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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
UPCOMING DATES
October 19, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.
November 16, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.
December 21, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.
January 18, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.
February 15, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK
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Mary Jo Guinchard
Mayor

October 12, 2016

Dear Residents and Neighbors:

This is the seventh 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. Conversely, any messages posted on personal blogs, personal texts, personal email broadcasts, Twitter, Facebook, non-Village websites, or any other means of electronic or written communication referring to Village matters are not officially endorsed by the Village of Tuxedo Park and only represent the personal opinions of the individual(s) or organization(s) creating such communications.

The last few months have been busy as usual and the Board of Trustees would like to say "thank you" to Debbie Matthews, Desiree Hickey, John Ledwith, Denise Spalthoff, Chief Melchiorre, the Officers, Judge Hasin, Judge Citrin, Jeff Voss, DPW, Water Department, Sewer Department, BAR, Planning Board, BZA, and all the volunteers who are on committees. It takes each and every one of you to keep things going in our community and the Board appreciates all you do and continue to do. Personally, I would also like to thank my fellow Trustees for your commitment, time and energy.

DPW, Water Department, Sewer

The DPW, Water Department, and Sewer Department performance is reported at every BOT meeting by Jeff Voss who gives us a detailed report for the month.

One of the projects this quarter that should be highlighted was the repair of a major water line under Rt. 17. This line is one of several major water lines for our department. The Rt. 17 repair, along with other repairs of water lines have been happening over many months. These repairs have significantly reduced the water loss in the system.

Hydrant Flushing (For daily updates call answering machine at 845-351-2777)

The Water Department will be flushing water mains **in the Village** beginning **Monday, October 31st through Friday, November 4th from 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Homes in higher elevations may be without water past 2:30 p.m. There will be no flushing on Saturdays or Sundays. Check the Village website (www.tuxedopark-ny.gov) for the full water main flushing notice.

Road Maintenance:

Thank you to Jeff Voss and the DPW for all their continuing hard work on the maintenance, paving, and "chip sealing" of the roads.

Roads completed:

Paved - Tuxedo Road (Causeway), Laurel Road, upper Crows Nest Road

Chip sealing - Fox Hill Road, Pine Hill Road, Acoma Road, West Lake Drive, South Lake Place, Eagle Mountain Road, Cannon Hill Road

Work in progress:

Patching areas where needed.

Clubhouse Road will receive a thin coat of asphalt for the winter because we are asking our engineer to re-assess rebuilding Clubhouse Road and address drainage. This project will be slated for late Summer/2017.

Eurasian Milfoil:

As residents can plainly see at the south end of Tuxedo Lake, we are employing a new technique called a “turbidity curtain” (also spearheaded by Trustee McHugh) to contain the proliferation of this aggressive invasive species. In addition to the turbidity curtain, we have installed white buoys to mark areas where there is a high concentration of Eurasian Milfoil (the affected areas are located between the white marker buoy and the lake shore). We thank all Village residents that boat, sail and row on the lakes for not breaching the areas as these areas contain the large concentrations of the Eurasian Milfoil and we are trying to avoid spreading this invasive species by preventing “segments” of these plants from breaking off and invading other areas of the lakes. At the Oct. 19th BOT meeting, Trustee McHugh will update us on the work done to date of removing Milfoil by professionals last month. Please visit the Village website at www.tuxedopark-ny.gov regarding milfoil locations to avoid on Tuxedo Lake.

Tuxedo Lake:

From Glenn Sullivan, Certified Lake Manager, Solitude Lake Management (October 12, 2016):

Copper Sulfate treatments from June 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016:

7/9/15 1000 lbs.

12/18/15 1000 lbs.

Copper Sulfate treatments from June 1, 2016 to present:

06/17/16 1000 lbs.

“According to the 2015 CSLAP report, Tuxedo Lake is 288 acres with an average depth of 26.7 feet. The allowable limit of copper sulfate in water is 1 ppm, which equals ~20,000 lbs. DEC further restricts permissible levels to 0.3 ppm in the upper 6 feet, which equals 1,382 lbs. We use 1,000 lbs. In the entire lake, 1,000 lbs. is ~0.05 ppm.”

Trout Stocking:

According to Peter Van Zandt, the second half of the trout stocking of Tuxedo Lake this calendar year, paid for by The Tuxedo Club, will occur on November 3, 2016. The first half of the trout stocking was done earlier in the year and was paid for by the Village of Tuxedo Park. Trout stocking has been an important contributor to the improvement in water clarity since the program began several years ago.

The “South Gate” Gate Mechanism Up-grade:

Trustee Alan McHugh did great work procuring, hiring the contractor and coordinating the installation of the new replacement gate mechanisms at the South Gate. This was critical as it restored reliability and security to the South Gate. The Board voted to immediately replace the gate mechanism and Trustee McHugh stepped up to the task.

The “Keep”:

The “Keep” renovation at the Main Entrance to Tuxedo Park is largely complete. 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. We are working on upgrading the technology associated with monitoring the Main Entrance and the South Gate in the Village.

The “Booth”:

The Board of Trustees voted to rebuild a new “manned” booth. The construction plans are being prepared and will be vetted in coordination with the Board of Architectural Review. The finalized construction plans and request for proposal (RFP) will be submitted for bid and a contractor will be selected. The projected construction of the new “manned” booth will be Spring/2017 or earlier if weather permits. The new booth will be bullet proof and built to withstand a large vehicular impact while protecting the Police occupant inside. Architect John Kinnear, was selected by the Board of Trustees based on his conceptual drawings and is performing this work on a pro-bono basis for the Village. The booth design will match the stonework and architecture of the “Keep” and the “Lodge” at the Main Entrance. The Board of Trustees will keep Village residents posted on when the new “manned” booth construction is set to begin and when any potential disruption to residents and non-residents might occur or is occurring. Chief Melchiorre will provide for alternative ingress/egress routes as needed for vehicular traffic during these periods.

