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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH  
April 26, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.  
May 24, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.  
June 28, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

**VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK**  
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Mayor

April 4, 2016

Dear Residents and Neighbors:

This is the fifth Mayor's newsletter to the Village since I took office on July 6, 2015. Previous versions of these newsletters can be found on the Village website at [www.tuxedopark-ny.gov](http://www.tuxedopark-ny.gov) under the heading "Mayor's Newsletter". Please read all inserts as they have important dates of an upcoming event and information.

Lakes: Due to a lack of snow during the winter, the overall lake levels are low. The lakes are fed by spring water and by runoff from streams, which are at low levels. In general, the Lakes are in good shape. Contact Trustee McHugh ([trusteealan10987@gmail.com](mailto:trusteealan10987@gmail.com)) with any issues.

Wee Wah Dam: The Wee Wah Dam remains a top priority. CHA, headquartered in Albany, New York, is the Village engineering firm for dams. They expect the construction to begin Q4 2016-Q1 2017, and completion expected by Q3 2017.

The Financial Committee, chaired by Maureen Coen, is working together with the BOT to evaluate the best possible alternatives for issuing municipal bonds to pay for the Wee Wah Dam and other infrastructure needs of the Village. The Village continues to pursue grants for infrastructure purposes of which the Village already applied for and was awarded a grant for \$50,000 sponsored by Senator Bonacic specifically for the Wee Wah Dam.

Police: Chief Kenneth Sanford retired as Police Chief after many years of service in the Village of Tuxedo Park as well as the Town of Tuxedo. We honored Chief Sanford for his outstanding contribution to the Village in a recent BOT meeting. We are currently in the process of interviewing for a replacement. Also, Officer Michael Taback was promoted to Detective. Congratulations to Detective Taback.

Budget: The BOT has held several Special Meetings to discuss the Budget for fiscal year 2016-2017. We also expect to be on budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 while replenishing a portion of the reserve. In both cases we are within the tax cap. The Budget Public Hearing on April 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Office was advertised and posted on the website and Tuxedo Park gate entrances.

Tuxedo Park Tree Advisory Board (TAB), Tree City USA, [www.tptreeboard.org](http://www.tptreeboard.org): Much progress is being made on this front. Chiu-Yin Hempel (Chairman), Dena Steele, Christopher Gow, Jack Kilgore and Jeff Voss are the Committee members. The Tree Committee promotes environmentally friendly maintenance and planting of trees throughout the Village including applying for grants to support such efforts. You may see a group of Village Residents working around the Village on weekends cutting the vines that have been strangling many of our trees and native vegetation. On March 30th, Chiu-Yin and I attended a Tree City USA Recognition Ceremony in Albany which was very informative and really brought to mind how many cities in the US are becoming part of this important organization dedicated to preservation of trees and reforestation. See the invitation for Arbor Day (April 30, 2016) and more TAB information included in this mailing.

The "Keep": All discussions have centered on an improved communication/technology system. We are continuing to renovate the "Keep" at the Main Entrance to Tuxedo Park. The Police Gate Guards continue to operate from the Keep, which was the original police headquarters for the Village. Our next task will be replacing the composite type roof on the northern side of the Keep with a new cedar shingle roof to match the new upper roofs of the Keep. The finishing of the interior of the Keep will continue as well as upgrading the technology associated with monitoring the Main Entrance, the South Gate and potentially other locations in the Village.

The "Booth": All discussions have centered on an improved communication/technology system. The BOT has held Special Meetings to discuss the pros and cons with the public of (1) rebuilding a much more reinforced Booth, (2) having the Gate Guards continue to operate from the Keep and (3) any other solutions put forth by Village residents, Board members, and employees. Conceptual drawings were submitted by two architects with various potential design options for the police booth etc. and have been posted on the Village website for several months and have also been available for public view at the Village Office. At one of the Special Meetings, two of our Gate Guards and a Police Officer were present to offer their views and to answer any questions from Village residents and the BOT.

**Trustee McHugh, [trusteealan10987@gmail.com](mailto:trusteealan10987@gmail.com):**

In order to get further community input regarding the Main Entrance we are asking for your input in answering a few short questions. Please submit survey responses to [suggestions@tuxedopark-ny.gov](mailto:suggestions@tuxedopark-ny.gov), ATTN: Booth/Keep. As a point of historical reference, the Keep and building across from the Keep (this building was originally the Police Chief residence) were built in the 1880's and they defined the entrance to the Park for the first 80 years. In the Fall of 1965 the Booth was added.

