

NEWS TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE

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WOODBIDGE READIES "TOOLING AROUND THE TOWNSHIP ~ 2010"

**April 24 Set for Annual Woodbridge Township Fix-Up Day
Volunteer Program Targets FREE Home Repair & Maintenance for
Qualifying Senior & Disabled Residents**

**Homes in Need of Repair & Volunteers Wanted to "Hammer" Home Support
"Tooling Around The Township" Hotline @ 732-634-2750 x105 or log-on to:**

www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us.

WANTED... SENIOR AND DISABLED RESIDENTS WITH A HOME IN NEED OF REPAIR...

**WANTED... COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS, SKILLED TRADESMEN, CARPENTERS,
ELECTRICIANS, PLUMBERS, AND TOWNSHIP BUSINESSES TO ASSIST AND/OR SPONSOR
"TOOLING AROUND THE TOWNSHIP ~ 2010" – A COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THAT
PROVIDES FREE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE FOR WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP SENIOR AND
DISABLED RESIDENTS WHO CANNOT REPAIR THEIR HOME OR RESIDENCE.**

Woodbridge – Mayor John E. McCormac, Municipal Council President James Major and the Woodbridge Township Municipal Council, and the Woodbridge Housing Authority, today announced "Tooling Around The Township ~ 2010" – the annual community-based program that organizes teams of volunteers, local trades' persons, and business sponsors to fix-up, repair and help maintain homes for senior and disabled Woodbridge Township residents.

"I'm excited to announce that 'Tooling Around the Township ~ 2010' is on target for Sat., April 24 and that it will be bigger and better than ever," said Mayor McCormac. "I can think of no other project that brings together municipal government agencies, the corporate, business and trade community, and resident volunteers in a way that truly benefits senior and disabled residents more than the annual Tooling Around the Township program.

Therefore, I am today issuing the call to action for volunteers to be part of a team to fix-up a home for a senior or disabled resident.”

According to Mayor McCormac and Donna Brightman, Director, Woodbridge Housing Authority, “Tooling Around The Township” got underway in Woodbridge Township in 2000. Last year, more than 500 ‘Tooling Around the Township’ volunteers completed repairs on 18 homes throughout the Township. Since 2000, more than 150 Woodbridge Township senior and handicapped residents and families have benefited from home repairs through the efforts of ‘Tooling Around The Township.’ Additionally, community volunteers have built more than 25 wheelchair ramps and made handicap modifications at more than 20 residences throughout Woodbridge Township.

Mayor McCormac and Township officials said that the program could not be successful without the sponsorship of local businesses and corporations: Carpenters Local 119, The Club at Woodbridge, FedEx Ground, J.J. Bitting’s, the Tri-Lift Corporation, Woodbridge Center Mall, Bradco, Cavallero Contracting, DL Printing, Hess, Middlesex Water Company, The Siemens Corporation, Cardell, Columbia Savings Bank, Dunigan Plumbing, Home Depot, Motiva, Unity Bank, Walmart, Yardville Bank, Bonefish Grill, The Colonia Corner Newspaper, The Woodbridge Housing Authority, the Woodbridge Board of Education, the YMCA at the Woodbridge Community Center, and many more.

Community volunteer groups include: Boy Scout Troop 53, the Woodbridge Fire Department, the Woodbridge High School ‘Hero’s & Kool Kids’ volunteers, Ed McSherry and Woodbridge Township Municipal workers, the Colonia High School Senior Class, the John F. Kennedy High School National Honor Society students, local attorney James Nolan, the members of the American Irish Association and members of the Mayor’s Youth Council and Mayor’s Advisory Board.

Councilwomen Patricia Osborne and Brenda Velasco noted that, “Tooling Around The Township ~ 2010” relies on community support to repair homes for elderly residents and homeowners with disabilities throughout Woodbridge Township. “On April 24, we expect hundreds of volunteers and sponsors to fan out across the Township with hammers, paint brushes and gardening equipment to repair and spruce-up dozens of homes,” the Councilwomen said.

On April 24, “Tooling Around the Township ~ 2010” volunteers will come together to make “Alterations in Avenel,”... “Caulking in Colonia,”... “Framing in Fords,”... “Handyman in Hopelawn,”... “Insulation in Iselin,”... “Kitchens in Keasbey,”... “Mowing in Menlo Park Terrace,”... “Painting in Port Reading,”... “Sawing in Sewaren,”... and “Woodworking in Woodbridge.”

Applications to nominate a home for repair or maintenance are now being accepted. Forms to nominate a home for repair, to sponsor a work team, or to volunteer, are available by logging-on to the Township Web Page at: www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us or by contacting the Woodbridge Housing Authority Hotline at 732-634-2750 x105.