

City of Woodbury Woodbury, NJ

Dear Woodbury residents,

Let's celebrate spring, warmer weather and all the new possibilities which that brings!

I hope April starts for you with a laugh or a playful prank as APRIL FOOLS DAY starts this month!

April is also a month of religious celebrations: whatever your beliefs or affiliations, I hope that you spend your holiday with family and loved ones and reflecting on the positive blessings in your life.

Finally, let's keep the citizens of Ukraine in our thoughts and prayers as they fight for their freedom and their way of life. Our problems seem miniscule when you consider the magnitude and destruction of war and the images of leveled cities and displaced civilians. We lit up our city hall in blue and yellow lights to show our support of the Ukrainian citizens. Thank you as always to our amazing public works department.

If you are inspired to assist with a financial donation, this <u>link</u> from CBS News will give you information on providing direct aid with the relief effort.

There is a lot to share this month from the City of Woodbury. A lot going on as we start the new season of spring. Stay safe, be well and thank you for reading.

Sincerely,

Mayor Peg Sickel



"Ramadan Mubarak!"

Translated to be "Blessed Ramadan "and is a common greeting

April 2nd is the beginning of the religious observance of Ramadan. Muslims worldwide observe this as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection, and community.

The observance of Ramadan lasts twenty-nine to thirty days, from one sighting of the crescent moon to the next.

When Ramadan ends, Muslims celebrate their hard work with a three-day feast called Eid al Fitr, so the greeting changes to "Eid Mubarak."

PASSOVER CELEBRATION







TABLE SET FOR SEDER DINNER

Passover (Pesach in Hebrew) is one of the Jewish religion's most sacred and widely observed holidays. In Judaism, Passover commemorates the story of God's liberating the Israelites from ancient Egyptian slavery. (Hebrew Bible's books of Exodus, Numbers and Deuteronomy).

In modern times, Jews observe the weeklong festival with several important rituals, including a traditional Passover meal known as a seder, the removal of leavened

products from their home, the substitution of matzo for bread and the retelling of the exodus tale.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17: THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION AND ITS SECULAR CUSTOMS





Easter is a Christian holiday that celebrates the belief in the ressurection of Jesus Christ.

In the New Testament of the Bible, the event is said to have occurred three days after Jesus was crucified by the Romans and died in roughly 30 A.D.

Additional customes that have become associated with Easter and are observed by both Christians and some non-Christians include Easter parades, the Easter bunny (who is rumored to deliver candy in Easter baskets), egg hunting and egg decorating



The Mayor's Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 17, at 10:30 am at Hendrickson's Park, located at Cooper Street and Evergreen Avenue. All children 12 years old and younger are invited to participate.

APRIL 2nd IS NATIONAL PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY DAY

How the two met and married!



Peanut Butter was first introduced at the 1883 Chicago World's fair.

Initially served in fancy tea rooms, it gained widespread popularity when the peanut industry became commercialized and peanut butter was affordable to the average person.

When a Boston cooking magazine debuted the first known recipe for P&J in 1901, introduced by Julia Davis Chandler, (she used currant jelly) the secret was out!

When 'the pre-sliced bread' revolution' in 1928 launched, Peanut Butter was a nutritious snack often served to children, especially during the Great Depression.

Army soldiers in WWII often found peanut butter, jelly, and bread in their food rations. When they 'marched home' after the war, they really shot this popular combination into mainstream America!



World Autism Awareness Month

April is also a month where there is an accelerated push to promote awareness and acceptance of people with autism.

The United Nations sanctioned April 2 as World Autism Awareness Day.

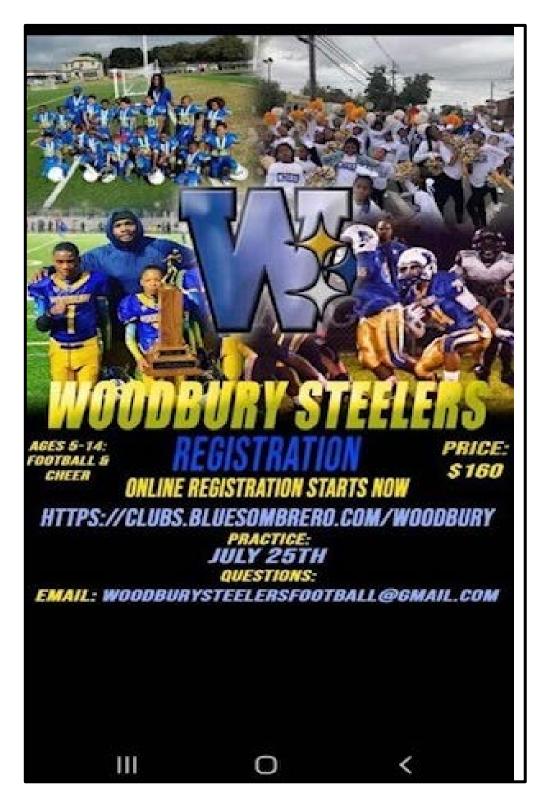
This movement seeks to empower people with autism and to help them gain their full potential. In addition, they seek to educate and embolden the public to create an environment of inclusion and kindness for those children and adults whose gifts are not always 'mainstream.'

