

# Wesley's World

Village of Wesley Hills

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## Village Website

Our new Village website is up and running. Please visit [www.wesleyhills.org](http://www.wesleyhills.org) and take a look around. On the website, you can find the Village calendar of meetings, minutes from all our boards, and the latest agendas. You can also find contact information for all the employees as well as other useful information. The Village building code is there, and many of forms you might need for various permits, and applications. This is still a work in progress, so please send us your comments on the type of information you would like to see. We will try to accommodate all reasonable requests.

## Bear sightings

There have been a number of bear sightings in the area recently. If you see a bear call the Ramapo Police Department immediately, and they will contact the proper authorities (357-2400).

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## Neighborhood Gatherings

The public gatherings committee under the leadership of Trustees Howard Richman and Marion Ben-Jacob has met at village hall on a half a dozen evenings since November of 2007. They have tackled the thorny question of how our village can best serve the myriad of religious and non religious gatherings that take place in our community on a regular basis. The work of the committee is not over. We are planning an open forum to be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm, where we invite every member of the community to listen to the ideas that the committee has come up with, and to make suggestions to the committee before the committee reports its suggestions to the Village Board. We urge every one of our fellow Wesley Hills citizens to come out and express your opinions, support, concerns and ideas to the committee. The working memorandum of the committee can be found at the village's web site, [www.wesleyhills.org](http://www.wesleyhills.org) on the Documents page entitled Neighborhood Gatherings Draft.

Howard and Marion



## Sidewalks

There have been a lot of questions about the sidewalk projects currently under way in the Village. How much money is being spent? Are taxes going to be increased to pay for them? When are they being installed? Where are they being installed? Below, I have outlined the various projects, with answers to the most popular questions.

1) West side of Route 306 from Grandview Avenue to Pomona Road. The planned start date for construction is May of 2010. This work is being done (and paid for) by the New York State Department of Transportation. No Village funds are going to be spent on this project. This project is a direct result of the Village working together with Senator Thom Morahan's office and the NYS DOT.

2) East side of Forshay Road from Viola Road to Willow Tree Road. The planned start date is summer of 2009. This work is being done by Rockland County, and is being paid for with Federal funds. No Village funds are being spent on this project. In addition to the sidewalks, this project will also be adding a turning lane in the southbound direction at Viola Road and Forshay Road, as well as a roundabout at the intersection of Willow Tree Road and Forshay Road. The County has agreed to disassemble the blinking light that we installed there, so that it can be relocated to the intersection of Wilder Road and Limekiln Road.

3) North side of East Willow Tree Road (from Route 306 to McNamara Road). There is no planned construction start date at this time. Work is still being done to determine the exact parameters of this project (sidewalk location, easements, etc.). This project will fill in the areas on the North side of the road that do not currently have sidewalks. Our Engineer has estimated that the total cost of construction will be about \$350,000. We are currently looking into various potential grants, as well as the possibility of doing this in multiple smaller phases. At this point, there are no plans to raise taxes to pay for this project.

4) The Kwilecki development, East side of Route 306 opposite the shopping center. Sidewalks have already been constructed for the length of the property on Route 306, and will be installed on the interior roads of this subdivision as well. Of course, this is all being paid for by the developer. The Village is also looking into the possibility of extending the sidewalk from the end of the development to the corner of Route 306 & East Willow Tree Road.

The sidewalk and walking path committee has had its first meeting and will be discussing these projects and others. We will be prioritizing the major roads in the Village and working together with the Town to request Federal funding for sidewalks on those remaining roads that would benefit from them. This committee will also be looking for additional locations that would benefit from walking paths. If you have any suggestions, please send an email to [mayor@wesleyhills.org](mailto:mayor@wesleyhills.org).

## Things to Know

- With the nice summer weather upon us, we are all spending a lot more time outdoors, doing yard work and other projects around the house. Please keep in mind that Village noise ordinances prohibit construction and other noise related activity before 8:00 am or after 9:00 pm on weekdays, and before 10:00 am or after 6:00 pm on weekends. If you have a problem related to this, please contact the Village office during normal business hours. If the activity is after hours or on weekends, contact the Ramapo PD. If you have any questions about what activities are allowed and when, please call the Village.
- Reflectors are available free of charge for Village residents at the Village Hall. Please make sure to wear them if you are out when it is dark. Please be considerate of your neighbors when using the roads. If you are driving, slow down when passing pedestrians. If you are walking, use sidewalks where available, otherwise stay close to the shoulder, and do not block the traffic lanes.

## Parks and Paths

We are happy to see the amount of use that the parks and walking paths in the Village are getting. Unfortunately, not everyone is using them in the proper way. We've had several problems in the Greg Sikorsky park on Lime Kiln Road. People have been riding ATVs and Dirt Bikes in the park which have caused a lot of damage to the stone path. Someone recently made a barbecue in a thin metal tin on one of the plastic benches in the playground. As you might imagine, the bench melted. It is important that the rules of the parks are obeyed, so that everyone can continue to enjoy them. If you see anyone performing the above or any other illegal or damaging activities, please notify the Village and/or Ramapo PD as soon as possible. Of course, there are also times that things break through normal use. Please let us know if you see something that needs to be addressed (fallen trees, broken swings, etc.), so that we can have it taken care of in a timely fashion. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

## Patrick Farm Update

The Town had its first scoping session on the proposed zone change for the Patrick Farm property. The current application by Scenic Development LLC is requesting 497 units. This will be a mixture of 1 acre lots as well as town houses. The applicant is currently beginning the studies required to determine what impacts the development will have on the property as well as the neighboring communities. We will keep you posted on the progress and schedule of future public hearings.

# Wesley Hills day

## at Willow Tree Park on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

### from 12-4 pm.

#### We want your Emails

We would like to thank all those residents that have given us their email address. The Village email list has grown to over 475 in the last month. If you have not already done so, please send an email to [mayor@wesleyhills.org](mailto:mayor@wesleyhills.org), so we can add you to the Village email list.

#### Library update

The Finkelstein Library has cut back on its hours for the summer. The library will be closed on weekends until August 31<sup>st</sup>, and will be closing on Fridays at 5:00 pm. For your convenience, please take advantage of the library drop-off and pickup boxes at the Village Hall. To reserve a book, please call the Library at 845-352-5700.

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