



The Borough of
Woodcliff Lake
New Jersey



Woodcliff Lake News

November 2025

Mayor's Message



With the crisp November air and the beauty of fall all around us, I am reminded of what makes Woodcliff Lake such a remarkable place—our people.

As Thanksgiving approaches, it's the perfect time to reflect on the many ways our residents, neighbors, and local partners contribute to the warmth and strength of our community. Whether you're enjoying our parks, supporting local events, or simply greeting a neighbor, your care and involvement make Woodcliff Lake a welcoming, vibrant, and connected place for all.

I also want to take a moment to recognize Scott McDowell, a resident of Woodcliff Lake, for his extraordinary work with Scotty Mac's Sippy Poo BBQ. Through his leadership, this annual fundraiser has raised significant support for veterans and military families, including the Fisher House Foundation, helping provide comfort to those who have served our country. Scott's dedication is a true testament to the spirit of service and community that defines our borough.

Additionally, a big shoutout goes to the Department of Public Works for posting the Hometown Heroes Veterans Banners at Woodcliff Park. If you haven't stopped by to see them, I highly encourage you to do so—it's a wonderful display honoring our local veterans and a visible reminder of their sacrifices.

I'd also like to congratulate Councilwoman Nikki Marsh and Councilman Ben Pollack for being re-elected for another three-year term on the Council!

I am also pleased to announce that the tracks at the train station will be repaired starting next week. This improvement will enhance safety and convenience for commuters and visitors, and we appreciate your patience as this important work is completed.

As we continue our initiatives to beautify our borough, I am proud to share that Woodcliff Lake has been named by Travel + Leisure as one of the top 10 places to live in New Jersey.

Looking ahead, Veterans Day is just around the corner, and I encourage everyone to join us in expressing gratitude to the men and women of our armed forces. Their dedication, sacrifice, and service remind us all of the importance of community, courage, and commitment.

As we enter this season of gratitude, I hope everyone takes a moment to appreciate the many blessings in our lives, the connections we share with friends and family, and the special sense of community that makes Woodcliff Lake such a wonderful place to call home.

For full event details, borough updates, and the latest information, please visit www.wclnj.com. Staying connected ensures you don't miss important announcements or opportunities to get involved in the life of our community.

Thank you for all you do to support Woodcliff Lake. Together, let's continue to build a community that is healthy, engaged, and thriving through every season.

Wishing you and your families a safe, joyful, and meaningful November—and a Happy Thanksgiving.

Carlos Rendo
Mayor, Borough of Woodcliff Lake

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

November 10	Mayor & Council Meeting Borough Hall 7PM
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November 13	Land Use Board Meeting Borough Hall 7PM
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Coming Soon

December (TBD)	Christmas Tree Lighting Woodcliff Park 5:00 PM
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December 10	Bergen County Winter Wonderland Free Skating Session Van Saun County Park Ice Rink 6-9PM
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December 14	Valley Chabad Menorah Lighting Woodcliff Park 4:30 PM
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Community Updates

Train Station Update:

North Commuter Lot Closure and Construction Notice

As part of the Borough's Train Station Update Project, Phases 2 and 3 of construction will begin on Monday, October 13, 2025. This will require the closure of the North

Commuter Lot (adjacent to the station) through the end of the year. We are working closely with our contractor and NJ Transit to complete the project as early as possible. However, the timeline remains weather-dependent and is subject to change.

Scope of Improvements

This phase of the project includes several key upgrades aimed at enhancing safety, accessibility, and the overall commuter experience:

- Replacement of the retaining wall supporting the upper lot
- Widening of the driveway and addition of a dedicated pedestrian pathway to the lower level
- Reconfiguration of parking spaces to improve traffic flow
- Installation of a small seating area and garden overlooking the reservoir

Background

The project timeline is based on the Borough's capital budget process. Funding was approved in June 2025 and became available in late July. Additionally, the Borough was required to secure permits from multiple agencies, including NJ DEP, Veolia, NJ Transit, and the Hackensack Watershed. This permitting process has taken more than a year.

