

Wesley's World

Village of Wesley Hills

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Reflectors

Please remember to wear reflectors when walking in the dark. They are available free of charge to Village residents at the Village Hall.

Pods

Some of you may have noticed some bright red and white storage containers called Pods appearing around the village. These are very convenient for storing items that you no longer have room for, or just for temporary storage when needed. However, some of these are being left on properties for many months. Please note that as far as the Village law is concerned, these structures are considered the same as sheds. All the rules that apply to sheds are applicable to pods as well. In other words, they should be placed in side or rear yards, with the proper setbacks from the property line. They should not be left in front yards other than for temporary loading and unloading. If you are going to be using a pod, please call the village to find the appropriate setbacks and locations for your lot.

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2009 Budget

On Wednesday April 1st, we will be having our public hearing on the 2009 Village budget. It will take place at 7:00 pm in the Village hall. A copy of the proposed budget can be found on the Village website at the following link:

www.wesleyhills.org/main/documents.htm

Regarding the budget, there's good news and bad news. The good news is that the Village tax increase will only be about 2.7% this year. That amounts to \$20 per year for the average home. We managed to reduce and hold the line on expenses in all areas, enough to offset just about all the reductions in revenue. Unfortunately, we could not cover the increase in the Town highway contract, and that is basically what the Village tax increase will cover. Revenue accounts are down due to lowered tax assessments, lower mortgage recording tax fees, and lower sales tax projections. The bad news is that in order to keep the increase so low, cuts had to be made in other areas. Unfortunately, we will not be able to repave all the roads that we would have liked to do this year. We may have to look at alternative options, such as tar and chip, which is a bit inconvenient, but substantially less expensive than regular asphalt paving. This year we will be making the last \$100k payment on a five year bond that was taken out to repave a number of roads. That means that in our next budget we should have that money available to use for additional road paving and for rebuilding our surplus, which we have been dipping into the last few years, in order to keep tax increases low.

Trash & Recycling reminders

Trash is picked up twice a week on every street in the Village. One half of the Village is picked up on Monday and Thursday, the other half is done on Tuesday and Friday. If you are unsure of the schedule for your street, please check the link on the Village website at www.wesleyhills.org/government/garbage_pickup.htm All recyclables for the entire Village are picked up every Wednesday. Bulk pickup for large items is picked up curbside on whatever your second trash pickup day is. Construction debris must be taken away by your own contractor. Hazardous materials should not be put out with the trash. Those must be dropped off at the Fire Training Center in Pomona. If you have a large amount of trash or are not sure if the items you are putting out are appropriate, please call the Village office for advice, or to make special pickup arrangements. Please make sure that your trash and recyclables are outside by 6:00 a.m. If your house is missed, and you cannot wait until your next regular pickup, please call the Village office before 4:00 p.m. to alert us to the problem. If the workers are still available, they will be sent back that day, otherwise they will come back on the next day.

On occasion, on Wednesdays, you might see the workers put both paper and co-mingled glass and plastic into the truck at the same time. Please be assured that this is only temporary. The contractor would never be allowed to unload the truck at the recycling facility with both paper and plastic in it. In order to save time and fuel, when they are making their first run for paper, if they see a cul-de-sac or dead end street with only a couple of bins with plastic, they put that in the truck to one side, and then empty it back in to other bins on the next street. That way they

don't need to drive down the dead end street again on the second run for plastic. What that means is that if you put your plastic out after the paper on your street has been picked up, the contractor may not be aware of it. That is why it is important to make sure that both paper and plastic are curbside early. On the next page is a list from the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority showing what items are and are not recyclable.

Please make sure that all trash is kept in secured bins, so that animals and/or wind do not disperse it over the neighborhood. Please be considerate of your neighbors, and do not leave your bins out at the curb except on pickup days.





















We thank you for your cooperation.

Complaints

The Village is very interested in taking all complaints seriously and addressing them in a timely and professional manner. However, some complaints are left anonymously with unsigned letters or phone messages. It is often difficult to address those issues because not enough information has been given, and we certainly cannot provide feedback to let you know what has been done. Please be assured that information about who has made a complaint is never released to anyone else, so there should be no fear of repercussions. The Village Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector do not patrol looking for violations. We depend on residents to notify the Village of illegal, or unsafe conditions. Please help us help you. If you see or know of activity that needs to be investigated, please let us know as soon as possible. Always provide your full name, address and phone number on any issues reported to the Village. Alternatively, you can send an email to the Mayor at mayor@wesleyhills.org.



WHAT TO RECYCLE IN ROCKLAND COUNTY

Paper Recycling	<u>Not</u> Recyclable	Container Recycling	<u>Not</u> Recyclable
<p>Newspapers with inserts </p> <p>Junk Mail with Envelopes & Coupons </p> <p>Smooth & Corrugated Cardboard </p> <p>Office, Notebook & Construction Paper, Ledger & Envelopes of all colors </p> <p>Computer, Fax & Photo Copy Paper of all colors </p> <p>Glossy Magazines & Catalogs</p> <p>Soft Covered Workbooks, Telephone Books & Paperback Books </p> <p>Brown Grocery Bags </p>	<p><u>NO</u> paper soiled with grease, paint, etc.</p> <p><u>NO</u> wax-coated Paper</p> <p><u>NO</u> paper cups</p> <p><u>NO</u> tissues, napkins & paper towels</p> <p><u>NO</u> paper items with layers of plastic or foil</p> <p><u>NO</u> hard covered books (remove covers then recycle)</p>	<p>Plastic Containers with a Recycling Code #1 - 7 Only </p> <p>Aluminum Cans </p> <p>Aluminum Foil & Disposable Aluminum Products</p> <p>Metal Cans & Empty Aerosol Cans </p> <p>Green, Clear & Brown Glass Bottles and Jars </p> <p>DO NOT PUT RECYCLEABLES OUT IN PLASTIC BAGS</p>	<p><u>NO</u> plastic bags </p> <p><u>NO</u> film plastics</p> <p><u>NO</u> pots, pans, bowls, utensils & other cookware </p> <p><u>NO</u> ceramic or glass plates & cups </p> <p><u>NO</u> containers that held a toxic substance (oil, antifreeze, etc.) </p> <p><u>NO</u> hangers </p> <p><u>NO</u> styrofoam </p> <p><u>NO</u> appliances </p> <p><u>NO</u> clothing </p> <p><u>NO</u> toys </p>
Place in your paper recycling bin	These items are not recyclable	Place with your container recycling	These items are not recyclable

For more information on recycling in your area call 845-753-2200

Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority

Christopher P. St. Lawrence, Chairman



Andrew T. Lehman, Executive Director

Spring is here

The warmer weather is upon us, and everyone is going to be spending more time outdoors.

- Please watch for pedestrians when driving, and be careful and alert when walking.
- Please be considerate of your neighbors. Don't leave barking dogs unattended for long periods of time. Make sure to keep them leashed when not on your property, and always clean up after them.
- When you or your landscaper does your spring cleanup, be sure not to put debris on your neighbors' property. Branches left for trash should be tied in bundles no longer than four feet in length.
- Remember, ATVs are only allowed to be operated on your own private property. They should not be driven on public roads, and certainly not in the parks and paths.

We still want your Emails

We would like to thank all those residents that have given us their email address. The Village email list is now over 560 names. If you have not already done so, please send an email to mayor@wesleyhills.org, so we can add you to the Village email list.

Call before you start

Before you start any construction project, please call the Village building department to find out if any permits are required. It is truly in your best interest to have the building inspector review your plans to make sure that everything is up to code and all safety considerations are taken into account.

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