Welcome to City Hall... Over the past year, several changes were made in certain departments in City Hall to help improve and streamline services. Please help to welcome Stephanie Petersen (x.127) to the Construction Office, Pam Duckworth (x.116) and Cricket Hanson (x.144) to the Tax & Utilities Department.

Message from the Mayor

As I am winding down my second year in office, I am proud to say that over the past 21 months, the City of Woodbury has experienced many great successes. Besides bringing back the traditional 4th of July fireworks — two years in a row, the City has welcomed a total of 25 new businesses, with several more businesses looking to open in 2015.

Through the proactive efforts of the governing body the tax rate has stabilized and the municipal budget was cut and trimmed. We restructured the construction office. We welcomed a for-profit business in a non-profit building that is now a tax ratable for the first time and saved a historic building. We assisted in the sale of the Woodbury Country Club to a developer and we recouped over $600,000 in past due water charges. We were also able to hire five Special Law Enforcement Officers to help watch over Broad Street and we purchased 220 South Broad Street, which will be the new home to our Police Station, opening in April of 2015.

With the assistance of grant funds, we were able to pave 18 streets throughout the City and schedule six additional roads to be paved in 2015. We are also adding bike and pedestrian paths in all our parks.

We also started a wonderful program with Woodbury High School to improve the quality of our city and make it a better place to live.

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13 New Businesses Open in 2014

1. In March, Fat Louie’s took over the space at the former A & M Deli, 132 E Red Bank Avenue. They serve Italian specialty sandwiches, cheesesteaks and a slew of fresh made sides. Fat Louie’s is open seven days a week: Monday thru Thursday from 11 am – 9 pm, Friday and Saturday from 11 am – 10 pm and Sunday from 10 am – 4 pm. Call for more information: (856) 853-1000.

2. On May 5th the CompleteCare Family Medicine Center opened at Inspira’s Woodbury campus serving NJ FamilyCare recipients. They are open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. To schedule an appointment call: 856-853-2055.

3. On August 13, the City of Woodbury proudly broke ground for the first Patient First facility in NJ. Opening winter of 2015, the facility is located at 630 Mantua Avenue, across from the Woodbury Acme Market. They will have six full and part-time doctors and between 40 to 60 local employees on staff.

Patient First will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., 365 days a year and will offer urgent care; work, school, camp, sports and travel physicals; occupational health; and primary care for patients who do not have a primary care physician, digital x-ray services, lab work and prescriptions on site.

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Woodbury's Green Team applies to Sustainable Jersey and creates a City Tree Ordinance

Two years ago, the City created a Green Team Committee to work on actions to support the application for the City to become a Certified Sustainable Jersey community. After finishing and implementing several “green” initiatives, the team submitted the application to the state on September 14, 2014.

Some green initiatives incorporated into the municipal operations include the adoption of a Green Purchasing Policy #14-123, a Green Maintenance Policy #14-124, and a Sustainable Land Use Pledge #14-122. These items can be found on the City’s website.

The Green Team also worked on a direct marketing campaign to promote the NJ Direct Install program to help save commercial property owners 70% on energy efficient upgrades. Through the Green Team’s efforts, the municipality conducted their own energy audit. Now, the City is benefiting from the NJ Direct Install program by saving 70% of the cost to upgrade the HVAC system and the lights in the Library portion of the building.

NOTE: The Green Team also created a City “Tree Ordinance”. The ordinance details how and if a City tree can be trimmed or removed. If you have an issue with a tree in front of your house or business please call our Public Works department. They will evaluate the tree and determine how to proceed. Anyone who removes a City tree could be subjected to fines. Please review the ordinance on our website. Ordinances: 2200-14/2209-14

Poll Location Changes

REMEMBER TO VOTE-NOVEMBER 4, 2014

Just a reminder, last year we discontinued voting at the public schools. Please review the new voting locations.