Parking During Construction

While the North Lot is closed, permit holders may park in the following designated alternate locations:

Within Woodcliff Lake:

- South Lot (limited spaces available)
- Highview Avenue – parking allowed on the south side only
- Borough Hall Parking Lot – approximately a 12-minute walk to the train station
- Apostolic Church Lot – across from the Fire Department (approx. 13-minute walk)

Nearby Municipal Parking Options:

- Montvale (NJ Transit Lot): Located behind 7-Eleven on Kinderkamack Road – *free parking*
- Park Ridge: On-street parking available on Broadway near the train station – *\$2/day*

Please Note: Parking permits remain valid for use at all Borough-designated lots. Therefore, refunds will not be issued.

Ownership and Additional Improvements

The station house and platform are owned by NJ Transit, not the Borough. We continue to advocate on behalf of our residents for NJ Transit to make long-needed improvements to the station facilities.

Updates

Further updates will be posted on the Borough website and through official social media channels as the project progresses or if timelines change.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work to enhance the safety, utility, and appearance of one of Woodcliff Lake's key infrastructure assets.

Redevelopment News & Updates

[Woodcliff Lake NJ - Redevelopment](#)

TRI-BORO FOOD PANTRY

FILL THE SHELVES FOOD DRIVE

FOOD IS A HUMAN RIGHT AND IS AN IMMEDIATE AND TANGIBLE WAY TO HELP SOMEONE. EVERY DONATION CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES.

ITEMS NEEDED NOW:
 *CANNED SOUP, CHICKEN, AND TUNA
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 *JELLY
 *PASTA AND SAUCE
 *ACCEPTING ALL OTHER UNEXPIRED ITEMS

DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED -
TUES/ THURS 9AM-11AM - 65 PASCACK ROAD, PARK RIDGE
DROP-OFF ANYTIME AT OUR BINS LOCATED AT:
MONTVALE BORO- 12 DEPIERO DR IN MONTVALE
PARK RIDGE BORO- 53 PARK AVE IN PARK RIDGE
WCL POLICE - 184 PASCACK RD IN WOODCLIFF LAKE
50 TICE BOULEVARD, 1ST FLOOR - WOODCLIFF LAKE
TEPV, 87 OVERLOOK DRIVE, WOODCLIFF LAKE

FOR MORE INFO OR MONETARY DONATIONS, PLEASE VISIT
[HTTPS://WWW.TRIBOROFOODPANTRY.ORG/](https://www.triborofoodpantry.org/)

VETERANS DAY 2025

MON, NOV. 10 - FRI, NOV. 14

FREE
 ONE ROUND OF GOLF FOR VETERANS AND ACTIVE MILITARY

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 TO SCHEDULE AN EARLY-ACCESS RESERVATION!
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Bergen County Winter Wonderland 2025- Tree Decorating Contest

"Home for the Holidays - Celebrating Woodcliff Lake"

We're excited to announce that the Borough of Woodcliff Lake will once again participate in the annual Bergen County Winter Wonderland Tree Decorating Contest! Last year we proudly earned 2nd place and we're aiming for the top spot!

Our very own students from the Woodcliff Lake Public Schools are stepping up, providing beautifully handcrafted decorations and helping bring our theme to life.
 Keep an eye out for updates and be sure to visit our tree in the park—let's show everyone what makes Woodcliff Lake special. Let's go for gold!

Winners will be announced Saturday, December 6, 6:30pm
 Winter Wonderland Tree Lighting





FREE Ice Skating

PLEASE JOIN US:
THIS ICE SKATING SESSION IS OUR PRIZE FOR COMING IN 2ND PLACE IN LAST YEARS TREE CONTEST. THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR HELPERS.

Presented by the Bergen County Winter Wonderland
 Wednesday, December 10th
 6-9PM
 Van Saun County Park, Paramus
 For more information: 201-391-4977 ext. 219
 parkandrec@wcnj.com

ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME!
300 SKATERS AT A TIME

You're going to pay *me* for *you* to haul away my old fridge?! Let's do this.
 I am a Saver. So, earning \$150 to recycle my fridge—I'm in!

