

# Woodcliff Lake

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## MESSAGE FROM MAYOR RENDO



On November 22nd the Bergen County Clerk's Office certified the election results for my re-election as Mayor for another 4-year term, and the election of Councilman-elect Joshua Stern and Councilwoman-elect Julie Brodsky for 3 year terms.

We are incredibly grateful and humbled by the community's support. We especially want to thank Nancy Gross, Richard Schnoll and Jared Shapiro for putting their names out there and running a great campaign. We appreciate their service to our town and know they will continue to stay involved. Woodcliff Lake had the second highest voter turnout in the County, which is a reflection of the quality of both campaigns and all the candidates. Thank you, Woodcliff Lake!

On another note, I report that the Woodcliff Lake Hilton recently sold at auction to the real estate development company, Garden Homes. We have not discussed plans for the 20-acre site with the purchaser, but we are prepared to address the future of the site that promotes and protects our community's interest.

Our re-organizational meeting will be held on January 4, 2024, at the Tice Senior Center at 6:00pm. All are invited to welcome your new governing body.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very happy and joyous holiday season.

Carlos A. Rendo, Mayor  
Woodcliff Lake

## MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT JEN MARGOLIS



2023 was a busy year in Woodcliff Lake as we focused on obtaining grants to help move our borough forward, upgrading our equipment for essential services, making sure our departments are adequately staffed, seeking out opportunities to support and collaborate with our business partners, investigating more efficient ways to communicate with our residents, creating plans with our sports organizations and the County for the future of our recreation facilities, and most importantly bringing our community together through events and dialogue.

We were able to get to know our first responders by tubing at Campgaw with LEAD, taking self-defense classes and a Consumer Affairs seminar with our Police Department so we can better protect ourselves, learning from our Volunteer Fire Department at their open house how they keep us safe every day, and seeing the Tri-Boro Volunteer Ambulance Corps at every event making sure we are thriving. We welcomed new businesses and coordinated with our local partners more than we ever have for events like WCL United Community Day, Labor Day Pool Party, Halloween, Oktoberfest, Van Saun Tree Decorating, and recently Winter Fest with our Menorah and Christmas Tree Lightings. The initiatives undertaken this year

are just a glimpse of what we can accomplish when we combine our strengths, ideas, and passion for making a positive impact.

Thank you to Former Mayor & Councilwoman Josephine Higgins for her many years of service and Councilman Richard Schnoll as well, while they may be stepping out of Borough Hall- they remain committed to Woodcliff Lake. Welcome to incoming council members Julie Brodsky and Josh Stern as they join the team, and we all look forward to working together.

As we raise our glasses to toast the new year, let us also raise our commitment to further building a community that thrives on mutual respect, collaboration, and the celebration of what could be. The possibilities are endless, and together, we can make the coming year a testament to the strength that lies in unity. Here's to a year of togetherness, understanding and shared accomplishments!

With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts.  
- Eleanor Roosevelt

See you around town!

Council President Jen Margolis

## Woodcliff Lake Police Department

The Police Department is excited to welcome two new officers in the New Year to replace several vacancies.



### Placement of House Numbers - "Numbers Count" – In An Emergency, Seconds May Count.

Please have your house number visible on mailboxes & dwellings.

**Residential Burglaries** –Keep lights on when not home or have lights on timers.

**Vehicles Stolen from Driveways** - Lock your car. Take your keys/key fob.

Don't leave valuable items in your vehicles.

**School Safety** – The crossing guards are at the school for the children's safety. Please help keep all the children safe by respecting and obeying the crossing guards. Woodcliff Lake has hired three NEW crossing guards to assist with various traffic posts and the crossing of children within our school zones. Please adhere to their directions.

**Pedestrian Safety** – Daylight savings time ends on November 6th. Please be mindful, especially during the dawn and dusk hours, of pedestrians, joggers, dog walkers and commuters on the roadways.

Pedestrians, please wear light colored clothing or have reflective gear so you are more visible to motorists.

**Community Policing Sector Officers** – Each officer has been assigned to a **Community Policing Sector**. The officers have been going door-to-door to update any new residents. If you wish to receive a form to update your contact information, please email [admin@wclpd.com](mailto:admin@wclpd.com). To identify your assigned officer, go to our website [www.wclpd.com](http://www.wclpd.com) "Community Sector Program". The sector officer is for non-emergency questions, in the event of an emergency, call 201-391-8222 or 911.

**Toys For Tots Program – USMC Reserves** - The Woodcliff Lake Police, in conjunction with the United States Marine Corps Reserves will be collecting **new, unwrapped toys** between November 1st and December 17th at the Woodcliff Lake Police Department at 184 Pascack Road.

**Special Needs Outreach Program** – Officer Matthew Sabbagh is organizing an outreach program in our community for anyone who has a loved one with any type of special needs, whether it is medical, physical or mental. The goal of the program is to have a personal connection, which will let the officers relate and care for the special needs resident in future emergency or non-emergency situations. Please contact Officer Sabbagh at [msabbagh@wclpd.com](mailto:msabbagh@wclpd.com) or call 201-391-4977 ext. 440 for further information.