The following options appear best based upon cost considerations, security, and feedback from the public/Gate Guards/Police:

- Rebuild a Booth on the pre-existing footprint
- Do not rebuild Booth and rely solely upon Keep

Questions:

1. Should a Booth be rebuilt on the pre-existing footprint?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
2. Should a Booth be rebuilt in a different location beyond the main gate?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
3. Is it important for you to have visual contact with the Gate Guard?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**From Deputy Mayor Gluck, [trusteegluck10987@gmail.com](mailto:trusteegluck10987@gmail.com):** The Trails Committee is dedicated to making our historic Village carriage and bridle trails more usable. Since its formation last July, the Trails Committee has organized several exploratory excursions, and volunteer members have done work to substantially improve the Eagle Mountain Trail. Future projects planned include improving the pass-ability of the South Side of the Eagle Mountain Trail, the trail from East Lake Road to the Ridge Road Trail and Ringwood Avenue, as well as mapping and marking. If you're interesting in participating, please contact Sally Sonne ([sallyso@optonline.net](mailto:sallyso@optonline.net)).

**From Trustee Guazzoni, [trusteeclaudio10987@gmail.com](mailto:trusteeclaudio10987@gmail.com):** The Public Hearing for Local Law Introductory No. 4 of 2015-Exterior Lighting is still open. The BOT will post on the Village website a draft of the final version to be voted on by the Trustees in an upcoming monthly BOT meeting.

**From Trustee Kilduff, [trusteejohn10987@gmail.com](mailto:trusteejohn10987@gmail.com):** All residents should be aware that the Tuxedo Emergency Medical Services, paramedic and ambulance, are now being dispatched by the Orange County 9-1-1 center, which has replaced the dispatch by the Town of Tuxedo Police Department. As a result, for all medical emergencies please dial 9-1-1. For non-emergency situations, you may still call the Tuxedo Park police gate at (845) 351-4741 for rapid attention, if you are unsure that an ambulance is truly needed. Having said that, please do not hesitate to call 9-1-1. The Tuxedo EMS is always at your service no matter the level of the emergency. We will happily be on our way, glad that you are well and not needing our assistance, after paying you a brief visit!

We are working with the 9-1-1 center to update and ensure the accuracy of all residence addresses, as this has been an issue in the past. In addition, EMS personnel will be canvassing the Village to improve road signage to clarify intersection points and road extensions, in order to avoid any possible delays in reaching the proper address. Finally, residents should make sure that their house or apartment number is clearly visible from the street, in order to aid the rapid location of your home, in the event of an emergency. Be well!

**Orange & Rockland (O&R):** Please visit [www.oru.com](http://www.oru.com) O&R mobile app for your smart phone to sign up to receive alerts of power outages that may affect you, to report outages, etc. It is critical that when there is a power outage, you always report such outage to O&R directly either by phone (877-434-4100), online, or text. Each report is logged in and helps O & R to locate the areas of impact.

**CodeRed:** We encourage all residents to sign up to receive CodeRed announcements at [www.tuxedopark-ny.gov](http://www.tuxedopark-ny.gov). If you don't have computer access or wish to speak to someone, please call CodeRed at 866-939-0911.

**Suggestions:** E-mail to [suggestions@tuxedopark-ny.gov](mailto:suggestions@tuxedopark-ny.gov), drop off in person, or after hours slide under door at the Village Office.

**Reminder:** Check the website for updates and dates of various Village board meetings. As always, please call, text, email, or come see me at your convenience. To accommodate your calendar, I am always available at the Village Office by appointment. Please note, my standing office hours are Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Mayor of the Village of Tuxedo Park Open House, *Come as you are and stop by to say hello or discuss anything on your mind.*  
194 East Lake Road  
Tuxedo Park, NY 10987  
3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Sunday, June 12, 2016

Help us to be green. Request newsletter via e-mail by sending your name(s) and e-mail addresses to [suggestions@tuxedopark-ny.gov](mailto:suggestions@tuxedopark-ny.gov).

Regards,



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