GET YOUR REBATE

OCT. 1 - DEC. 31


Fall Haul-Away Appliance Recycling Event.
 Ready to ditch your feisty fridge or not-so-frosty freezer? Now's the time. We'll pick them up (plus window A/C units and dehumidifiers) for FREE. Then mail you a rebate. You heard it right. Hurry, this is a limited-time offer.

\$150
 Get a \$150 rebate for each working refrigerator or freezer you recycle.

\$50
 Get a \$50 rebate for each room air conditioner or dehumidifier you recycle during the same appointment.

Schedule pickup by Dec. 31, 2025, for this limited-time offer.*

GET YOUR REBATE

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 Pascack 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)



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 x215 or send an email to ParkAndRec@wcnj.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:

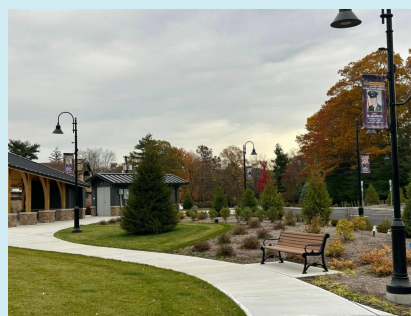
- On the Borough website at [Woodcliff Lake NJ - Woodcliff Lake Hometown Heroes Banner Program](#)
- Inside the August Newsletter
- Shared via our social media channels

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



Department of
Public Works

**Borough of Woodcliff Lake
Recycling/Sanitation Schedule
July 2025- January 2026**

MONTH	RECYCLING Commingled Bottles & Cans			RECYCLING Commingled Cardboards & Mixed Papers			CLEANUP Bulk Metals/Brush			WEEKLY GARBAGE Zone A: Mon / Zone B: Tues Zone C: Thurs / Zone D: Fri.		
July:	ZONES A&C	7/2	7/16	7/30	ZONES A&C	7/9	7/23	ZONE A	7/9	HOLIDAY CHANGE: ZONE D: 7/3		
	ZONES B&D	7/3	7/17	7/31	ZONES B&D	7/10	7/24	ZONE B	7/16			
August:	ZONES A&C	8/13	8/27		ZONES A&C	8/6	8/20	ZONE C	7/23			
	ZONES B&D	8/14	8/28		ZONES B&D	8/7	8/21	ZONE D	7/30			
September:	ZONES A&C	9/10	9/24		ZONES A&C	9/3	9/17	ZONE A	8/10	HOLIDAY CHANGE: ZONE A: 9/2		
	ZONES B&D	9/11	9/25		ZONES B&D	9/4	9/18	ZONE B	8/17	HOLIDAY CHANGE: ZONE B: 9/3		
October:	ZONES A&C	10/6	10/22		ZONES A&C	10/1	10/15	ZONE C	9/24			
	ZONES B&D	10/9	10/23		ZONES B&D	10/2	10/16	ZONE D	10/1	HOLIDAY CHANGE: ZONE B: 10/14		
November:	ZONES A&C	11/5	11/19		ZONES A&C	11/12	11/26	NO BULK			HOLIDAY CHANGE: ZONE C: 11/26	
	ZONES B&D	11/6	11/20		ZONES B&D	11/13	11/26	NO BULK			RECYCLING CHANGE: ZONE A, B, C & D: 11/26	
December:	ZONES A&C	12/3	12/17	12/31	ZONES A&C	12/10	12/24	NO BULK			HOLIDAY CHANGE: ZONE C: 12/24, 12/31	
	ZONES B&D	12/4	12/18	12/31	ZONES B&D	12/11	12/24	NO BULK			RECYCLING CHANGE: ZONE A, B, C & D: 12/24	
January:	ZONES A&C	1/14	1/28		ZONES A&C	1/7	1/21	ZONE A	1/7	HOLIDAY CHANGE: ZONE A: 1/8, ZONE B: 1/9		
	ZONES B&D	1/15	1/29		ZONES B&D	1/8	1/22	ZONE B	1/14	RECYCLING CHANGE: ZONE A&C: 1/2, 2/8		
								ZONE C	1/28			
								ZONE D	2/4			

Weekly household garbage collection by DPW stays the same by Zone.

