

## MAYOR'S MONTHLY MESSAGE-DECEMBER 2025

Dear Neighbors,

-The Article 78 proceeding commenced by the Sterling Forest Partnership, the Town of Tuxedo and several other petitioners, seeking a reversal of the "negative declaration" regarding SEQRA with respect to the proposed residential college on Old Forge Road in Warwick was submitted to Acting Supreme Court Justice Timothy McElduff, Jr. on December 19, 2025 for a decision.

-The Board of Trustees has amended the Village Code to create an alternate member position for the Planning Board, Board of Zoning Appeals and the Board of Architecture Review. The alternate member will participate in the discussions on all applications, but will only vote if a regular member is absent or recused. Any resident interested in serving as an alternate member should send me a note at the e-mail address below.

-The Board of Trustees has adopted a uniform water leak forgiveness program. Any customer of the Water Department that suffers a water leak that is greater than 200% of the average bill for that quarter, may request a reduction in the bill by submitting proof of the leak repair. The reduction request will be reviewed by the BOT for consideration of a reduction in the water bill to no less than 150% of the average bill for that quarter. In addition, any customer with an irrigation system, who applies for a reduction in the sewer bill, must have an irrigation meter installed by the Water Department.

-A Climate Action Plan for Government Operations, prepared by Professor Jim Hays, Fred Buell, John Ledwith and the Climate Smart Committee has been adopted. The Plan sets forth strategy for reducing "green house" gas emissions from Village facilities and equipment by 40% from the 2018 benchmark to 2030 to meet New York State's emission reduction goal. A copy of the Plan is available on the Village website.

-The removal of branches of a large tree overhanging Tuxedo Road just before the Main Gate has been approved. The work will require temporary closure of Tuxedo Road and a detour through Fox Hill Road. Residents will be notified of the detour through the Code Red system.

-The Pond #3 dam and roadway has been repaired and is open to traffic. The Jersey barriers will remain in place until the contractor receives the remaining wooden guide rails from the manufacturer and installs the same.

-Thank you to the Tuxedo Park Garden Club for decorating the Village with beautiful holiday wreaths.

-The Board of Trustees and the Village employees wish all residents a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year!



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