View more information from the <u>State of New Jersey</u> for education and services related to autism.

If you see a building, landmark or home bathed in light blue lights, they are participating in the LIGHT IT UP BLUE initiative which was created in 2010 by Autism Speaks in recognition of people with autism.



Visit the Woodbury Public Library during National Library Week. Check their website for all of their upcoming events.



Registration for the Woodbury Steelers 2022 Season is now available <u>online.</u> Email <u>woodburysteelersfootball@gmail.com</u> with any questions





<u>Literacy NJ Gloucester County</u> provides free instruction to adults who need help with reading, writing, math and speaking English.

Trained volunteer tutors work with adults one-to-one or in small groups to help them improve their language and literacy skills so they can reach their life goals.

They offer English as a Second Language classes, Pre-High School Equivalency and High School Equivalency classes in reading, math and social sciences, U.S. Citizenship classes, Word/Excel computer classes, Job readiness and writing workshops and more.

Please email Nicole Quinn, Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator for more information:

Nquinn@literacynj.org or call/text 856.367.8090

Literacy NJ Gloucester County Brinda instrucción gratuita an adultos que necesitan ayuda con la lectura, la escritura, las matemáticas y el inglés hablado.

Los tutores voluntarios capacitados trabajan con adultos individualmente o en grupos pequeños para ayudarlos a mejorar sus habilidades lingüísticas y de alfabetización para que puedan alcanzar sus metas en la vida.

Ofrecemos clases de inglés como segundo idioma, clases de equivalencia de presecundaria y equivalencia de escuela secundaria en lectura, matemáticas y ciencias sociales, clases de ciudadanía estadounidense, clases de computación Word/Excel, preparación para el trabajo y talleres de escritura y más.

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JAMI SARAULLO HONORED WITH A JOINT CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION BY THE NEW JERSEY STATE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

At the March 23 City Council Meeting, Jami Saraullo of Special Events 4 Special Kids (SE4SK) was presented a Joint Ceremonial Resolution of the New Jersey Senate and General Assembly by Assemblyman Bill Moen, of the 5th Legislative District, for her work with SE4SK and her dedication to positively impacting the lives of children with special needs and their family in the City of Woodbury.



CHARLIE BROWN'S RESTAURANT RECEIVES W.O.R.C. GRANT

Woodbury's beloved restaurant will be reopening SOON!

The owners of Charlie Browns are the recipient of the W.O.R.C. Preservation, Restoration and Renovation Grant. Members from W.O.R.C. presented the owners with a \$15,000 check to assist with the exterior painting.

The exterior and interior primer painting has just begun. The kitchen and bathrooms will be upgraded. The awnings, carpet, interior lighting, ceiling fans and HVAC units are just a few of the things that will be replaced.

Booths will be removed from the bar area to make space for high top tables.

The City of Woodbury, it's residents and W.O.R.C. are excited to announce that the Grand Opening will be taking place on April 11th at 11:30 a.m. We all are looking forward to seeing this project culminate.

CHARLIE BROWN'S RECEIVES MAIN STREET NEW JERSEY DISTRICT TRANSFORMATION GRANT

On March 30, Main Street Woodbury, Inc. was awarded the Main Street New Jersey District Transformation Grant of \$103,126 to fully renovate the exterior of Charlie Brown's. The hard work that W.O.R.C and Main Street Woodbury has done to secure funding to help restore Charlie Brown's is greatly appreciated!



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Lt. Governor Sheila Y. Oliver Commissioner

March 30, 2022

PHILIP D. MURPHY

Mrs. Mary Carter
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Dear Mrs. Carter:

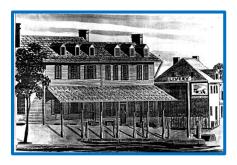
On behalf of Governor Philip D. Murphy and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, I am pleased to inform you that Main Street Woodbury, Inc. will receive a MSNJ District Transformation Grant grant of \$103,126. This award will provide funds to completely Renovate the entire exterior of 111 North Broad Street. Funds will be used to repair, paint and add to the exterior of an historic building and preserve a restaurant that has been in operation as either a restaurant or Inn since 1737.

Provision of such financial assistance is subject to appropriate execution of a grant/loan agreement with the Department and compliance by Main Street Woodbury, Inc. with the terms, conditions and requirements set forth therein. Expenditures incurred prior to receipt of the executed grant agreement are incurred solely at the risk of the grant recipient should funding not be available to support this award. If you have any questions regarding this funding, please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Community Affairs' Local Planning Services at (609) 633-6186.

I would like to extend my best wishes for this most worthwhile project and its successful completion.

Sincerely,

Sheila Y. Oliver Lt. Governor



Read about the history of their location at 111 N Broad Street – beginning with the Wilkins Inn that was built prior to the Revolutionary War!

MAINSTREET

RAISING FUNDS TO KEEP OUR CITY BEAUTIFUL!