WARD 1-All Districts
Go to the American Legion building Post 133 located at 1018 Washington Ave. Enter the building from Evergreen Ave.
WARD 2-Districts 1 & 3
Go to Woodbury Mews at 122 Green St.
WARD 2-Districts 2 & 4
Go to Beth El AME Church at 32 Courtland St.
WARD 3
Go to Hope Fellowship Christian Church located at 246 King Street at the corner of Church and Main Street, Woodbury, NJ. This is their fourth South Jersey location and first store in Gloucester County.

The bakery features many different freshly baked bread items along with pizzelles, coffee cake, cinnamon rolls, soft pretzels and coffee. The Woodbury location is opened Monday through Friday 8 am - 5:30 pm, Saturday and Sunday - 8 am - 2 pm. For additional information and special orders you can go to their website delbuonusbakery.com or call them at: (856) 537-5038.

On August 27, 2014, Studio 240 opened their new hair salon owned by partners Alana Talarico and Arielle Boucher. Studio 24 is opened Tuesday –Friday from 11 am -8 pm and Saturdays from 9 am – 3 pm. For more information about their services and prices visit them online at www.studio240.org or follow them on Facebook and Instagram at @studio240 or call for an appointment at: 856-537-7272.

On September 3, Higher Standards Performing Arts Preparatory celebrated with Mayor and Council at their ribbon cutting ceremony. Partners Tellie Johnson and Thilana Chandler are the first retailers in the newly renovated GG Green building at 108 S Broad Street.

They offer a variety of classes covering all forms of art; from Ballet and Modern dance to Praise Dancing, music classes, art painting night, support group for single child and classes for exercise classes like Zumba on Thursday nights. They are open Monday through Saturday. Their schedule is online at: www.hstdreprep.com or call them at: (856) 537-5370.

On September 17, Excess Reinsurance relocated to 48 N. Broad Street, the former home of Masonic Lodge #87. The Woodbury office is the company’s headquarters, employing over 35 local residents. They also have regional offices near Minneapolis and Boston and do business worldwide.

On Tuesday, September 23, the Greater Woodbury Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Woodbury organizations’ opened their new home at 36 S. Broad Street. The two organizations are sharing an office. The City also welcomed the new owners of La Piazza DiScotto’s Restaurant and Pizzeria located at 40 S Broad Street. La Piazza is opened Monday thru Thursday from 10 am – 10 pm, Friday and Saturday 10 am – 11 pm and Sunday from 11 am – 10 pm. DiScotto’s also provides catering for all occasions. To place an order call: 856-384-7700.

On October 1, Perry’s Clock Shop formally opened its doors at the Woodbury Antique center at 66 S Broad Street. Besides selling antique clocks, Gregg Perry is certified to work on 17th-19th century clocks and pocket watches, 20th century wristwatches, 17th – 19th century scientific and astronomical instruments, and is a clock case conservationist in marquetry, sculpting, East Asian lacquer work, gilding, veneering and film finishes. He also works on barometers and music boxes. Call 484-264-9131 for hours of operation.

On October 8, Woodbury resident, Main Street VP and FAFFER Anthony Allman along with partners Chris Keiper and Brent Whitehead opened Luke and Cade’s Toy Chest at 234 S Broad Street. The store features new and vintage action figures, collectibles, games and statues from Marvel, DC, GI Joe, McFarlane, TMNT, Transformers, Star Wars and more. They also carry horror collectibles and video games. For more information visit: www.LNCtoychest.com or write to info@LNCtoychest.com.

4. On August 20, Del Buono’s Italian Bakery opened the doors at 39 S. Broad Street, this is their fourth South Jersey location and first store in Gloucester County.

- Mayor Bill Volk
A New Memorial Day Tradition!

At the request of the Woodbury American Legion and Memorial Day Parade participants, the City, in partnership with the County Veterans Administration, the NJ POW/MIA Awareness Committee, the Woodbury American Legion, the Bonsall Blues and the Woodbury Cub/Boy Scouts decided to host a special candlelight vigil and forgo the traditional Woodbury Memorial Parade this year.

