Wesley's World

Village of Wesley Hills

March 2014



Reflectors

Please remember to wear reflectors when walking in

the dark. They are available free of charge to Village residents at the Village Hall.

Village Guide

Are you new to the Village? Do you have questions about when your trash is picked up or when your property taxes are due? For the answers to these questions and many more, please see the Village guide. You can stop in to the Village office to pick one up or you can view it on-line on our website at www.wesleyhills.org.

Village elections

Tuesday, March 18th at Village Hall. Polls open 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM Vote for two trustees and Village Justice

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Budget

The Village Board has started working on the budget for next year. So far, it is looking like this will be the 4th year in a row with no tax increase. Some of the issues that contributed to this good news, were a \$110,000 grant that we received for road maintenance last year, and ongoing construction in the Village that has added more houses to the tax roll. We went out to bid on both our trash and highway contracts last year, which resulted in a slight decrease in the amount we pay for trash pickup and no increase in the highway contract. Together, these items more than offset the increased expenses that occur each The proposed village budget will be vear. posted on the website prior to the budget An email is also sent out to the hearing. village email list with a link to the budget. If you would like to receive this and other important emails from the Village, please email your name, and physical mailing address to mayor@wesleyhills.org.

Find Lost Money

New York State has \$12 billion in lost money. Many times banks accounts or insurance policies are closed or forgotten about and the money is just left around waiting to be claimed. It's a good idea to sign in and check to see if there are any accounts with your name on them with lost funds. Login to www.osc.state.ny.us to looks for New York funds. Also check www.missingmoney.com for accounts in other states.

Sidewalk Update

The NYS Department of Transportation has begun work on the Route 306 sidewalk project. Sidewalks will be installed on the west side of the road from Grandview Avenue to Village Green, and on both sides of the road from Village Green to Lime Kiln Road. The Village had requested sidewalks up to Pomona Road, but unfortunately there were not enough funds available to go that far. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2014. Please note that most of the tree trimming and electrical pole replacements that have been done along route 306 recently were not directly related to the sidewalk project, but were part of the ongoing work by Orange and Rockland Utilities to harden their system against future storm outages. Any trees near wires that were determined to be a possible threat were After the sidewalk project is removed. completed, new trees will be planted in some locations.

The County has informed us that the road improvement project for Forshay/Wilder Roads is expected to get started near the end of this summer. That project will add a turning lane at Viola Road, and concrete sidewalks from Viola Road to Willow Tree Road, along with a roundabout (traffic circle) at the Forshay Road/Willow Tree Road intersection. When that occurs, the Village plans to relocate the blinking light at that location to the Wilder Road/Lime Kiln Road intersection.

The Village has been working with our engineers to determine the cost and work required to fill in the gaps in the sidewalks on East Willow Tree Road. There are three major sections of road that do not have sidewalks currently. The latest estimate is that the total cost would be just over one million dollars. We are currently looking into ways to get this project funded.

The Antrim Playhouse

Looking for some great inexpensive entertainment? Look no further than our own Antrim Playhouse. They are currently in their 77th season with two shows left on the schedule. You Can't Take it With You, and The Boys Next Door. Ticket Prices are Adults \$22, Seniors \$20 (62 & over), Students \$15.

Keep an eye out for the list of shows for next season, and save money by purchasing a membership which gets you a great discount to see all six regular season shows including a great musical presentation. There are also numerous special events held throughout the year. Visit <u>www.antrimplayhouse.com</u> for more information.

Update your contact info

These days a lot of us seem to have multiple ways to be contacted, whether it be by email, cell phone or land line. Many of us have changed those numbers or emails several times recently. It is important to update the companies that you have given this information to so that they can contact you in an emergency, or you can verify your identity easily if you need to contact them. It is especially important to contact the local utility companies such as Orange and Rockland and United Water. If there is a problem that requires them to turn off the water or gas, then their first attempt to contact you will be via the information they have on file for your account. If you are unsure of what contact information they have, take a look at your bill and call the information number. It could help avoid grief in the future if someone needs to contact you.



<u>A</u> Guide to Recycling in Rockland County



Paper		Container	
Recycling	Not	Recycling	Not
Newspapers including inserts	Recyclable	Food & Beverage Containers	Recyclable
Junk Mail	NO paper soiled		<u>NO</u> plastic bags
with envelopes & coupons	with grease, paint, etc.	Plastic Containers with a Recycling	NO film plastics
Smooth &	NO wax-coated	Code #1-7	NO pots, pans,
Corrugated Cardboard	paper or cardboard	Aluminum Cans	bowls, utensils, or other cookware
Office, Notebook & Construction Paper,	<u>NO</u> paper cups	Aluminum Foil	NO ceramic plates
Ledger & Envelopes (all Colors)	NO tissues, napkins	Disposable	or cups
Computer, Fax &	or paper towels	Aluminum Products	<u>NO</u> containers that held a
Photo Copy Paper (all colors)	<u>NO</u> paper packaging with layers of plastic	Metal Cans & Empty Aerosol Cans	toxic substance
Glossy Magazines & Catalogs	or foil		NO hangers
& Catalogs Soft Covered	NO hard covered	Green, Clear & Brown Glass	NO plastic utensils
Workbooks, Telephone Books &	books (remove covers before recycling)	Bottles & Jars	<u>NO</u> styrofoam
Paperback Books	NO plastic bags		NO appliances
Brown Grocery Bags			NO electronics
Non-metallic			NO clothing
Wrapping Paper & Greeting Cards			NO toys
Place in your		Place with your	<u>NO</u> light bulbs
paper recycling bin	These items are	container recycling	These items are
and the second	not recyclable		not recyclable
aprillage	For more information on recycling in your area call the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority		
103	845-753-2200		
"ecycle"	420 Torne Valley Road, PO Box 354, Hillburn, NY 10931 www.rocklandrecycles.com		
www.rockiandrocycles.com	Christopher P. St. Lawrence, Chairman Anna Roppolo, Executive Director		

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***** ELECTION REMINDER *****

Village elections will be held on Tuesday, March 18th at Village Hall.

Polls will be open from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm.

We still want your Emails

We would like to thank all those residents who have sent us their email addresses. The Village email list is close to 1000 names. If you have not already done so, please send your email address to mayor@wesleyhills.org, so we can add you to the Village email list. Please let us know if your email address has changed.

Drainage alert

Everything that enters the storm sewers eventually makes its way back into our drinking water. If you see any unusual items being discharged from properties into the storm sewers, including excessive dirt or mud from active job sites, please notify the Village immediately at 845-354-0400.