With the help of a passionate group of volunteers, fundraising efforts, donations, and grant writing, Main Street has methodically 'worked' to preserve the historic integrity and beauty of the downtown of Woodbury.

Last month they sponsored a 'spaghetti and meatball dinner' as their latest effort to add to their coffers. The monies raised will be used for spring and summer plantings along Broad Street. Main Street not only raises the funds, but they also then plant the flowers and maintain them all summer long.

Everything was donated by local businesses to allow them to use all the funds towards the beautification of our great city.

A special thanks to Zallie's Supermarket for their donation of pasta, fixings and delicious homemade desserts. So, don't bother baking for your next party, call <u>Zallie's Fresh Kitchen</u> your guests will never know these sweets aren't homemade!

Gia Nina's Restaurant whose sauce or 'gravy' is always a crowd favorite, not a drop was left.

<u>Giordano's Meats</u> for the delicious meatballs and <u>Liscio's Bakery</u> for the bread donations, as well as the delicious brownies, muffins and sweets from our very own Woodbury resident Deneen Cirone Clark and her wonderful students @ GCIT!

Everyone's generosity of donations for the dinner, along with the amazing gift baskets that were raffled off made this a wonderful event to attend.

But we all know that the biggest need in the end at any event comes from the participations of our own citizens.

The show of citizen participation was incredible from dining inside, to take out dinners, to donations. So, thank you Woodbury for showing up!







Join the YMCA of Gloucester County on Saturday April 30th for their Healthy Kids Day. Learn more information on their website.

Interested in becoming a sponsor or vendor for the YMCA of Gloucester County's Healthy Kids Day? Complete the form and email it to Cameron Baker at Cameron@ycamp.org.



SPONSORSHIP AND VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES

PLATINUM SPONSOR: \$2500

Businesses at this level will receive the following:

- Business logo prominently displayed on all event signage, fliers, banners and t-shirts.
- Recognition as Platinum Sponsor on all news releases and media advisory.
- Logo recognition and link on YMCA website event webpage and email blasts for the event. One banner displayed at the event. (Banner should be no larger than $4' \times 10'$ Special live recognition during event.
- Recognition in YMCA program newsletters, social media, and YMCA facilities digital media.
- Prominent Booth Space (Includes: 2 8ft tables and chairs).

GOLD SPONSOR: \$1500

Businesses at this level will receive the following:

- Business logo on all signage, fliers, banners, bags, and t-shirts. Recognition as Gold Sponsor on all news releases and media advisory
- Logo recognition and link on YMCA website event webpage and email blasts for the event. Shared banner displayed at the event. (Banner should be no larger than 4' x 10')
- Special live recognition during event
- Recognition in YMCA program newsletters, social media, and YMCA facilities digital media.
- Prominent Booth Space (Includes: 2 8ft tables and chairs).

SILVER SPONSOR: \$500

Businesses at this level will receive the following:

- Business name or logo on event t-shirts
 Business logo on a large banner that will be displayed at the event
- Logo recognition and link on YMCA event webpage and email blasts for the event
- Prominent Booth Space (Includes: 2 8ft tables and chairs)

VENDOR ONLY: BUSINESSES - FREE • NON-PROFIT - FREE

Businesses at this level will receive the following:

- Booth Space (Includes: 1 8ft tables and chairs) Additional table cost: \$5
- Business must select 1 of the provided activities to highlight at their





Please come out and support us!

Date: April 16, 2022

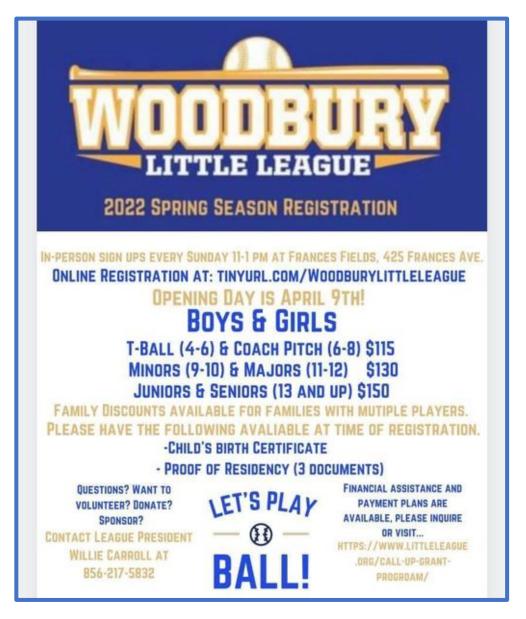
Time: 9:00 a.m.- **until sold out** Place: Woodbury Soccer Complex

430 Tacoma Blvd.

Italian and American Hoagies available

Pre-Orders accepted by email until April 1st at woodburyscnjss@gmail.com

Support the Woodbury Soccer Club at their Hoagie Sale on April 16. Email woddburyscnjss@gmail.com to place a pre-order.



The Woodbury Little League is still accepting registrations for the 2022 Season. Please contact Willie Carroll directly at 856-217-5832 to register, as Opening Day is April 9th.