According to Woodbury’s American Legion’s commander, Kevin Mitchell, “Each year it gets harder and harder for our Veteran’s to walk the parade route. The candle light ceremony is unique and proved to be a real moving ceremony that made more of an impact than the parade. I am glad we choose to move in this direction because it allowed all of our members and the community to participate in the ceremony.”

Woodbury native, Cndr. James R. Raimondo, USN, served as Master of Ceremonies and the vigil included the Missing Man Ceremony, Wreath Ceremony, the Reading of Names and the Tolling of the Bell, as well as a special Candle Lighting Ceremony and Rifle Salute.

Over 100 guests attended the event held at the Woodbury American Legion. Immediately after the vigil, a light buffet was offered to all participants and guests. The food and drinks were donated from the following Woodbury businesses: The Nut Shop, Country Sweets Bakery, Caterer’s Corner, Bottom Dollar and Woodbury’s Municipal Alliance. A special thanks goes out to Lee Weatherby who helped to set up and clean up after the event.

NOTE: The Woodbury Candle Light Vigil was hosted in part by the NJ POW/MIA Awareness Committee headed by Mr. Anthony “Tony” Halas III. Mr. Halas, an Air Force Vietnam Veteran, suddenly passed on July 9, 2014. The 2014 Woodbury Memorial Day Committee is grateful for his service to this Country and our City and for all the support he gave us with this new event. Our hearts go out to his family.

The Country Club sells for $3.2 million

On June 16, 2014, in a $3.2 million deal, William Burris and company became the proud owners of the former Woodbury Country Club. The new site will be called B Well Rehabilitation.

The City’s redevelopment agreement with Burris includes the construction of a medical campus with a 150 bed, post-acute rehabilitation facility; a 100 bed long term care facility; and a 100 bed assisted living, specialized facility. In addition to the medical campus, Burris will create two residential areas and he will preserve approximately 15 acres of the site for a passive-public park.

Woodbury’s Mayor William Volk states, “From all the projects that were proposed for this site, I truly believe that Mr. Burris’ plans best embrace Woodbury’s character and long range goals for development. It is a sustainable project that will bring over 200 jobs to Woodbury and to Gloucester County.”

Burris and company plan to break ground sometime in the fall of 2014. The first facility, the post-acute rehabilitation building, should be completed and operational within a year after the start of construction. The two additional medical facilities are scheduled to be completed by the end of 2015 and the beginning of 2016. The houses will go up during the course of the next three years and the park should be open to the public sometime in 2017.

Woodbury Make a Difference Day Oct 25, 2014

Volunteers Needed

On October 25, 2014 the City of Woodbury is calling on volunteers to help beautify Broad Street, as part of the nationwide event—Make a Difference Day. The City’s Community Relations Committee needs volunteers to come out on Oct. 25 from 8 am -12 pm to start the preliminary work to redevelop the park area on the corner of Broad and Barber, part of the site of future home of the new Police Station.

In addition, the Woodbury Make a Difference group will also continue on page 7
New Teen Treatment Program @ Inspira

Inspira’s new Adolescent Partial Hospital Program is open to adolescents ages 13 to 17. It is located at the Inspira Medical Center Woodbury/509 N. Broad Street and offers comprehensive treatment for teens who suffer from a wide range of behavioral health disorders including: depression, anxiety, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), oppositional defiant disorders and substance abuse issues.

The newly constructed unit provides a warm and inspiring environment where patients receive individual, group and family counseling, as well as classroom education, facilitated by a team of staff, teachers, a therapist and psychiatrist. The facility is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 5 pm.

To make a referral or to schedule an evaluation, call 856-251-5330. Inspira accepts both Medicaid and many private health insurances. No person will be denied treatment based on his/her ability to pay.

