The Borough of Woodcliff Lake
New Jersey

August 2026

Mayor's Message



August is always a bittersweet time in Woodcliff Lake as we enjoy the final weeks of summer while preparing for the start of a new school year. I hope everyone has had the opportunity to spend time with family, enjoy our parks and recreation programs, and take advantage of everything our community has to offer.

Before highlighting what's ahead, I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to our Department of Public Works for the countless hours they spent responding to this summer's severe storms. Their dedication to clearing debris, maintaining our roadways, and restoring our community did not go unnoticed. I'd also like to thank our residents for their cooperation and commitment to adhering to the Borough's water restrictions. Your efforts have helped protect one of our most valuable resources during a challenging summer.

I also want to thank our Recreation Department and camp staff for another outstanding season of Camp Algonquin, and I invite everyone to join us for the final Woodcliff Wednesdays Summer Concert on Wednesday, August 12, featuring Rockskafari at Woodcliff Park. We're also excited to welcome the True Blue Theater Company for Shakespeare in the Park on Friday, August 21, at 6:30 p.m., featuring Twelfth Night, directed by Woodcliff Lake resident Ellie Falanga.

There's still time to enjoy Old Mill Pool before the season concludes on Labor Day, and I encourage everyone to take advantage of these last weeks of summer.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for Saturday, September 26, as Woodcliff Lake's Oktoberfest returns to Woodcliff Park from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. With our beautiful new park as the backdrop, we're planning our biggest Oktoberfest yet, featuring live music, delicious food, family activities, and more. We can't wait to share what's in store and celebrate another great community tradition together.

As our students, teachers, and school staff prepare to head back to the classroom, I wish everyone a successful and rewarding school year. On behalf of the Borough Council and our municipal staff, thank you for making Woodcliff Lake such a wonderful place to call home. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Warm regards,

Carlos A. Rendo
Mayor, Borough of Woodcliff Lake

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

August 12	**FINAL Woodcliff Wednesday** RockSkafari 7PM Woodcliff Park
August 17	**Mayor & Council Meeting** Borough Hall 7PM
August 21	**Shakespeare in the Park** True Blue Theater Co. presents 12th Night 6:30PM Woodcliff Park
August 25	**Land Use Board Meeting** Borough Hall 7PM
September 2	**New Jersey Property Tax Relief Filing Event** 10AM-2PM Montvale Senior Community Center
September 7	**Last Day Of Old Mill Pool** 11AM-7PM Old Mill Pool
September 26	**OktoberFest** 3PM-8PM Woodcliff Park

Community Updates

2026 Tax Bills Now Available

The Borough's 2026 tax rates have been finalized, and tax bills are now available.

Residents can view, print, and pay their tax bills online by visiting wclnj.com, selecting the Residents menu, and clicking **Pay Taxes**. Payments may also be made in person at Borough Hall during normal business hours.

Please note: To avoid interest charges, tax payments must be received by Thursday, August 27, 2026.



🍂 ***Save the Date: Woodcliff Lake Oktoberfest Returns September 26!***

Mark your calendars!

Woodcliff Lake's annual Oktoberfest is returning on Saturday, September 26, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Woodcliff Park.

This year's celebration is moving to our beautiful new park, providing the perfect backdrop for what promises to be our biggest and best Oktoberfest yet. Residents can look forward to an afternoon and evening filled with live music, delicious food trucks, a beer & hard seltzer garden, family-friendly activities, inflatables, games, and much more.

Whether you're coming to enjoy great food, listen to live entertainment, or spend time with family, friends, and neighbors, Oktoberfest is one of Woodcliff Lake's premier community events and an afternoon you won't want to miss.

🎉 More exciting announcements—including our entertainment lineup, food vendors, activities, and additional attractions—will be revealed in the coming weeks.

Stay tuned!

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

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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!



📢 AVAILABLE SPOTS – Woodcliff Lake Schools Integrated Preschool Program
The Woodcliff Lake Schools are now accepting applications for the 2026–2027 Integrated Preschool Program for 4-year-olds! 🎒✨

This program offers a nurturing and inclusive early learning environment designed to support growth, development, and socialization for young learners.

📞 For more information, please contact Jessica Ballester at the Dorchester School. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a wonderful early childhood program!

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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

Redevelopment News & Updates

Woodcliff Lake NJ - Redevelopment

Parks and Recreation Department





🏊 Old Mill Pool – Second Half Season Memberships

August – September 7, 2026 (Labor Day)

There's still plenty of summer left to enjoy at Old Mill Pool!

Beginning in August, the Borough of Woodcliff Lake is offering reduced second-half season membership rates, making it the perfect time to join and enjoy the remainder of the 2026 pool season through Labor Day, September 7.

Residents and non-residents are invited to take advantage of these discounted rates and enjoy everything Old Mill Pool has to offer—from swimming and family fun to relaxing poolside on warm summer afternoons.

Whether you're looking to cool off, spend time with family and friends, or simply make the most of the remaining weeks of summer, now is a great time to become an Old Mill Pool member.

For complete membership information, please review the Second Half Season Membership Fee Schedule below or register online through CommunityPass.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Old Mill Pool for the rest of the summer! ☀️🏊



🎶 *Woodcliff Wednesdays – Final Concert of the Summer!* 🌟

Join us for the final Woodcliff Wednesdays Summer Concert Series performance of the 2026 season!

Spend a summer evening with family, friends, and neighbors at Woodcliff Park as we wrap up another great season of live music.

📅 Wednesday, August 12
🕖 7:00 PM
📍 Woodcliff Park
🎸 Featuring: *Rockskafari*

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and your dancing shoes for an evening of classic rock favorites and great community fun!

