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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
UPCOMING DATES
July 26, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.
August 24, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.
September 21, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK
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TUXEDO PARK, NEW YORK 10987

Mary Jo Guinchard
Mayor

July 11, 2016

Dear Residents and Neighbors:

This is the sixth 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 under the heading "Mayor's Newsletter". Please read any inserts that accompany this newsletter as these may contain important dates and upcoming events and information. Please note, the Mayor's Newsletters and any inserts accompanying the Mayor's Newsletters are approved and official communications of the Village of Tuxedo Park. Similarly, any information posted on the Village website or message boards at the Main Entrance and South Gate are approved and official communications by the Village of Tuxedo Park. We also post updates on Village matters on the Village website at www.tuxedopark-ny.gov.

The June Board of Trustees meeting opened with recognitions and a ceremony of "Oath of Office" for quite a few. First, I want to thank Trustees John Kilduff (John also served as Deputy Mayor under the previous Mayor) and Paul Gluck (Paul also most recently served as Deputy Mayor) for their hard work and dedication. The Board of Trustees also express sincere and grateful appreciation to Judge David L. Levinson for the almost 22 years of service as the Village Judge. Judge Levinson retired June 30, 2016. Best wishes to these gentlemen for continued success, happiness and good health in the years to come. I also want to welcome Trustees David ("Mac") McFadden and John Moon to the Village Board, and I look forward to working cohesively with them and their fellow Trustees Claudio Guazzoni and Alan McHugh. A warm welcome to Judge David Hasin as our Village Judge and Judge Marc Citrin as our Acting Judge. Many thanks to John Ledwith, Debbie Matthews, Jeff Voss, and all employees of the Village who continue to do a great job.

Budget:

The 2016-2017 General Fund and Water Fund budgets were adopted on April 26, 2016. A copy is available in the Village Hall. The New York State tax cap for the General Fund was .73% which we stayed below.

The "Keep":

We continue to renovate the "Keep" at the Main Entrance to Tuxedo Park. The Police continue to operate from the Keep (including operating the Main Entrance gate and the South Gate), which was the original police headquarters for the Village. The composite type roof on the northern side of the Keep was replaced with a new cedar shingle roof to match the new upper roofs of the Keep. The renovation of the interior of the Keep is nearing completion and we are working on upgrading the technology associated with monitoring the Main Entrance, the South Gate and potentially other locations in the Village.

The "Booth":

In the upcoming BOT meeting, we will have further discussions regarding the Booth. Any solution will likely include significantly improved technology for communication/interaction between Police and residents/non-residents.

Police:

We want to welcome our new Chief of Police, A. Alex Melchiorre to the Village of Tuxedo Park. Chief Melchiorre joins us from the Village of Monroe where he served for many years. Please feel free to contact Chief Melchiorre at (845) 351-4741 (the main Village of Tuxedo Park Police telephone number) or by email at Police@tuxedopark-ny.gov. Also, we would like to thank Detective Taback and the Police Officers for all they do for the Village.

CodeRed:

We encourage all residents to sign up to receive CodeRed announcements. If you haven't done so already, please go to the Village website at www.tuxedopark-ny.gov and click on CodeRed to sign up. If you don't have computer access or wish to speak to someone, please call CodeRed at 866-939-0911.

Milfoil:

Trustee McHugh has been researching solutions for the removal of milfoil in our lakes. An update will be given at the July BOT meeting.

Boaters please visit the Village website at www.tuxedopark-ny.gov regarding milfoil locations to avoid on Tuxedo Lake. Thank you to Trustee McHugh and Trustee Gluck for their informative map and letter regarding this issue. This information was mailed a few weeks ago to residents. You may also pick up a copy in the Village Office.

Wee Wah Dam:

The Wee Wah Dam remains a top priority. Clough, Harbour & Associates LLP (CHA), headquartered in Albany, New York, the engineering firm contracted by the Village for dams and dam inspections, expects the engineering study for the dam restoration to be completed by summer 2016, with construction beginning Q4 2016-Q1 2017, and completion expected by Q3 2017.

