

Wesley's World

Village of Wesley Hills

September 2009



Reflectors

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

Overnight Parking

Reminder: Parking on Village streets is prohibited from 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM all year long. Temporary parking permits are available from the Village Office for special circumstances for the months of April through November. The permits allow for the parking of vehicles in front of your own property for a limited amount of time at the discretion of the Village Clerk. Please avoid getting a summons by not leaving any vehicles on the street overnight without a valid permit issued by the Village.

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2010 Census

The next decennial census is approaching. The U.S. Constitution mandates a headcount of everyone residing in the United States. This count is done every ten years. The first Census was conducted in 1790 and has been carried out every ten years since then. Why should you fill out the census form?

- It's important. – Census data affects funding for your community, your community's representation in Congress and your community leader's planning decisions.
- It's easy. – The census questionnaire takes only a few minutes to answer and return by mail.
- It's confidential. – Your responses are protected by law (Title 13, U.S. Code, Section 9). All Census Bureau employees have taken an oath to protect confidentiality and are subject to a jail term, a fine – or both – for disclosing any information that could identify a respondent or household.
- It's required by law. – The information you provide is combined with responses provided by your neighbors and other households across the country, to provide summary statistical data that are used by various local, state and federal agencies.

For more information about the upcoming census, please visit the official U.S. Census Bureau website at www.census.gov.

Wesley Hills Day

Sunday September 13th

County Road Paving

You have probably seen the many roads in and around the Village that have been paved in the last few weeks. Most of the paving activity has been done by the Rockland County Highway Department, on County roads (Grandview Avenue and Limekiln Road). Many people are confused about the paving process that was used. It was a two step process that is less expensive than the standard asphalt process, but should last just as long. The first step was something called hot-in-place. In that step, large trucks melted down the old road surface and basically recycled the existing material. While it may have looked finished at that point, that process by itself would not last as long as necessary without a sealer step. In this case, the County used the tar-and-chip method to provide the sealer coat. In this step, hot tar was poured on the road, and covered with gravel that was then rolled into the surface. After some settling time, sweeper trucks came back to clean up most of the loose left over gravel. While this is an extremely cost effective and durable surface, it is also very unpopular. The loose gravel is hard to walk on, and especially dangerous for bicycles, scooters and motorcycles. In addition, cars and trucks can kick up the gravel when they drive over it. Fortunately, these issues do not last very long, and although inconvenient for a time, it's the price we have to pay to have newly paved roads. The tar-and-chip method was used on McNamara and Spook Rock Roads not too long ago, and most people would not even be able to tell anymore. To date, the Village has not used this process on any of our roads, but that could change due to budget concerns. We are currently looking into several possible alternatives for future paving projects. For now, we used standard asphalt paving for the East Willow Tree Road paving project.

Neighborhood Gatherings

Just over six months ago the Village passed its new neighborhood gatherings law. This law was passed to provide for the wants of many Village residents while at the same time ensuring the health and safety of all residents of the Village. The last provision in that law stated that violations would not be issued until six months after the law was passed. This was done to allow existing gatherings time to prepare and apply for the required permits. Some groups have already applied and are well along their way. Others have not yet applied. If you are associated with a gathering that requires a permit, please contact the Village Building Department as soon as possible to get the process started. If you are unsure if your group requires a permit, the Village can provide information to help you determine what is needed. You can also review the laws regarding neighborhood gatherings in the Village Codes document at www.wesleyhills.org/main/documents.htm. Please refer to the sections on Minor Neighborhood Gatherings and Neighborhood Gatherings.

Village Website

Visit www.wesleyhills.org for useful village information. The Calendar lists the schedule of all Village meetings and court sessions. The agendas and minutes of all the boards are posted. The Documents link contains the Village codes and many of the forms that are needed for various permits and applications. The News link contains old newsletters, pictures from the past Wesley Hills Day, and other important information. If there are other items of interest that you would like to see on the website, please send an email to mayor@wesleyhills.org. Thank you.



The Tallman Volunteer Fire Department will celebrate its 100th Anniversary
on Sept. 12th, 2009

To commemorate the event, Tallman will host the Rockland County
Volunteer Firemen's Association Parade

At 2 p.m., Tallman, N.Y.

The Parade will begin on North Airmont Road- onto Route 59 east-ending at
Camp Scuffy on Cherry Lane

All the above roads will be closed from approximately 1 pm thru 4 p.m.

Come enjoy the parade, which will feature over 3000 participants!

Reminders

- Please make sure to put your trash out by 6:00 AM on your pickup days. Please be considerate of your neighbors and do not leave trash bins at the curb before your pickup day or after it has been picked up.
- Hazardous materials should not be placed at the curb. Those should be brought to the Household Hazardous Waste drop-off facility at Fireman's Memorial Drive in Pomona. The facility is open weekdays from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM. It is also open on a limited number of Saturdays and Sundays. For information about what types of materials should be brought there, visit their website at www.rocklandrecycles.com or call 845-364-2444.
- In order to help avoid flooding, make sure that storm drains around your property are kept clear and free of debris. If you see a broken or clogged drain, please notify the Village.
- 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.

Wesley Hills Day

at Willow Tree Park on Sunday, September 13th

from 12-4 pm.

We still want your Emails

We would like to thank all those residents that have sent us their email addresses. The Village email list is now over 630 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.

TOR Supersaver tickets

Transport of Rockland (TOR) supersaver bus tickets can now be purchased at the Village Hall. A packet of 10 round trip tickets costs \$9.00. That is a 33% discount off the regular single ticket price. Visit the website www.co.rockland.ny.us/PublicTrans for information about bus routes and schedules.

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