Woodbury School District’s Strategic Planning Sessions Open to the Public

Woodbury City Public Schools’ success is accomplished through adherence to the district’s mission, as well as a commitment to continuously evaluate and improve its academic programs through a strategic planning process that includes Board members, administration, staff, students, parents, and the general community.

Woodbury City Public Schools started the process of updating its 2014-2015 Strategic Plan. Meetings took place on September 15 (What is Working Well/Points of Pride) and September 30 (Expectations for the Future/Visionsing a 21st Century School District). Two more meetings are scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on October 16 (Action Steps to Enable the Vision) and October 27 (Data Planning Session).

Please check the district’s website, woodburysch.com, for updates and to see how you can become involved. Everyone’s involvement in this process is critical and greatly appreciated.

Woodbury’s 5th of July Celebration

On July 5, 2014 the City of Woodbury hosted an hour long concert by The Party Band, thanks to the County Freeholders. Concerts in the Park program. The concert was followed by a spectacular fireworks display, reviving a long standing tradition in the City.

For more information about Woodbury’s 5th of July Celebration please contact the Woodbury 5th of July Celebration Committee at 609-878-5581.

Woodbury Community Garden Celebrates 10 Years

In 2015, the Woodbury Community Garden will be celebrating its 10 year Anniversary! The Garden is located adjacent to the YMCA property on East Red Bank Avenue as part of the Stewart Lake and Park property. Since 2005, founder and Director, Amélie Harris-McGeehan’s vision was and still is: To create a garden for gardeners to grow organic vegetables and for visitors to enjoy the beautiful space.

The Woodbury Community Garden provides a tranquil environment where adults and their children can rent a space to plant vegetables and flowers. There are picnic tables and benches for folks to relax, making it a great place for bird-watching, taking pictures, sketching, and much more!

In early spring of 2014, 23 individuals including adults, their children and Woodbury High School students worked together to make changes to the garden lay-out which increased the amount of available plots to 30. During the 2014 season, plots were maintained by 42 adults and 45 children with two adults and 25 children from the YMCA summer camp program.

Woodbury gardeners are growing peas, radishes, a variety of beans, lettuce, arugula, spinach, collard greens, Swiss chard, kale, broccoli, zucchini, squash, a variety of peppers, a variety of tomatoes, corn, okra, cucumbers, watermelon, cantaloupe, beets, carrots, potatoes, sweet potatoes, asparagus, onions, rhubarb, lots of different herbs and lots of flowers.

In addition, the Woodbury Community Garden is a certified Wildlife Habitat where you can catch a glimpse of egrets, herons, the occasional the Bald Eagle overhead and the Eastern Goldfinch, which is the New Jersey state bird.

As the Autumn harvest starts, Amélie shares some of her goals for next year:
1. Do more outreach to those families in need of food, and to find a way to have them involved in growing their own vegetables.
2. Conduct more field trips for students, student organizations, families and other groups.
3. Continue to provide environmental education programs at the community garden, for folks of all ages and interests and off-site outreach programs to the school district.
4. Use the Community Garden as a tool to connect the community with nature and their neighbors.

For more information about Woodbury’s Community Garden visit: woodburycommunitygarden.com

CITY NOTES

Division of Taxation’s website. PTR or Senior Freeze hotline 800-882-6597 or www.state.nj.us/treasurytaxation/ptr.buffer.shtml

Property taxes are due November 1, 2014. There is a 10 day grace period. Interest will start to accrue starting November 11, 2014. If you have not received your 2014 tax bill please call 856-845-1300 x 119

Water sewer bills will be sent October 15, 2014. We offer a 30 day interest free period but note, interest will start to accrue as of November 17, 2014. The meter reading information is located on the upper left hand portion of your water bill. If there is an “E” next to the reading, it means the bill was estimated.

Please contact the Public Works Department at 856-853-0892 x 205 to arrange access for an accurate meter reading.