Residents may notice that various activities relating to the restoration of the Wee Wah Dam is underway. Such activities include:

-Spillway dive inspection and bulkhead feasibility evaluation

-Test pit excavation including potential dewatering of the service spillway

-ADT (drilling contractor) drill rig to begin sonic drilling within the auxiliary spillway

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.

Tuxedo Lake (OUR WATER IS SAFE TO DRINK):

On Friday, June 17, 2016, a copper sulfate treatment was applied to Tuxedo Lake by Solitude Lake Management (formerly known as Allied Biological). Several days after the copper sulfate treatment, Jeff Voss and I discussed the appearance of Tuxedo Lake. Chris Doyle, biologist at Solitude Lake Management, was called by Jeff Voss on June 21, 2016 as Chris has been dealing with Tuxedo Park lakes for many years. On June 23, 2016, Chris stated the following: "Attached are the results of the samples we collected on Tuesday, June 21st. The counts are very low, and the algae cells we observed were dead/dying, with damaged chloroplasts. Since blue-green algae have gas vesicles to give them buoyancy, I think what you are seeing in the water column are dead algae cells, but still retaining buoyancy due to these gas vesicles. They should drop out in a few days." (As we all can see, the dead algae cells have dropped and Tuxedo Lake is clearing up.)

During this time frame, Joan Riccardi, resident of Tuxedo Park, and I had a discussion regarding Tuxedo Park lakes and five questions resulted. Thank you Joan for your input. The questions were sent to Chris Doyle. Here are questions (from Mayor Guinchard and Joan Riccardi) and answers by Chris Doyle (Solitude Lake Management) regarding Tuxedo Lake:

Q: With the same weather conditions affecting all three bodies of water in Tuxedo Park, how come Tuxedo Lake, the largest and deepest body of water, continues to have the worse algae blooms?

A: Tuxedo Lake is an algae-dominated system. This is due to the restricted littoral zone (the area of the lake that plants can occupy). Most of the lake is too deep to support aquatic plant growth. The other two basins have increased littoral zone and therefore more aquatic plants. These plants compete with algae cells for nutrients. Without a suitable basis of plant growth, any excess nutrients go to algae production, typically unicellular in the case of Tuxedo Lake.

Q: Tuxedo Lake flows into the Pond and then the Wee Wah, yet both bodies of water looked free from a bloom today even though their depths are below normal. Why would this be so? The Wee Wah typically does not show an algae bloom until late July-mid August. Tuxedo Lake has been showing algae blooms on and off for a couple of years now. Could something specific to Tuxedo Lake, separate from the unusually warm and dry winter, be feeding these blooms?

A: It depends on flow patterns. Lately since we have not had much rain, I would assume there is reduced flow to the other basins. That, coupled with increased plant growth in the smaller basins, could be limiting the algae growth here vs. Tuxedo Lake. As you know, historically, blooms will occur in the basins later in the season.

Q: Typically these blooms first appear at the southern end of Tuxedo Lake and in the coves near the western side of the dam spillway of Tuxedo Lake as well as the Village boat club. Why are they appearing in these areas? Could this have anything to do with the town's mulch pile runoff?

A: The localization of algae blooms could be triggered by nutrient inputs. I would refer to the Princeton Hydro report from a few years ago to review the inlets and what kind of nutrient loading they could be causing. Unicellular algae is also at the whim of the wind and water currents. It's not uncommon to not see a bloom in the open water, but due to wind or water movement, an intense bloom could occur along shoreline, or in a cove. I believe we observed that late last year. If the wind is blowing North to South that could be why the bloom appears more intense in the southern reach of the basin, and possibly giving the appearance that is the origin.

Q: Why is the entire body of Tuxedo Lake now having this chronic problem instead of just its southern edges?

A: See above for a possible explanation. Again, I'm not convinced (based on the limited data I've seen) that this is a chronic algae problem. Historically, Tuxedo Lake requires 1-2 low dose algacide applications per year to maintain suitable conditions. I have many clients that rely on 4-6+ algacide applications per year and still never get a water clarity anywhere near 7.0 feet, for example.

Q: Why is the milfoil growing at such aggressive rates? Typically the milfoil would not be matting on a Lake's surface so soon in the summer season. This is surely exasperated by the lack of winter and culling but what nutrients in the water is accelerating its additional growth?