Please note: The current intercom system between Police at the Main Gate and resident/non-resident motorists is only temporary (it was installed quickly at the time of the accident that destroyed the old booth) and we know from many residents that it is very difficult to communicate with the Police through this temporary intercom system. The new Booth design includes significantly improved technology for communication/interaction between Police and resident/non-resident motorists both from the Booth and from the Keep. The Board of Trustees expects to install the new “permanent” intercom system prior to construction of the new manned booth in order to improve communications at the Main Entrance as soon as possible.

Police:

In addition to our full-time Police Officers, which presently include two Officers, a Detective and our Chief, the Village has hired a new group of part-time Police Officers (note: these new part-time Police Officers are in addition to our existing part-time Police Officers for an approximate total of 16 part-time Officers). The Chief is also in the process of hiring additional part-time Police Officers to round out our part-time force to a total of 20 part-time Officers. Note: Part-time Police Officers are limited to working 20 hours per week on average and are paid a standard hourly wage for hours worked with no additional benefits. In our upcoming monthly scheduled Board of Trustee meetings, we will introduce a subset of these part-time Police Officers at the

beginning of each meeting. The purpose of this introduction is for Village residents to become familiar with their part-time Police Officers and for the part-time Police Officers to get to know Village residents.

Thank you to Trustee Moon for the time he commits as liaison to the Police department. His expertise and professionalism is very beneficial to the Police department and many other situations that concern the Village. Also, thank you to Chief Melchiorre for all that he has been doing and continues to do on a daily basis for our community and the Police Department. His 40 years of experience speaks for itself. I am hearing from our Officers and residents who have met the Chief how much they are enjoying his leadership.

Please contact Chief Melchiorre at (845) 351-4741 (the main Village of Tuxedo Park Police telephone number) or by email at police@tuxedopark-ny.gov to make an appointment to meet in person or to provide any suggestions or comments.

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, is finalizing some details to begin the phase where they will begin to prepare bid documents (RFP) to go out to construction companies during Q4 2016-Q1 2017, with dam construction beginning when weather permits in Q2 2017, and completion expected by Q3 2017.

This project is complex and the Board appreciates the time Alan Yassky offers as a volunteer to our community in reviewing the details of this project. 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 also continues to pursue grants for infrastructure.

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.

Please join us at the dedication of the Race Track Nature Preserve on Saturday October 22nd from 3pm until 5pm. Rain date Sunday, October 23rd, same time - check the Village website for updates at www.tuxedopark-ny.gov. More information is available in the enclosed invitation or at www.tptreeboard.org.

Take a walk in the Nature Preserve at any time from dawn to dusk or join the guided tour every Saturday at 2pm to learn, first-hand, about the multi-year plan to transform the original Race Track, at one time a Village composting ground, to a beautiful unique native meadow surrounded by a healthy forest. To help protect our native plants, nesting birds, and avoid tick and possible injury, please stay on the mowed circular path. Keep your pets on the path, pick up after them, and carry out what you carry in. Enjoy and, better yet, get involved with this exciting new chapter of our Village natural history as it unfolds which is not only a stunning vista as one enters the park, but ecologically very significant. Thanks goes to the Tuxedo Park Tree Advisory Board, the Village DPW, volunteers for organizing the Dedication Ceremony of the Race Track and fellow residents who are making restricted donations for the purpose of the Race Track restoration as the project relies entirely on grants and donations.

From Trustee Moon, trusteejohnmoon10987@gmail.com:

The Trail Committee has made great progress clearing the trails in Tuxedo Park, and most of them are now passable. Continued maintenance is necessary. In addition, the Committee is working on plans for trail signage and mapping. Residents are welcome to enjoy Tuxedo Park's newly restored trails. Words of thanks are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Christian Sonne for their support.

Resident and Non-resident Vehicle Tags:

Resident vehicle tags expire every 3 years. The green tags expired July 31, 2016 and are being replaced with the white/green trim tag. Yellow, black or any other tag than that prior described will not be honored.

Non-resident vehicle tags expire annually, July 31st. The current non-resident vehicle tag is a teal color.

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

In memoriam: "May loving memories bring you strength, comfort and peace." anonymous

The Board of Trustees wishes to extend our heartfelt condolences to the following:

Denise Spalthoff and family for the passing of her mother and former employee of the Village of Tuxedo Park, Kathleen Spalthoff (May 14, 1936-September 13, 2016). Kathleen was a dispatcher for 20+ years for the Village and many Village residents knew her very well. Denise continues to honor our Village with her outstanding work in the same way that her mother did.

The Jackson family. Andy Jackson (August 25, 2016), a Village resident and former Property Assessor.

Nicholas Szendroy and family. Teresa Szendroy (August 5, 2016)

Marcy Stegmann and family. Edgar Powell Stegmann (August 4, 2016)

Serene Swirbul and family for the passing of her husband Leon Philip "Phil" Swirbul (June 12, 2016), a Village resident and former Trustee of the Village of Tuxedo Park.

Jocelyn Armstrong and family. Peter Armstrong (May, 2016)

For any other members of our community not mentioned

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.

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.

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

Mayor of the Village of Tuxedo Park Open House - see below for invited speaker, *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, November 13, 2016 w/BAR, BZA & Planning Board Chairs

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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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