

Wood-Ridge High School has been ranked in the top third percentile of New Jersey high schools by *NJ Monthly Magazine*. Read more at [www.njwoodridge.org](http://www.njwoodridge.org).

## Touchdown! Donna Ricker Field Re-Opens in Time for the 2008 Football Season

The completely-renovated Donna Ricker Field at Wood-Ridge High School reopened October 4 as the Blue Devils Varsity Football squad took on Secaucus. Improvements at the field include synthetic turf, an all-weather rubber track, new refreshment stand, dugouts, bathrooms, scoreboard, and perimeter safety fencing.

The project was made possible by cooperation between the Wood-Ridge Mayor and Council and the Board of Education. In addition, 75 percent of the improvements were funded by Somerset Development, owner of the Wesmont Station redevelopment project. The new field will offer children a safer environment to play sports while enhancing the property values of homeowners.



## on a street

where you shop

New sidewalks, decorative pavers, street lanterns and handicapped-accessible ramps have been installed on Valley Boulevard from Highland Avenue to Wood-Ridge Avenue as Phase II of the Valley Boulevard Streetscape Program. Additionally, a committee which included surrounding property owners has overseen the replacement of diseased and dangerous trees with new ones.

The Streetscape Program has encouraged private investment and renovations to properties all along Valley Boulevard. Improvements to the 'Main Street' infrastructure of the Borough have been credited for drawing in shoppers, retaining merchants, and growing commerce.

Phase II of the Streetscape Program was funded with grant monies from the New Jersey Department of Transportation and the Bergen County Community Development Program.



## good neighbor policy

The Borough of Wood-Ridge recently donated a retired Rescue Truck to the Moonachie First Aid & Rescue Squad. The presentation was attended by the Mayor and Borough Council, Wood-Ridge Fire Department, and Moonachie First Aid & Rescue Squad. The truck was no longer capable of first-line response, but will instead serve as a backup emergency vehicle for Moonachie, a frequent provider of Mutual Aid support to Wood-Ridge.



## The Big Dig: Complete Overhaul at Arnot Place

The Borough has taken a proactive approach to completely replacing the Arnot Place Stormwater Drainage System, a necessary companion to the replacement of the Sanitary Sewer System last year. New drainage pipes and catch basins were installed during September in a conveyance system serving more than one-third of Wood-Ridge's residents.

Arnot Place itself will be repaved at the project's completion, and new curbs, trees, and sidewalks will also be installed.

## NEXT STOP: WESMONT STATION



As new homes begin to rise at Wesmont Station, a contemporary New Jersey Transit Train Station will join them. The station, approved by the New Transit Board of Directors in June, will provide residents on both sides of town with convenient access to mass transportation. Wood-Ridge currently has a train station on the Pascack Valley Line of NJ Transit. The new station will be built on the Main Line. Construction is slated to begin in 2009.



Having successfully secured \$175,000 in grants, the Borough has begun renovations on the Arnault-Bianchi House. The house, which will be surrounded by a pocket park, is an historical landmark for all residents of Wood-Ridge to enjoy.



## Mayor, Council Celebrate Bowman Park Re-Opening

Mayor Paul Sarlo and the Borough Council recently joined the New Jersey Nets for the ribbon cutting of Harry T. Bowman Park on Jocelyn Avenue. On hand from the Nets was rookie Ryan Anderson, the 20th pick in this year's NBA Draft. Bowman Park, which includes a tennis court and blacktop basketball court, is dedicated to Harry T. Bowman, the only resident of Wood-Ridge killed during the Vietnam War. It is open to all residents from 8 a.m. to dusk.