condition, you may qualify for special protections through your electric or gas utility company.

Enrollment in this programs can help by:

- Flagging your account as a medical or critical-care customer
- Providing additional notice before a service disconnection
- Offering payment arrangements during a financial hardship
- Connecting you with additional assistance programs

If you require life-sustaining equipment, or your medical condition could worsen with loss of power, complete the CRITICAL CARE PROGRAM application online by **CLICKING HERE.**

You will need to provide a doctor's note, hospital discharge paperwork, or paperwork from a Home Hospice Care.

QUESTIONS? Call PSE&G at 1-800-436-7734



Borough Hall Business Hours

- Monday & Thursday: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
- Friday: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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