

MAYOR'S MONTHLY MESSAGE-May 2025

VILLAGE ELECTION EDITION

Dear Neighbors,

-On Tuesday, June 17, 2025, the annual Village election will take place. Voting will be at Village Hall from 6am-9pm. The election will be conducted to fill four (4) Villages offices: The Mayor for a two (2) year term, Two Trustee seats for two (2) year terms and the Village Justice for a four (4) year term.

In addition, there is a Proposition on the ballot to change the Village election date from the third Tuesday in June to the first Tuesday in November, the date of the General Election, starting in 2026. The passage of this Proposition has been recommended by both the Orange County Board of Elections and Orange County Grand Jury that investigated the 2023 Mayoral election. If the Proposition is approved by the voters, the terms of office of newly elected Mayor and Trustees, as well as the current members elected in 2024, would be extended for six (6) months from July to December. In addition, the Village Justice's four (4) year term would also be extended from July to December 2029.

-The candidates who filed Independent Nominating Petitions and qualified for the ballot for the four Village offices are as follows:

Marc D. Citrin of the "Keep on Truckin'" Party for Mayor-running unopposed

Joshua Scherer of the "Lakes & Forest" Party for Trustee-running unopposed

Matthew Tinari of the "Pine Hill" Party for Trustee-running unopposed

Judge David Hasin of the "Keep Judge Hasin" Party

Patrick Conklin of the "Pat for Judge" Party

-As the only contested race is for the Village Justice, I asked each candidate to provide me with a copy of their resume to distribute to Village residents. Judge Hasin, the incumbent Village Justice, who has served as Associate Village Justice from 2013 to 2016 and the Village Justice from 2016 to the present, forwarded his resume, which is attached to this message. Mr. Conklin has declined to provide his resume. The only information that is publicly available about Mr. Conklin's professional experience is that he is not an attorney-at-law.

-The duties of the Village Justice include presiding over proceedings in the Village Court on the third Thursday evening of every month. The Village Justice adjudicates cases that include Village Code violations, Landlord-Tenant matters, misdemeanor Criminal Cases and Traffic infractions.

The Village Justice is required to have knowledge of the NYS Civil Practice Laws and Rules and the NYS Criminal Procedure Law as well as substantive NYS Laws and the Village Code when making rulings on cases in the Village Court.

I urge every resident who is registered to vote in the Village to cast their ballot in the upcoming election either in person, or by absentee ballot, for which information is available on the Orange County Board of Elections website under the Village Election Information tab.

Please contact me with any questions, comments or suggestions.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Marc' with a stylized flourish.

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