A: The mild winter favored Eurasian water milfoil growth this year. We observed active growth earlier and more robust at numerous sites in NJ and NY, which necessitated earlier and more aggressive control measures this season at several locations. I discussed this with

Alan last year (due to the increased abundance and matting you observed late last year in the smaller basins), and the potential need for increased hand pulling efforts, earlier in the season in 2016. Or even the use of herbicides to control the milfoil. Also, the more milfoil present will lead to increased abundance and spreading since its primary mode of reproduction is fragmentation. I assume the hand pullers have not been on site yet? And yes, increased nutrients in the water column will also favor increased milfoil growth, especially earlier in the season before the native plants have emerged. As the milfoil reaches the surface, it mats (canopying) which shades out lower growing desirable native plants, giving the invasive milfoil yet another advantage (which equals increased growth).

On June 24th, I called the O.C. Health Department regarding whether or not there was an issue with the quality of our drinking water. They proceeded to look at the results of the tests, and on June 27th confirmed that all was fine.

Please note that daily tests are done regarding Tuxedo Park drinking water. Our lake is tested when necessary. All appropriate agencies are in touch with Jeff Voss and appropriate tests and inspections are carried out. Trustee McHugh is in charge of CSLAP.

Tuxedo Park Tree Advisory Board (TAB), Tree City USA, www.tptreeboard.org:

Chiu-Yin Hempel (Chairman), Dena Steele, Christopher Gow, Jack Kilgore, Fred Rella, Jeff Voss, and the Mayor (Committee members). The Tree Committee promotes environmentally friendly maintenance and planting of trees throughout the Village including applying for grants to support such efforts. Thank you to the committee for all the work they are doing and also to a volunteer group of Village Residents (Deviners) who continue to work diligently on weekends to cut vines that have been strangling many of our trees and native vegetation. Please see in this mailing more information from this committee.

From Trustee Guazzoni, trusteeclaudio10987@gmail.com:

DOT - Roads & Signage: A number of residents have expressed a concern at the great number of road signs located in the Village of Tuxedo Park. A common question is whether these road signs are necessary, or could we eliminate a certain percentage. A common theme is the de-suburbanization of Tuxedo Park. Which signs are absolutely necessary...? Over the next few months we shall be studying the situation, with the mind-set: "Less signs is better than more signs."

From Denise Spalthoff, Village Deputy Clerk, Resident and Non-resident Vehicle Tag procedures:

Resident Vehicle Tag Holders (NOTE: RESIDENT TAGS WILL EXPIRE JULY 31, 2016):

Please follow the procedure below so that we may accurately process your request for a NEW tag:

-Make a copy of the registration card for each vehicle as well as your driver's license and mail them to Tuxedo Park Police Department (1 Tuxedo Road, Tuxedo Park, NY 10987, Attention: Denise, Village Deputy Clerk); enclose them in a sealed envelope marked "Attention Denise, Village Deputy Clerk" and bring it to the main gate; fax to 845-351-4009 "Attention Denise, Village Deputy Clerk"; or email to police@tuxedopark-ny.gov.

-If your vehicle is registered to either a Business or Financial Institution, please print your Name and Address on the copy.

-Include your Name and Telephone Number so that we may update our records and notify you when your vehicle tag is ready to be picked up at the main gate. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you would like your tag(s) mailed to you. WE CANNOT MAIL THE METAL PLATES.

-If you already have a tag that is soon to expire, please indicate the tag number next to the copy of the registration card that the tag has been assigned to. The Tag Number is located in small print at the bottom of your tag.

-Property owners or Residents with more than a one-year lease agreement will not be charged a fee for vehicle tags or metal plates.

-Residents with less than a one-year lease agreement will be charged a fee of \$75.00 for each vehicle tag (Non Resident Tag) and a fee of \$15.00 for each metal plate if needed. Please make your check or money order payable to: Village of Tuxedo Park. CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS A FORM OF PAYMENT.

