

Wesley's World

Village of Wesley Hills

September 2013



Reflectors

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

Wesley Hills Day Sunday September 15th

Voting Locations

The Rockland County Board of Elections is moving away from using schools as polling places. Postcards have been mailed out to let residents know where their new voting locations are. If you are not sure where to vote, you can visit the Board of Elections website at <http://vic.ntsdata.com/rocklandboe> or call 845-638-5172.

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State of the Village

The Village is in good shape financially. We were able to go another year with no tax increase, and managed to add a little to our rainy day surplus as well. We were able to pave a significant number of roads this year, including Arcadian Drive, Bruck Court, Harriet Lane, Laura Lane, Marisa Drive, Mark Drive, Oz Court, Rockingham Road, and a portion of South Parker Drive. Recently a grant that we applied for a couple of years ago came through and we received a check for \$110,000. A grant for \$10,000 was received this year for our court. This will be used to refurbish the Village Hall entrance so that we can start using the metal detector when court is in session.

In our ongoing process of trying to consolidate services and lower costs, the Village has put our highway maintenance and snow removal contract for 2014 out to bid. A number of contractors are reviewing the bid specifications and should be submitting proposals for a September 3rd bid opening.

The Greg Sikorsky Park on Lime Kiln Road is currently undergoing a well needed facelift. The pond was treated to kill off the invasive milfoil weeds that were clogging up the fountain. The trees that fell during Hurricane Sandy have been removed. The existing playground is being repaired with new benches, drainage and a new layer of mulch. It is also being expanded to add a new play structure. The walking path around the entire park will be resurfaced with new stone. No Village taxpayer funds are being used for this project. It is being funded with our dedicated parks fund that can only be used for capital improvements to Village parkland. The money in that account comes from developers of new subdivisions in the Village.

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.

Reminders

Overnight parking is prohibited in the Village all year long. No vehicles may be parked on any public street from 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM. For the months of April through November temporary overnight parking permits can be obtained at the Village office at the discretion of the Village Clerk.

Trash bins should be left at the house, next to the garage. Bulk items and recycling bins must be left at the curb. All bins should be put out for collection by 6:00 AM on pickup day. Please do not leave bins at the curb on non-pickup days.

New York State law now requires the recycling of all electronic equipment. Our trash contractor is not allowed to pickup this equipment for disposal. Hazardous materials should not be put out with your trash or brought to Village Hall. Hazardous waste and electronics must be dropped off at the Rockland County Solid Waste Authority at the Fire Training Center in Pomona. Items may be dropped off at the facility free of charge. The facility is open from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM Monday through Friday and some weekends. See <http://www.rocklandrecycles.com> for a list of dates and acceptable items.

The Village noise law allows construction equipment to be used only during the hours of 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM on weekdays, and 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM on weekends and legal holidays. See the entire law for more details on the Documents page of the Village website at: <http://www.wesleyhills.org/main/documents.htm>

Due to the damage and electric outages from storms the last few years, many residents have been installing generators or doing other home repairs. Please remember that installation of a generator, some roofing installations and other types of home repairs require a building permit from the Village. Before doing **any type of construction**, call the Village and speak with the Building Department to find out if any permits are required (845-354-0400). Do not assume that your contractor has done that for you. After your project is complete make sure to call the Village to schedule a final inspection to get your certificate of occupancy. For your own protection make sure that is done prior to making final payment to your contractor.

Route 306 Sidewalk

The NYSDOT has informed us that the contract for the Route 306 sidewalk project has been awarded and construction should begin within the next few weeks. This project is expected to be completed by November 2015. Sidewalks will be installed from Grandview Avenue to Lime Kiln Road.

Drive safely

Please remember that you may not make a left turn into the Wesley Plaza shopping center when travelling north on Route 306. This is a very important safety issue that was put into effect several years ago to prevent the many accidents and near misses at the intersection of Village Green and Route 306.

Many of the new homes across from the shopping center are now occupied. It is important that everyone abide by the traffic rules associated with Greg Sikorsky Drive, the street that goes into the new development opposite the main entrance to the shopping center. You are not allowed to cross Route 306 to go from the shopping center to Greg Sikorsky Drive, or vice versa. In addition, you may only make a right turn when exiting Greg Sikorsky Drive, and you may only enter when travelling north on Route 306. You are not allowed to make a left turn into this street when travelling south on Route 306. To get into the development when travelling southbound on Route 306, you must make a left at East Willow Tree Road and enter from Willows Road.

When entering the shopping center through the main entrance on Route 306, there is a stop sign at the end of the entrance, in front of the bank. It is very important to come to a full stop and then proceed with caution. Vehicles and pedestrians in the parking lot have the right of way.

Please do not park or sit in the fire zone in front of the stores and only park in handicapped zones if you have the proper authorization. Do not park illegally even for a minute.

All of the above rules were put into effect for the safety of our residents. Please abide by these rules to avoid unnecessary traffic citations. Thank you for your cooperation.

Residential uses

Many residents may be unaware of some of the rules regarding two family homes and home businesses in the Village. The Village zoning code allows for single family homes only. You may rent out a portion of your home to a single unrelated boarder, as long as there is not a physically separated living space, or separate cooking facilities. Other than that, you may not have multiple unrelated families living in a home, and you may not alter the structure of a home so that there are multiple physically separate living spaces that are not shared.

Certain types of home businesses are allowed in the Village. Non-retail businesses that do not generate any trips by non-residents (that is vehicles driven to the home) are allowed with no permit required. Businesses that do generate trips require a special use permit issued by the Planning Board.

For information on all the rules and requirements, please see the [Village Zoning Code](#) on the Documents page of our website and refer to the descriptions for Home occupations and Home businesses.

These are quality of life issues which we need to keep in check if we want to maintain the Village that we all love. If you have any questions about either of the above issues, please call the Village office and speak to the building department to find out what is allowed, and when a permit is needed.

Use our website

Save time and energy by using our website. Many of the forms needed for various Village issues are available on our website. You can find building permit applications, FOIL requests, overnight parking requests and more. <http://www.wesleyhills.org/villagehall/documents.htm>

The Antrim Playhouse

Looking for some great inexpensive entertainment? Look no further than our own Antrim Playhouse. They are starting their 77th season with another wonderful lineup of shows. Scheduled shows for this season are, Barefoot in the Park, The Mousetrap, Streetcar Named Desire, You Can't Take it With You, and The Boys Next Door.

Ticket Prices are Adults \$20, Seniors \$18 (62 & over), Students \$5 with valid ID. Save money by purchasing a membership for \$75 which gets you in to all five regular season shows. There are also numerous special events held throughout the year. Visit www.antrimplayhouse.com for more information.

Library

Did you know that you can do more than just drop off your library books at the Village Hall? You can pick up your Finkelstein Library items here as well. Just put the item on hold, and when you get notification that it is ready, call the library and ask them to deliver it to Wesley Hills. It will usually be delivered within 24 hours to the locker in front of the Village Hall. Enter the last 7 digits of your library card, and the locker with your items will pop open. For more information call the library at 845-352-5700 extension 243 (or 237 for the children's reference desk).

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.

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Wesley Hills Day

at Willow Tree Park on Sunday, September 15th

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 980 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 include your name and mailing address. Also, let us know if your email address has changed.

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 \$11.00. 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.