🪑 Don't forget your chairs and blankets!
☀️ Weather permitting

Thank you to everyone who joined us throughout the summer for another fantastic Woodcliff Wednesdays Concert Series. We look forward to seeing you for one last memorable evening!

📧 Questions? **parkandrec@wclnj.com**
🔗 **For more information, visit: www.wclnj.com**



🎭 *Twelfth Night Comes to Woodcliff Lake!*

Experience an evening of Shakespeare under the stars as **True Blue Theatre Company** presents Twelfth Night, one of William Shakespeare's most beloved romantic comedies.

Filled with mistaken identities, witty humor, memorable characters, and timeless storytelling, this family-friendly production is sure to entertain audiences of all ages.

The Borough is especially proud that this production is directed by Woodcliff Lake resident Ellie Falanga, whose passion and dedication to the performing arts continue to enrich our community.
We encourage residents to come out and support Ellie and the talented cast as they bring this classic comedy to life.

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets, gather your family and friends, and enjoy an unforgettable evening of live theater right here in Woodcliff Lake.

We look forward to seeing you there!



🎾 2026 Tennis & Pickleball Memberships Now Available! 🏓

Get ready for another great season on the courts! 2026 Tennis and Pickleball Memberships for the Woodcliff Lake Tennis Court Complex are now available. Membership runs January through December (weather permitting) and provides access to both our tennis and pickleball courts.

🔑 Court Access:
The tennis court complex uses a key card access system.

- All members must purchase a $5 key card for entry.
- Replacement cards are $10.
- Only one key card per membership will be issued and cards are not transferable.

🏡 Resident Membership Rates
Family: $90
Adult / Single: $60
Student (Under 25): $40
Senior Citizen (62+ – proof of age required): FREE
Old Tappan Senior Citizen (62+ – proof of age required): $40

🌎 Non-Resident Membership Rates
Family: $130
Adult / Single: $75
Student (Under 25): $45
Senior Citizen (62+ – proof of age required): $40

Come enjoy a great season of tennis rallies, pickleball matches, and outdoor recreation right here in Woodcliff Lake! 🎾🏓



🌟 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 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)

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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

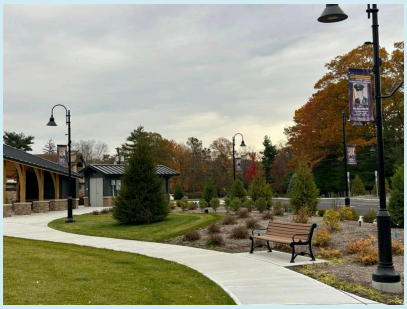
If you or someone you know would like to be honored, we encourage you to apply and help us highlight the courageous individuals who have served our nation. This is a meaningful way to visually celebrate the service and sacrifice of our community's heroes.

For questions or assistance, please contact:

Email: **parkandrec@wclnj.com**

Phone: (201) 391-4977 x219"





Police Department



Operation Blue Angel

The Woodcliff Lake Police Department offers Operation Blue Angel, a free program designed to help first responders reach residents quickly during a medical emergency.

A secure lockbox containing a key to your home is discreetly installed on your property and is accessible only by the police department. This allows emergency responders to enter your home without delay or property damage when immediate assistance is needed.

This program is especially helpful for residents who:

- Live alone
- Have medical conditions
- May require emergency assistance

Program Details

- Free for Woodcliff Lake residents in need
- Lockbox installed at your home
- Key access restricted to the Woodcliff Lake Police Department

• Helps first responders gain quick access during emergencies
Residents interested in enrolling can visit or contact the Woodcliff Lake Police Department Headquarters to obtain an application.

🚸 *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!



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🌐 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

🌳 Spring Street Tree Planting Program

The Shade Tree Committee partnered with the NJ Tree Foundation to plant 28 new trees throughout the Borough. Plantings included locations at six private residences and along Pascack Road near the reservoir.
Tree species included dogwoods, red maples, and red oaks—including trees grown from Woodcliff Lake's own tree farm.
📸 See more here:
https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1KVZRnYAAf/

🌿 Now Accepting Applications
We are currently accepting applications for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 tree plantings.
📄 Apply here:
https://wclnj.com/forms-documents/forms/board-department-forms-documents/shade-tree/1028-request-for-tree-planting-application/file

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.

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Woodcliff Lake Fire Department - Bergen County, NJ

Department of Public Works



🚛 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



🍓 **Recipe of the Month No-Bake Berry Cheesecake Cups**

Beat the summer heat with this easy, refreshing dessert that's perfect for backyard barbecues, pool days, or any summer gathering. Best of all—no oven required!

🛒 Ingredients

- 1½ cups graham cracker crumbs
- ¼ cup melted butter

- 8 oz cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup whipped topping
- 2 cups fresh strawberries, blueberries, and/or raspberries
- Fresh mint (optional, for garnish)

👩‍🍳 Directions

1. Mix the graham cracker crumbs with the melted butter and spoon a layer into individual dessert cups or mason jars.
2. In a separate bowl, beat together the cream cheese, powdered sugar, and vanilla until smooth.
3. Fold in the whipped topping until fully combined.
4. Spoon or pipe the cheesecake mixture over the graham cracker crust.
5. Top with fresh berries.
6. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving.
7. Garnish with fresh mint, if desired.

Summer Serving Tip

Create a festive red, white, and blue dessert by topping each cup with strawberries, blueberries, and an extra dollop of whipped topping. It's the perfect sweet treat for summer entertaining!

Enjoy, and have a safe and wonderful July from all of us at the Borough of Woodcliff Lake! ☀️

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



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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