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Woodbury, NJ

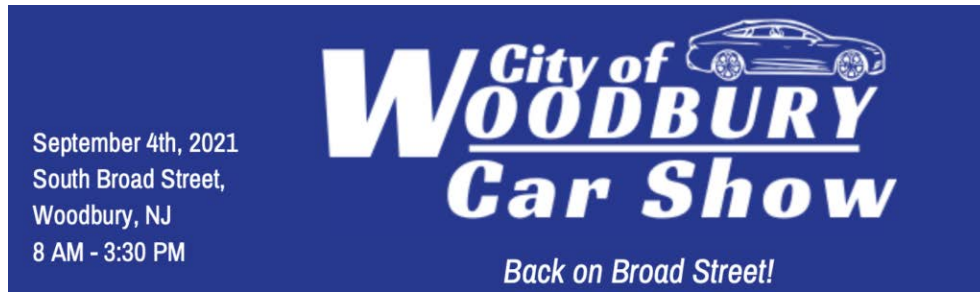
September Mayor's Blog

Happy Fall, Woodbury!

Before you know it the leaves will be turning colors...then falling!...and our children will be returning back to school!

There is a lot to celebrate and acknowledge in September and happenings around Woodbury are no exception!





The Annual City of Woodbury Car Show rolls into town on Saturday, Sept. 4. This event is free for spectators and is much more than a car show. It has been a tradition in Woodbury for over 35 years!

The city closes off Broad Street between Cooper Street and Salem Avenue/Kings Highway and downtown is transformed into a festival atmosphere, complete with live band, beer garden, food vendors, and other treats and surprises that make it a spectacle of an event!

This Labor Day tradition is regarded as one of the premier car shows in the Delaware Valley, because of the variety of vehicles on display and the event's walkability.

Another positive feature is the no-pressure judging at this show. There are 31 trophies, which includes Top 10 Kids choice, Top 10 Military choice, and Top 10 City Choice. The 31st Trophy and top prize is the Mayor's Choice Award.

The Woodbury Car Show allows Woodbury an opportunity to shine! Promoting the city in a positive way is our biggest goal. Many Broad Street businesses will be open and offering specials throughout the day. Businesses uptown are really stepping up to the plate to make the Woodbury Car Show a fun Americana experience to remember.

Entrant Registration is \$20. All entrants receive a WoodburyCarShow T-shirt.

Registration the day of the show starts at 8:00am Opening ceremonies start at 9. The auto show runs from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Rain date is Saturday, Sept. 11.

Register in advance at the [Woodbury Car Show](https://www.woodburycarshow.org) For more information, call 856-845-1300, x 146 or send email to info@WoodburyCarShow.org



September 6th, Americans will celebrate **Labor Day** - a holiday that marks the end of summer and celebrates American workers achievements over the years with parades, parties and picnics.

The history that is behind this holiday is less festive.

In the height of the Industrial Revolution, workers; including women, children, and recent immigrants; often worked 7 days a week for 12 hours a day in sometimes abhorrent and unsafe conditions throughout America's mines, factories and mills.

Labor unions began to find a voice and organize to advocate for worker's rights – often initiating strikes and rallies.

On June 28th, 1894, Congress approved a national holiday to recognize the achievements and contributions of American Workers. Signed by President Grover Cleveland, it was an attempt to improve relationships and cooperation with the workforce.



From **September 15-October 15** Woodbury acknowledges **Hispanic Heritage Month**. Councilwoman Karlene O'Conner has taken the initiative to examine the meaning of this holiday and speak to several of Woodbury's Hispanic Citizens, [in this article](#).



*We are thrilled to announce the Grand re-opening of the **Gloucester County YMCA** that has partnered with the YMCA of the Pines.*

I was honored to cut the ribbon on this facility, which initially opened in 1968, and still provides wonderful and enriching programs to our community.

