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# WHA's happenin'

Newsletter  
of the

Woodhaven Homeowners Association

Glenville, NY

April 2009

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WHA Treasurer: Max Gollmer, 399-2479

[www.woodhavenassn.org](http://www.woodhavenassn.org)

## Town of Glenville—Items of Interest

**Large item pickup** -- There will be no large item pickup this spring. The increased cost of processing air-conditioners and refrigerators (to remove freon) was the primary reason for canceling the service. This could change – watch for more announcements.

**Winter Ice storm cleanup** -- Winter storm cleanup will begin on April 1, 2009. You will not have to cut limbs and other branches up, but simply drag them to the curb and the town will pick up this debris.

**Bulk leaf pickup** -- Bulk leaf pickup will continue this fall, and every attempt will be made to complete two pickups. As most of you know, Woodhaven did not have a second pickup due to the weather. The leaves that were not picked up last fall, will be picked up this spring beginning April 1, 2009. Do not bag these leaves -- raked them to the edge of the road and the town will pick up these leaves after April 1, 2009.

**Grass and bagged leaf pickups** -- County Waste will continue to pick up bagged grass clippings this spring beginning May 1, 2009.

**Woodcrest sewer system** -- There will be a new sewer system installed on Woodcrest Drive for 19 homes. Construction of this sewer system will begin this spring or early summer and is expected to be completed by mid summer.

**Woodhaven paving** -- The town is planning to pave Woodcrest Drive and lower Woodhaven streets that were not paved two years ago. There is no exact timetable for this but at this time; late summer or early fall is most probable.

**For additional news items regarding Woodhaven sewer costs, go to page 2.**

## Glenville Senior Center

32 Worden Rd., Scotia

Stop in and visit us anytime Monday thru Friday 9-4pm. We offer aerobics, Tai Chi, Yoga, Card Playing, Trips, Pickleball, Bocce Ball, Mah Jong, Photography, Painting and lots, lots more.

Membership for those 55 and older is \$15 per person for Town of Glenville Residents and \$25 for all others.

Can't visit us because you don't drive any longer? No problem! We offer van service with the Town of Glenville. Volunteers drive the van and are happy to assist you – we just aren't able to do Doctor Visits, but we are happy to take you shopping, get your hair done, bank. Etc.

## Upcoming Woodhaven Association Events

WHA Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors— This year's annual meeting will be held at the **Town Hall, Glenridge road on April 20 at 7 PM.** New officers and directors for the 2009-2010 will be elected and nominations for **all** officers and directors are now open.

Please contact Dan Sliva to submit a nomination. We need to keep WHA going and need your help. Please consider being part of your neighborhood association.

**For the meeting agenda, please go to page 2.**

## Join Us For The Annual Woodhaven Garage Sale!

Turn your trash into treasure at the annual Woodhaven garage sale. This year's garage sale will be held on Saturday, **May 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 3 pm** (rain or preferably shine).

You may sign up for the garage sale by calling **Jessica Hennel at 399-3912 by Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**For more details, see page 2**

## WHA SPRING –SUMMER PICNIC

We proposing a May-June WHA picnic or potluck at a local site. Plans are incomplete as this time but options include the Indian Meadows or the Empire State Aerosciences Museum. **We will need a chairperson and volunteers to help organize this event.**

Help is available: past coordinators are available to offer tips based on their experience, and we have found that plenty of people will help with specific tasks if someone is in charge to coordinate the affair.

Please give Dan Sliva a call at 399-0693 if you are interested. Also, check our website for additional information for this event.

## The WHA website has a new look!

[www.woodhavenassn.org](http://www.woodhavenassn.org)

See details on page 2



## Town of Glenville—Items of Interest Cont'd from page 1

**Alplaus / Woodhaven sewer system Costs** -- The Alplaus residents association informed WHA that Alplaus residents were going to be charged an additional administrative fee for their new sewer system. The fee of \$120 per resident represents the town's administrative and management costs for managing the Alplaus sewer system. It was expected that Woodhaven would receive a similar charge. However, it turns out that charge was implemented in 2007 and showed up on our 2008 sewer tax bill. So, the good news—we will not see an increase -- the bad news—no one informed us of that change two years ago.

