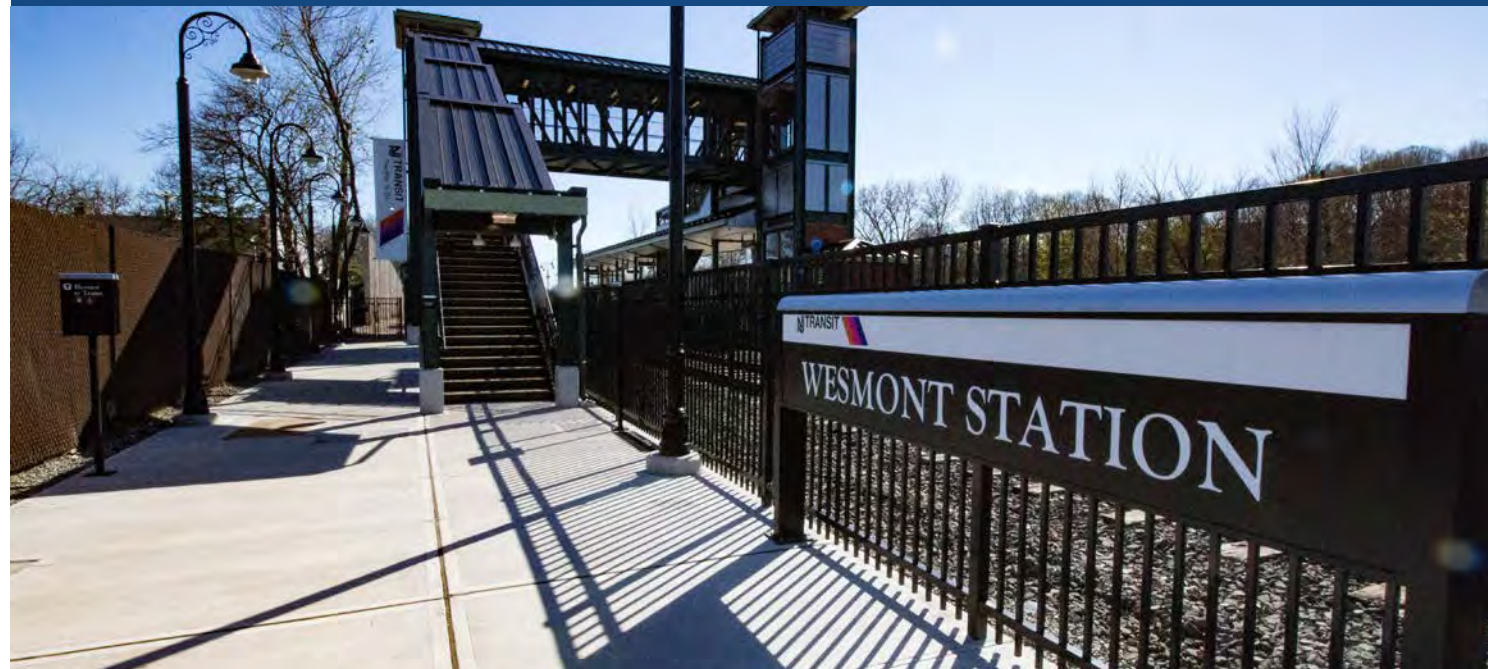


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WESMONT TRAIN STATION TO OPEN MAY 15



The long-awaited opening of a NJ Transit Train Station along the Bergen Line at the Wesmont Station redevelopment has been tentatively announced by New Jersey Transit for **MAY 15**.

“While we are excited that Wood-Ridge will be one of the few municipalities in northern New Jersey to offer residents access to two train lines, we are also disappointed that this project has been delayed by NJ Transit for more than a year,” said Mayor Paul Sarlo. “We are further disappointed that the 215 parking spaces promised by the agency will be pushed back until the fall of 2016. Building a parking lot is comparatively easy to constructing a train station, and yet NJ Transit really dropped this ball on this project.”

The train station, which features elevators, automated ticket vending, 24/7 security monitoring, and handicapped accessibility, was funded by Somerset Development, the Wesmont Station Redeveloper, with construction managed by NJ Transit. Parking lots will accompany the station so that residents can “park-and-

ride” just a few minutes to Midtown Manhattan and other destinations. However, until the parking lot is completed in the fall by NJ Transit, riders will have to either walk or be dropped off at the station. Parking regulations will prevent riders from parking on surrounding Borough streets.

Further updating on the Wesmont Station redevelopment, Mayor Sarlo reported success on the residential growth of the project, with approximately 530 units occupied and nearly 1,200 residents moved into units onsite.

The mayor also reported that values of residential units continue to rise, particularly those homes in close proximity to the train station.

“The purchase prices of homes near the train station are far exceeding anybody’s expectations, and bringing great ratable values to the Borough of Wood-Ridge,” said Mayor Sarlo. “We look forward to even more success for Wesmont when NJ Transit brings the new station online.”

