

MAYOR'S MONTHLY MESSAGE-June 2024

Dear Neighbors,

-Until recently, I expected the June 18 Village election to be a staid affair. With two well-qualified candidates running for two Trustee positions, the memories of the lengthy, expensive and hotly contested election of 2023 seemed to be fading. Now, it has been brought to my attention that one member of the community has undertaken challenges to numerous residents' voter registrations, including that of a sitting Village Trustee. While removing the names of voters who have moved, passed away or reside outside the Village (As I have requested, with respect to residents of Hillary Court and one property on West Lake Drive which is not in the Village) may be appropriate, a "shotgun" approach to challenging registrations leads to outrage and only further divides the community.

-The Village election will be held on Tuesday, June 18. The polls will be open at Village Hall from 6am-9pm. If you require an absentee ballot, you may obtain one by visiting the Orange County Board of Elections website.

-In the early morning hours of May 23, a small tornado or microburst swept through the Village causing an extraordinary loss of old growth trees, some of which pulled up by their roots, other simply snapped. Damage was particularly severe on the higher elevations of Cannon Hill, Summit, Ontio, Laurel, Circuit and Lookout Roads. Several homeowners lost more than a dozen trees. Fortunately property damage was minimal and there were no reported physical injuries. Our Department of Public Works headed by Superintendent Jeff Voss did a remarkable job of quickly clearing the roads of fallen trees which allowed the Orange & Rockland utility workers access to the downed and damaged lines to restore power to the affected areas.

-The Landscaper Licensing Law is now in effect. More than 15 contractors have submitted the no-fee applications with proof of liability, motor vehicle and Workers Compensation insurance and all have been approved.

-At the June 26 Board of Trustees meeting, a Public Hearing will be held on the proposed Village Code, Chapter 49 "Fences" Law. The proposed law would prohibit the construction of perimeter fences that encircle a property along the boundary line. Interior fences would continue to be permitted.

-The Village thanks the Tinari Family who have generously donated a used 20KW emergency generator and transfer switch for use at the Tuxedo Park police station to replace the unreliable aging "steam punk" contraption presently at the site. The Village DPW will facilitate the relocation and a licensed electrician will do the installation.



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