Non-resident Vehicle Tag Holders (NOTE: ORANGE (NON-RESIDENT) SERIES TAGS WILL EXPIRE JULY 31, 2016):

Please follow the procedure below so that we may accurately process your request for a NEW tag:

-Non-resident tag holders consists of residents with less than a one-year lease agreement, The Tuxedo Club, Tuxedo Park School, and St. Mary's Pre-School.

-Make a copy of the registration card for each vehicle as well as your driver's license and mail them to the above address; enclose them in a sealed envelope marked "Attention Denise" and bring it to the main gate; fax to 845-351-4009 "Attention Denise"; or email to police@tuxedopark-ny.gov.

-If your vehicle is registered to either a Business or Financial Institution, please print your Name and Address on the copy.

-Include your Name and Telephone Number so that we may update our records and notify you when your vehicle tag(s) is ready to be picked up at the main gate. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you would like your tag(s) mailed to you. WE CANNOT MAIL THE METAL PLATES.

-If you already have a tag, please indicate the tag number next to the copy of the registration card that the tag has been assigned to. The Tag Number is located in small print at the bottom of your tag.

-There is a fee of \$75.00 for each tag and a fee of \$15.00 for each metal plate. Please make your check or money order payable to: Village of Tuxedo Park. CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS A FORM OF PAYMENT. Tuxedo Club memberships will be billed upon request. Please include your Tuxedo Club membership number.

Note: ONLY VALID TAG HOLDERS WILL BE PERMITTED SOUTH GATE ACCESS.

-When transferring your valid vehicle tag to another vehicle, please notify us so that we can update our records.

-If you should not replace the vehicle to which the tag has been assigned, please return the tag to us.

Please contact Village Deputy Clerk Denise Spalthoff at (845) 351-2251 or dspalthoff@tuxedopark-ny.gov with any questions regarding vehicle tags.

Orange & Rockland (O&R): Please visit www.oru.com to sign up to receive alerts of power outages that may affect you, to report outages, etc. There is also an O&R mobile app for your smart phone that you will find most helpful. 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.

O&R Tips:

During the sizzling heat and steamy humidity O & R advises prudent power use tips. The conditions drive air conditioning use up. Following are useful tips from O&R:

- Turn down or turn off air conditioning in empty homes while you are away or at work (Install a timer or clock thermostat on your air conditioner so you can program it to operate during pre-determined hours. That saves you from running the air conditioning all day to cool empty rooms, but makes sure it's timed to turn on and cool your home in plenty of time for your return.)
- Set your air conditioner to the highest comfortable temperature. Every degree you lower the thermostat drives your bill up by 6 percent.
- Plan cooking, baking or other household activities that produce heat and humidity for the cooler times of the day and night.
- Use a portable or ceiling fan to circulate the pre-cooled air in your air conditioned home. A fan uses about 90 percent less energy than an air conditioner.
- In very humid weather, adjust your air conditioner's fan to a low setting. It'll take longer for the air conditioner to cool your home, but your unit will bring in steamy air at a slower rate and make you feel more comfortable.
- As the sun moves from east to west during the day, pull your curtains and shades on windows to block out the heat.
- In the refrigerator, cover liquid items. They give off humidity that forces the refrigerator to use more energy.
- Also in the refrigerator, place the most used items in one place so that the door will be open for a shorter period of time.

Suggestions:

Your suggestions are always important. The Board of Trustees will be given all suggestions to review and, if warranted, discussed at the meeting following such suggestion. E-mail to suggestions@tuxedopark-ny.gov, mail (ATTN: Suggestions), drop off in person, or after hours slide under door at the Village Office.

Reminders:

Check the website for updates and dates of various Village board meetings.

During the summer months there are more walkers, bikers, children, & pets out and about. Please drive with care and don't speed.

Commercial and Landscape noise related work is allowed weekdays from 8am-4:30pm beyond a property line. No Commercial and Landscape noise by professionals on Saturday or Sunday. Exception: landscape noise can be performed by property owner/resident-Saturday from 9am-4:30pm and Sunday from 10am-2pm. A copy of this law can be picked up in the Village Office or can be found on the Village website at www.tuxedopark-ny.gov. Click picture that says "Village Code Online", look on left side under new laws, then click #3 2015 for sections modified regarding noise under chapter 70-6.

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, September 25, 2016

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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.

Regards,



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