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DATES:



WR MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES &
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KEEP WR BEAUTIFUL DAY
SUN. JUNE 5 FROM 1-4 P.M.

SIGN UP FOR WOOD-RIDGE'S NEW COMMUNITY ALERT SYSTEM:
WWW.NIXLE.COM



FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Welcome to the latest edition of the *Wood-Ridge Newsletter*.

In this edition, we highlight the successful completion of improvements to 14th Street and 6th Street fields, as well as the installation of permanent field lights at Donna Ricker Memorial Field at Wood-Ridge High School. From the new bleachers for fans of our Little League players at 6th Street, to the turf field that provides girls’ softball a premiere facility at 14th street, to the lights that will be used by the Blue Devils and Recreation programs for evening games, we are proud to give our young Wood-Ridge players the very best as they grow their talents, make new friends, and learn the value of sportsmanship.

These investments in the Borough’s recreational infrastructure, as well as continued road repavings, school upgrades, and the opening of a new New Jersey Transit station, which are also featured in this edition, are closely tied in to the visible investments residents throughout the Borough continue to make in their own homes. Together as neighbors, we continue to move ahead down the road of progress in Wood-Ridge.

Very truly yours,

Paul A. Sarlo
Mayor

WOOD-RIDGE LAUNCHES NIXLE COMMUNITY ALERT SYSTEM; ALL RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO SIGN UP

The Borough of Wood-Ridge has initiated the Nixle community alert system. This will enable Borough Officials to keep residents apprised of information such as community events, impending snow storms or hurricanes, school closings, road closures, changes to garbage collection, recreation program cancellations, and other pertinent Borough advisories, reported Councilman Ed Marino, who spearheaded the implementation of the Nixle system as Chair of the Borough Technology Committee.

Residents can sign up to receive e-mails and text messages from this web-based system by visiting <http://www.nixle.com>. Once on the page, simply click on “Residents – Learn More” and then click on the “Sign Up” box at the bottom of the page.

All you need to register is your name, address, e-mail address and phone number. Signing up is free of charge.

“The Nixle system is an invaluable resource for keeping residents of the Borough informed, and for the purposes of emergency management and response,” said Councilman Dominick Azzolini, who serves as Chair of the Fire and Emergency Services Committee. “We encourage all of our residents to sign up for these alerts, so that first responders and other Borough departments may continue to provide high quality services to our residents.”

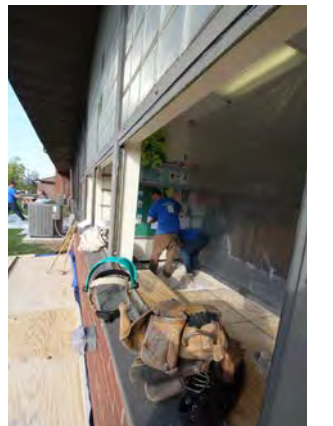
NEW WINDOWS BEING INSTALLED AT WR SCHOOLS AS PART OF RENOVATIONS



Wood-Ridge school renovations continue this spring with the installation of new windows at Catherine E. Doyle School (pictured) Greta R. Ostrovsky School, and Wood-Ridge High School, reported Councilman Ed Marino, who serves as Liaison to the Board of Education.

The replacement of the windows is being done at night classroom-by-classroom, so that students and teachers may make full use of the classrooms during the day, reported Marino.

The renovations are part of a comprehensive plan envisioned by the Mayor and Council and the Board of Education to upgrade Wood-Ridge’s school buildings for the next generation of students. Plans for a new playground at Doyle School will be unveiled soon.



BANNER PHOTO: Members of the Wood-Ridge Borough Council, coaches and volunteers cut the ribbon at 14th Street Field Opening Day.

WOOD-RIDGE ANNOUNCES ROAD REPAVINGS THROUGH YEAR 2018

Plans mark resurfacing of every street in Wood-Ridge during past 15 years

The Borough of Wood-Ridge will continue its comprehensive road resurfacing program throughout 2016, culminating in every street in the Borough being repaved over the past 15 years by the year 2018.

During May, Moonachie Avenue will be resurfaced at no cost to Wood-Ridge or Bergen County taxpayers. Moonachie Road will be repaved in partnership with United Water and PSE&G, as a result of recent utility work underground.

The sequencing of the remaining roads was determined by grant funding available from Bergen County Community Development and the New Jersey Department of Transportation, reported Councilman Joseph DiMarco, who serves as Liaison to Community Development. Both Bergen County and the DOT utilize a 'scoring system' for allocation of grants.

"For example, a street with public safety buildings on it receives a higher score for grant funding, so Humboldt Street will be paved ahead of other roadways because the Wood-Ridge Police Department, Volunteer Fire Department, and EMS are located on this street," DiMarco explained. "6th Street will be paved ahead of other roadways because streets with recreation facilities also receive a higher score."

Council President Catherine Cassidy noted that certain roadways may be paved earlier if further grant funding becomes available, or if bids come in lower than anticipated.