RECYCLING DAYS ARE: ZONES A&C will be collected on Wednesdays and ZONES B&D collected on Thursdays.

- All Garbage and Recycling containers must be 40 gallons or less in size and not for automated trucks.
- Recycling is collected by Sterling Carting - DPW will continue pickup of regular garbage & cleanup.
- Cleanup = bulky garbage/metals/bundled brush. All neatly separated at the curb.
- All recycling, garbage and cleanup materials must be out by 6 am on collection days and containers removed from curb by 8 pm that night.
- Recycling and cleanup items must be at the curb. NOT IN PLASTIC BAGS. Brush tied up in bundles or in cans to be emptied.
- Ecology Center:

Fall Leaf Collection – 2025

The Borough's annual leaf collection program is just around the corner! Please review the important dates and guidelines below to ensure a smooth and efficient collection process:

- Last day to place leaves at the curb: Sunday, December 7th

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

Reminders:

- Rake leaves to the curb — not into the street — to avoid blocking storm drains and maintain safe roadways.
- Do not include sticks, rocks, or debris in your leaf piles, as this can damage our equipment and cause delays.

We appreciate your cooperation in keeping Woodcliff Lake clean, safe, and beautiful this fall!

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

♻️ Ecology Center Hours

Located at the DPW Yard

- Wednesdays: 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Saturdays & Sundays: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Closed on Borough Holidays

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](#)



Police Department

We're proud of the dedication and professionalism of the Woodcliff Lake Police Department (WCLPD). The department — a fully accredited agency — continues its mission to deliver high-quality community policing grounded in education, training and compassion.

The department reminds residents to sign up for RAVE alerts, follow WCLPD on Facebook, Instagram and X, and stay vigilant by reporting any suspicious activity.

[Facebook](#)

Stay Updated: www.wclpd.com

For emergencies: Call 911 or 201-391-8222

Shade Tree Committee

☐ The Shade Tree Committee is **now on Facebook!**

Thanks to the partnership between the Shade Tree Committee and the New Jersey Tree Foundation, the Borough planted 27 new trees this fall — including 8 from our very own town tree farm on Tree Farm Way (near the tennis courts)!

See photos from the event here -

[WCL Shade Tree Photos](#)

Interested in having a free tree planted this coming spring? Simply complete the [Request for Tree Planting Application](#) and return it to Borough Hall.

Planting trees isn't just about beautification — it's about our future. With each sapling we put in the ground, we're enhancing our canopy, improving air quality, and strengthening the character of our community.

Photo Caption: Resident Constantin Radu and NJ Tree Foundation team member Marcello alongside a newly planted oak tree.



Senior Association

[WLSA Woodcliff Lake Senior Association Newsletter](#)

For more information or to join, please contact:
wclsenior@gmail.com

[Woodcliff Lake NJ - Senior Association](#)

Fire Department

Our Volunteer Fire Department continues to serve our community with unwavering dedication. With nearly 50 trained and motivated members, they stand ready 24/7 to respond to fires, rescue operations, and technical service calls.

If you're looking to volunteer, the Fire Department covers all training and equipment costs—you'll just need the commitment to make a difference. Stop by the station at 180 Pascack Rd any Thursday evening after 7:30 pm to learn more.

Thank you to each firefighter for your service and to all our residents for being vigilant and safe.

[Facebook](#)

[Woodcliff Lake Fire Department - Bergen County, NJ](#)

Parks and Recreation Department



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

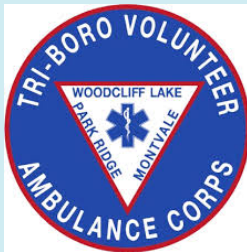
Support local youth and adult athletics by sponsoring one of our scoreboards. Great exposure for businesses looking to connect with active families and sports enthusiasts.

