The Borough of Woodcliff Lake
New Jersey

September 2026

Mayor's Message



September is a time of transition in Woodcliff Lake as we say goodbye to summer and welcome the beginning of a new school year and the start of the fall season. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and had the opportunity to spend time with family, enjoy our parks and recreation programs, and take advantage of all that our community has to offer.

As our students, teachers, and school staff settle into a new school year, I want to wish everyone a successful and rewarding year ahead. I also encourage all of our residents to continue enjoying our community spaces as we move into the cooler months.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting fall season planned for Woodcliff Lake. On Saturday, September 26, Oktoberfest comes to Woodcliff Park for the first time ever, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. This year's celebration will feature live music, food trucks, a beer and seltzer garden, family activities, and more. We are excited to build on the success of this community tradition and welcome residents and visitors to enjoy an afternoon together at our beautiful park.

As we look toward the months ahead, there is much to look forward to in Woodcliff Lake. I encourage everyone to stay connected with the Borough, participate in upcoming events, and continue supporting the businesses, organizations, and neighbors who help make our community thrive.

On behalf of the Borough Council and our municipal staff, thank you for your continued involvement and support. I look forward to seeing everyone throughout the fall and especially at Oktoberfest on September 26.

Warm regards,

Carlos A. Rendo
Mayor, Borough of Woodcliff Lake

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

September 7	**Labor Day Borough Hall offices Closed**
September 7	**Last Day Of Old Mill Pool** 11AM-7PM Old Mill Pool

September 11	**September 11 Memorial Service** 10 AM Fire Department
September 16	**Mayor & Council Meeting** Borough Hall 7pm
September 22	**Land Use Board Meeting** Borough Hall 7PM
September 26	**OktoberFest** 3PM-8PM Woodcliff Park

Community Updates



25th Anniversary September 11 Memorial Service

The Woodcliff Lake Police Department joins the Borough of Woodcliff Lake and Woodcliff Lake Fire Department in commemorating the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001.

Residents and community members are invited to attend a memorial service honoring the lives lost, the first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice, and the countless individuals whose lives were forever changed by the events of that day.

📅 Friday, September 11, 2026
⏰10:00 AM
📍Woodcliff Lake Fire Department

The ceremony is planned to take place outdoors, weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be moved indoors.

The Woodcliff Lake Police Department encourages the community to join us as we come together to remember, honor, and reflect on the heroes and victims of September

11.

We Remember. We Honor. We Never Forget.



🍂 ***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!

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

Redevelopment News & Updates

Woodcliff Lake NJ - Redevelopment

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!


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)

WOODCLIFF LAKE
PROUDLY HONORS
HOMETOWN HEROES
JOSEPH F. FITZPATRICK
WORLD WAR II
RDMJ • U.S. NAVY
SEPT. 1942 - SEPT. 1945
THE PUGLIESE FAMILY

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!



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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



Labor Day Collection Schedule – Monday, September 7

There will be no garbage collection on Monday, September 7, due to Labor Day.

All remaining collections for the week will be pushed back one day:

- Tuesday, September 8: Garbage – Zones A & C
- Wednesday, September 9: Garbage – Zones B & D
- Thursday, September 10: Bottles & Cans Recycling – Zones A & C
- Friday, September 11: Bottles & Cans Recycling – Zones B & D

Regular collection resumes Monday, September 14.

🚛 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: Easy Apple Dump Cake

September is the perfect time for an easy apple dessert! As we welcome the beginning of fall, try this simple Apple Dump Cake that comes together with just a handful of ingredients and makes a warm, comforting treat for the whole family.

Ingredients

- 6 cups apples, peeled, cored, and thinly sliced (about 5–6 medium apples)
- ⅓–½ cup packed light brown sugar
- 1–2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 box (15.25 ounces) yellow cake mix

- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, melted

Optional: Vanilla ice cream, whipped cream, or caramel sauce for serving

Directions

1. Prepare the apples

Preheat oven to 350°F and lightly grease a 9×13-inch baking dish. Toss the sliced apples with the brown sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Spread the apples evenly in the baking dish.

2. Add the cake mix

Sprinkle the dry cake mix evenly over the apples. Do not stir.

3. Add the butter

Drizzle the melted butter evenly over the cake mix, making sure to cover as much of the surface as possible.

4. Bake

Bake uncovered for approximately 40–45 minutes, or until the top is golden brown and the apple filling is bubbling around the edges.

5. Serve

Let cool slightly and serve warm. For an extra special fall treat, top with a scoop of vanilla ice cream and a drizzle of caramel sauce.

🍎 Fall Tip

Try combining different varieties of apples for a balance of sweet and tart flavors. Granny Smith apples will give the dessert a more tart flavor, while Honeycrisp, Gala, or Braeburn apples will make it sweeter.
Enjoy this easy taste of fall!

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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