**WHA Sewer charges linked to water usage** - Woodhaven residents, who are currently on the Woodhaven sewer system, have complained about their increased water and sewer taxes over the past two years. This was a consequence of the “water in and water out” approach to charging for sewer usage. Water that was measured on your water meter was assumed to all be discharged into the sewer system. Water used to sprinkle lawns, obviously does not enter the sewer system, but you do get charged as if it did. The town has no plan to change this method of charging for sewer usage. If you're interested in voicing your concerns about this practice, please call your town supervisor or make a point to attend the next Glenville town meeting and voice your opinion.

### The WHA website has a new look!

**Our original web site was started and operated by Pat McEleney for many years – Thank you Pat for all your help and support of the WHA web site for over 10 years!**

The new web site at [www.woodhavenassn.org](http://www.woodhavenassn.org), as with the original web site will be kept up to date with information provided by Woodhaven homeowners' and other sources that may affect or interest our residents.

All materials should be submitted to either **Bob Beatrice** ([beatrice97@aol.com](mailto:beatrice97@aol.com)) or **Harvey Bussell** ([hbussell@nycap.rr.com](mailto:hbussell@nycap.rr.com)) for consideration.

Subjects that might be included are: Town Items (Assessment issues, etc.), Woodhaven Items (Leaf pickup, status of roads, area parties, etc.), School Items (Niskayuna schools), Personal Items (Resident's input), Photos (General, holiday parties, summer picnic, etc.), and General Interest items (Woodhaven garage sales, etc.).

We wish to acknowledge Dave Hennel for his expert assistance and advice during the implementation of this latest website.

## WHA needs your help!

**We need street representatives to deliver the newsletters and our directory, and greet new arrivals— please contact any WHA officer or director.**

**HELP US KEEP WHA GOING!**

**WHA Annual Meeting**  
Monday, April 20, 7:00 p.m.  
Glenville Town Hall  
Glenridge Road

Agenda will include:

- ◆ **Treasurer's report**
- ◆ **Election** of officers and directors for 2009-2010 – see story on page 1.
- ◆ Prospects for **Spring-Summer Party** and **Annual Garage Sale**; see story on page 1
- ◆ **WHA website**
- ◆ **Discussions** with Town Supervisor and Comm. Of Public Works - Topics to be announced.
- ◆ **Other business**

### More on Garage SALE from page 1

Last year's event drew hundreds of people to the 50 neighborhood homes that participated in the event.

The cost to participate is \$2 per household. Your contribution will be used to cover the costs of advertising and signage.

All participating households will be reflected on a map that will be distributed at all entrances to the neighborhood on the day of the garage sale. Additionally, balloons will be provided to mark participating houses.

**Any neighbors who would like to help in planning this fun event should contact Jessica.**

## NEED HELP?—New to Woodhaven?— contact a street representative

Street Representatives are volunteers who play a crucial role in WHA. They greet new arrivals, distribute the WHA Newsletters and Directory and other necessary information, and, every other year, gather information for the directory.

**If you are new to the neighborhood and need information about WHA, please contact your Street Representative listed on our web site; [www.woodhaveassn.org](http://www.woodhaveassn.org) or contact one of the directors or officers listed in this newsletter.**

### WHA OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS for 2008-9

President	Dan Sliva	32 Pinewood	399-0693
Vice Pres.	Jessica Hennel	109 Acorn	399-3912
Treasurer	Max Gollmer	2 Pinewood	399-2479
Vice Pres.	Emeritus Dick McMahan	12 Mountainwood	399-2463
Director	Robert & Kathleen Beatrice	121 Governor	399-4613
Director	Harvey Bussell	111 Glenhill	399-0836
Director	Bob Harrison	111 Woodhaven	399-8890
Director	Pat McEleney	57 Woodcrest	399-2508
Director	Gia Nealon	26 Pinewood	384-2020
Director	Bruce Rebidue	110 Woodhaven	399-1813