During the next the three years, the following Wood-Ridge roadways will be resurfaced:

2016

Humboldt Street, Rose Street, Charter Oak Street, Union Avenue and Center Street from 4th Street to Hackensack Street; Center Street from 8th Street to 10th Street, Fritsch Street, 6th Street, 8th Street, 9th Street from Union Avenue to Center Street, Main Street from 7th Street to 10th Street, and Innes Road from Valley Boulevard to 10th Street.

2017

Sussex Road, Windsor Road, and Marlboro Road from Valley Boulevard to 10th Street; 7th Street from Marlboro Road to Sussex Road.

2018

Marlboro Road, Windsor Road, Innes Road, and Sussex Road from 10th Street to Burma Road; Burma Road, and 10th Street.

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PLAY BALL! OPENING DAY WELCOMES PLAYERS TO RENOVATED FIELDS

The Wood-Ridge Recreation Softball and Little League teams were greeted by upgraded fields at the end of their annual parade through the Borough on April 9, as ceremonies noting teamwork, sportsmanship and appreciation for parents and volunteers kicked off the 2016 season.

"Take a look around you and wave to your families," said Mayor Sarlo during the opening day speeches to the assembled teams. "It's with their support that you all get to be out here, playing together, enjoying these experiences together. They're proud of you, and they're in your corner, win or lose."

Councilman Phil Romero, who serves as President of the Little League Baseball Program, also thanked the Borough's volunteers for making each season a success.

"Many of the volunteers don't even have kids in the programs, yet they work the concession stands and help out in numerous ways behind the scenes," said Romero. "We are incredibly grateful for all you do for the community."

The Borough completed enhancements to the 6th Street and 14th Street Fields early this spring, reported Councilman Joseph DiMarco, who chairs the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

At the 6th Street Field, grant funding was utilized for new dugouts, fencing, bleachers and backstops, and the fieldhouses have received exterior improvements.

At the 14th Street Field, two new batting cages were installed and fencing was redesigned to prevent foul balls from reaching the stands and the adjacent parking lot, and the field also received the significant enhancement of artificial turf to replace the grass, making it "one of the premiere recreation softball fields in Bergen County," DiMarco added.

Field lights were also installed at Donna Ricker Memorial Field at Wood-Ridge High School.

The field lights were installed as a response to growing participation in the Borough's Recreation programs, including track and field, soccer, cheerleading and football, and the growth of programs at Wood-Ridge High School, including the soccer program for boys and girls, and the recently-added freshman football team, said Councilman Ezio Altamura, who serves as Liaison to the Recreation Commission and President of Track & Field.

Altamura noted that the Borough has established a policy where the lights will only be used for games, will not be used past 9:30 p.m., and will not be lit on Sundays.



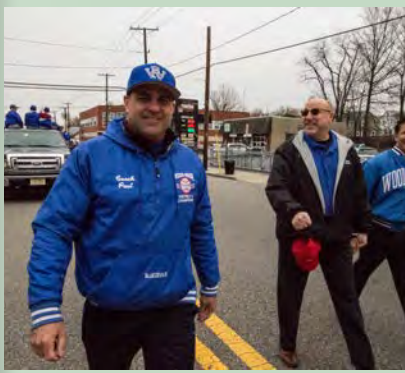
6th STREET FIELD ENHANCEMENTS



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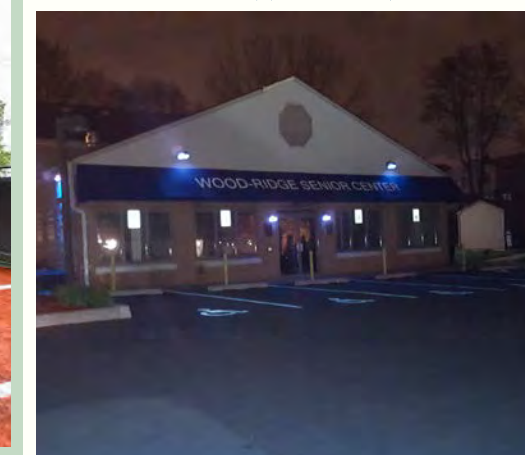
SCENES FROM THE 2016 OPENING DAY PARADE



NEW FIELD LIGHTS AT DONNA RICKER MEMORIAL FIELD



BLUE LIGHTS SHINE IN WR SUPPORT OF AUTISM AWARENESS



The Borough of Wood-Ridge lit the Senior Center and Civic Center in blue lights the evening of April 2 in observance of World Autism Awareness Day, reported Council President Catherine Cassidy.

"The Borough was proud to unite with other municipalities and public entities around the world in a continuing effort to spread awareness about autism," said Cassidy.

Every year on World Autism Awareness Day, the organization Autism Speaks invites iconic landmarks, skyscrapers, schools, businesses and homes across the world to unite by shining bright blue lights in honor of the millions of individuals and families affected by autism.

For more information, please visit <https://www.autismspeaks.org/liub/what-liub>.