Check out their webpage to see what programs are of interest to you and your family at: [Gloucester County YMCA](#)



The Woodbury Soccer Club offers Fall, Spring and Indoor soccer to girls and boys at the following levels:

U-6 to U-8 (Mini-Micro/Recreational)

U9/U10 (Mini-Novice)

U11/U12 (Novice)

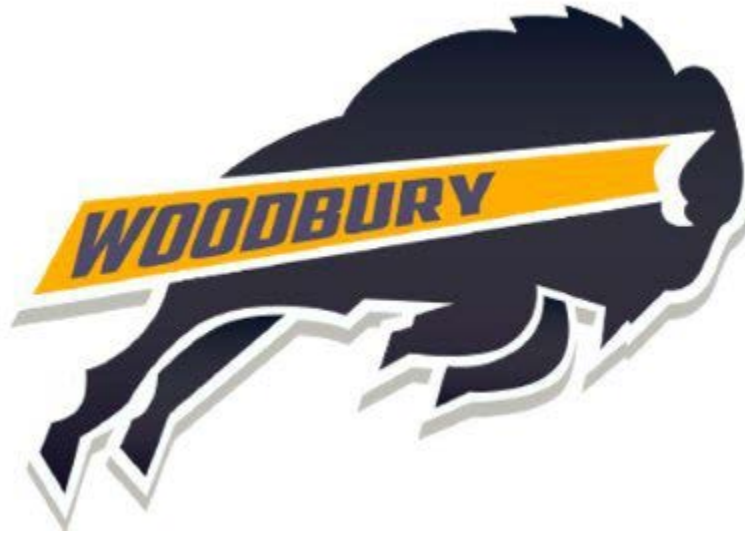
U13/U14 (Juvenile)

During the past year The Woodbury Soccer Club has gone from 22 members to 90 signed up for just this fall season. Opening day is Saturday September 11th @ 9:30 a.m. at 430 Tacoma Blvd.. I am very honored to have been asked to come out and do the opening kick! (I am practicing!) The Girls soccer teams play games on Saturdays and the boys games are on Sundays. Many of our Woodbury Soccer youth have been playing together since a very young age. The Woodbury Soccer Coaches and Team volunteers work very hard to keep this program affordable for all our children.

Just a few weeks ago they had a car wash and our younger soccer players were on hand washing cars. Naturally our Woodbury Police Department came by to support them and get their patrol cars washed. The team members did a great job, washing my car as well.

Dedication by the volunteers and coaches make this program possible for our community's youth. Please support them in any way you can. For questions please email: wdbymicros@gmail.com





When we think of fall FOOTBALL comes to mind ! Woodbury's Thundering Herd will be taking to the field, again, for another exciting season of high school varsity football.

The September scheduled games (times to be determined) are 9/3/2021 for a home game against Paulsboro High School, 9/11/2021 with Florence Township (Home) and 9//25/21 will see the blue and gold travel to Holy Cross High School in Delran.

Professional Trainers Advancing Humanity Initiative Inc. (P.T.A.H.), located at 232 S. Broad Street is an important part of Woodbury. The organization serves the youth and our community by initiating programs that provide education, mental wellness, and recreational development.

(PTAH) is an up-an -coming non-profit organization, established in 2015 by partners, President Paul "Coach Ptah" Bowen and Vice President Danielle DuVerney. They created this program because of their concerns and desire to uniquely equip children with valuable knowledge that will allow them to make informed decisions on matters concerning their health, education, finances, and their futures (i.e., their brand).

[Click here](#) to learn more about P.T.A.H.

Having the right tools to START the school year is a good start to students feeling confident. Fortunately, P.T.A.H. came to the aid of our city's youth by accumulating an impressive supply of backpacks (175!), masks and school supplies to distribute at their location last month.



Recently, young entrepreneurs had the opportunity to display their wares for sale at the YOUTH POP UP SHOW! Available items included handmade clothing, keychains, and candles. They were empowered by the business seminar that is laying the groundwork for their future success!



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Upcoming Fall programs at the P.T.A.H. Initiative Center include:

- *Self-defense and fitness program*
- *Fix, stitch and sew projects*
- *Jr. boxing program*
- *Re-cue film production programs*
- *Self-defense and violence prevention boxing program*
- *“Book it” young writers’ program*
- *Young creators – art*
- *Sister and brother’s friends’ society*
- *Wealth empowerment seminar*

Finally, I encourage every citizen of Woodbury to be a part of the solution for a better city and a more cohesive community.

*Be of service. There is nothing that harvests more
of a feeling of empowerment than being of service to someone in need.*

Gillian Anderson

Collectively we can be the cheerleaders for our sports team, the role models for your future stakeholders, the energy behind our initiatives.

Looking forward to seeing each one of you at our September WOODBURY EVENTS!

Sincerely,

Mayor Peg Sickel