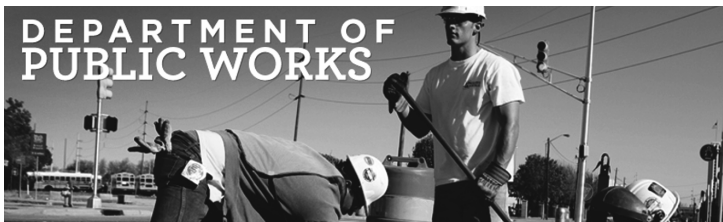
**Project Medicine Drop** - [www.wclpd.com](http://www.wclpd.com) for updates. - Our drop box is located in the police department lobby, available 24/7 for unwanted medications (no liquids or syringes). For access to the drop box after business hours/weekends please use the call box located to the left of the double doors and advise dispatch.

**Removal of Ice and Snow from Vehicles/Sidewalks** - Both state law and borough ordinances require the removal of snow from vehicles, as well as clearing sidewalks, especially in the areas of our schools. Summonses can be issued for those safety violations.

**Woodcliff Lake Police Department Web Site** - [www.wclpd.com](http://www.wclpd.com) for updates.

**Any questions, please feel free to call me.**

**Acting Chief Stephen Regula, Woodcliff Lake Police Department 201-391-4977 x425**



## Woodcliff Lake DPW

- Bulky garbage, metals and brush collections will resume in January 2024.
- See website for shredding dates in 2024.
- See website for BCUA recycling dates in 2024.
- Do not flush wipes, throw them in the garbage.
- Driveways must be clear during snow for garbage collection, or cans placed at the curb for collection. Check website for cancellations.
- Do not plow or shovel snow into roadways or across roads.
- All garbage and recycling must be out by 6 am on the day of collections.
- Garbage and recycling containers must be 40 gallons or less in size and not for automated trucks.
- Do not litter! Help protect waterways. For more information on stormwater check the DEP website: <https://dep.nj.gov/cleanwater/nj/>
- Christmas trees can be placed at the curb starting 12/26 through the end of January. No schedule is provided. DPW will collect daily.
- We wish Bob Woods a happy and healthy retirement after 29 years of dedicated service with the DPW!



## Shade Tree Report

Tree lined streets and a healthy tree canopy doesn't happen by chance. It takes commitment by the town to protect and control its boroughs trees. The purpose of Woodcliff Lake ordinance 355 is to establish requirements for tree removal and replacements as well as penalties for non compliance.



A **permit** is required before any tree that is 6" in diameter and breast height can be removed. In addition all tree contractors must register with the borough each year. They must have valid insurance coverage and proper certification to operate tree removal equipment. Failure to comply with the ordinance may be deemed a violation which can result in fines, etc.

The complete Borough tree code is located at [wclnj.com](http://wclnj.com), chapter 355.

For further information contact Lyle Garcia, Shade Tree Inspector [lgarcia@wclnj.com](mailto:lgarcia@wclnj.com) or 201-391-4977 ext 214

## Tri-Boro FOOD PANTRY

Known throughout the Pascack Valley as a place where hungry people are fed. From soup to cereal, eggs to milk, diapers to dish soap, this food pantry is committed to helping people live. But hunger isn't something that only happens in other places. Over 90% of the families who come to the Tri-Boro food pantry are from the Tri-Boro area. This holiday season, please find out when to donate in person or use their Amazon Wish List to help our neighbors.

Amazon Wish List <https://a.co/frP4hY2>

<https://www.triborofoodpantry.org/>

## Woodcliff Lake Senior Association

The Woodcliff Lake Senior Association, open to all residents 55 years of age and older, continues with a full schedule for 2024:

December 31	Sunday	Noon	New Year's Eve Party – lunch/music/beverages. Call Marilyn at 201-391-4720 to reserve a place. \$20 payable to WLSA
January 4	Thursday	12:30	Business Meeting, White Elephant Gift Exchange
February 1	Thursday	12:30	Business Meeting, Denis Nyland from the Office of Consumer Protection will speak on <i>Protecting Yourself In The Retail World</i> .
March 7	Thursday	Noon	St. Patrick's Day luncheon, music, beverages – more details to come.

If you are 55 and still working or otherwise involved during the day, **Nancy Gross and Elizabeth Calderone** are offering an option to day get together. You can reach Nancy a 201-906-9117.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday aerobics are offered at the Senior Center at 9:30 a.m. Each Friday at 1 p.m. Duplicate Bridge is offered at the Senior Center. Please call Marilyn at 201-391-4720 if you have any questions.

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## January 18 – LEAD and Community Tubing Event at Campgaw



## January 28 – 1st Annual WCL Chili Cook Off Contest



## February – Date TBD Town ice skating at Van Saun's Winter Wonderland



### Sign Up For Email Plus Text Alerts

We have moved to a new notification system called RAVE, which will be replacing Constant Contact & Nixle. It is now available to all Woodcliff Lake residents. RAVE is a free service that allows individuals to receive notifications and stay informed on events in our community via phone call, text message, and/or email. When you opt-in for alerts, you will have the option to choose the kind of notifications you prefer to receive. Residents are encouraged to sign up.

Please use the registration URL shown:

<https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action?pa=wclnj>



**Sign up to receive alerts**

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**RAVE**  
EMERGENCY SAFETY

**Emergency alerts and notifications via**

Phone call, text message, and/or email



**Sign Up Now**

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