"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!



Tri-Boro Volunteer Ambulance Corps - Fund Drive Now Underway!

The Tri-Boro Volunteer Ambulance Corps is holding its annual Fund Drive to support free emergency medical services in our community.

As a 100% volunteer, non-profit organization, Tri-Boro relies on donations from residents and local municipalities to continue serving Woodcliff Lake and neighboring towns. Every contribution makes a difference — and all donations are tax-deductible.

Ways to Give:

- Mail a check payable to: Tri-Boro Volunteer Ambulance Corps
- Donate online via PayPal
- Make a memorial donation in honor of a loved one

Thank you for supporting our local volunteers and the lifesaving work they do!



NJ-411
PRODUCTION SERVICES DIRECTORY

Join New Jersey's growing list of professionals, services, and minority, women and veteran-owned businesses that provide solutions to the film, television and digital media industry by applying for a listing in the online edition of the NJ Film Commission's NJ-411.

Visit film.nj.gov to apply

EXAMPLES OF PRODUCTION SERVICES CATEGORIES:

- Catering + Food Services
- Commercial Cleaning
- Construction Materials + Supplies (hardware + lumber stores)
- Costume, Wardrobe, Thrift stores
- Dry Cleaning
- Hair + Makeup, Beauty Supplies
- Heavy Equipment (cranes, cherry pickers)
- Hotels + Lodging
- Lighting, Grip + Electric
- Office Space / Supplies
- Post-Production
- Props
- Security Services
- Set Dressing
- Tech Equipment
- Tents
- Transportation (car services / rental vehicles)



NJEDA film.nj.gov | 973.648.6279 | njfilm@njeda.gov **NEW JERSEY MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION COMMISSION**

Lights! Camera! Action! WCL wants to see you on the big screen!

In 2024 alone, production companies spent over 650 million dollars in New Jersey which is why Woodcliff Lake is almost done with our Film Ready New Jersey State Certification. Production of films in Woodcliff Lake will provide an opportunity for local businesses and residents to benefit financially and showcase the municipality.

Our proximity to the film industry in NYC makes us a prime location for all types of projects. Help us list as many locations and businesses that can support anything the production requires. We want to entice scouts and producers to choose us!

For any questions and to get uploaded, please contact jmargolis@wclnj.com.

□ Recipe of the Month – Thanksgiving Leftover Dinner Bombs



Turn your Thanksgiving leftovers into something fun and delicious! These stuffed biscuit bombs are filled with turkey, stuffing, cheese, cranberry sauce and more perfect for a cozy post-holiday treat.

Ingredients (makes ~8 servings):

- 1 package refrigerated flaky biscuits (e.g., Pillsbury Grands)
- ½ cup cream cheese
- 3 Tbsp cranberry sauce
- 1 cup grated Swiss cheese
- 1 cup crumbled leftover stuffing
- 1 cup chopped leftover roasted turkey
- 1 Tbsp unsalted butter, melted
- Flaked salt & ground black pepper to taste
- Optional: 1 cup gravy for dipping

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 °F (200 °C). Grease a deep-dish pie plate.
2. Roll out each biscuit into a rough 7-inch circle.
3. In the center of each, spread ~1 Tbsp cream cheese, ~1 tsp cranberry sauce, and about 2 Tbsp each of Swiss cheese, stuffing and turkey.
4. Pull the dough up around the filling, pinch to seal, then place seam-side down in

- the pie plate (7 around the edge, 1 in the center).
5. Brush each with melted butter, season with salt & pepper. Bake until deep golden brown, ~25-30 minutes. Let cool ~15 minutes before serving. Serve with warmed gravy if desired.

Cook's Note: If you don't have gravy, try brushing the tops with melted butter mixed with garlic & herbs for extra flavor.

Enjoy this creative way to make the most of your leftovers—and bring a little extra warmth to your table this season!

Have a recipe you'd like featured in a future newsletter?

Email us at parkandrec@wclnj.com



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!



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

Stay informed and connected with us wclnj.com

<https://wclnj.com/>



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