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Public Notice - Powerhouse Park Nature trail closure August 1, 2020

To: Tuxedo Town residents and all visitors to Tuxedo Powerhouse Park

The Town Board and the Parks and Recreation Director hereby determine and declare that **the area north of Powerhouse Park and located behind the stage**, owned by the Town of Tuxedo, which was created as an Eagle Scout Project for the use of a nature walk and scenic viewing of the Ramapo River, **is closed until further notice**.

This area has been misused over the last several weeks, creating a public health hazard by leaving large amounts of trash, and by visitors engaging in activities prohibited in all Town Parks by Town Code 19-11. (See below). Large crowds have been observed congregating without observing Covid 19 precautions such as wearing masks and social distancing. **Our code prohibits the following:**

• Entering or using the parks during other than the designated hours posted by the Director of Parks and Recreation.

- Consumption of alcoholic beverages as defined in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.
- The use of or being under the influence of any illegal drug or substance in any town park.
- Injuring, defacing, destroying, disturbing or removing any part of the parks.
- Littering or leaving behind refuse and garbage except in receptacles provided for such purpose.
- Starting a fire in a park except in park grills, fireplaces or designated areas.
- Failing to extinguish before leaving the park all fires started or used. The dumping of ashes or fire onto the ground is absolutely prohibited.

In order to protect our precious natural environment and the health and welfare of the Public, no one shall be permitted to enter the northern wooded area of the park, located around the Augusta Falls and dam, until further notice. Trespassers will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. The Town Police are hereby directed to enforce these regulations.

The Town Board and Parks and Recreation Director are considering all possible remedies and hope to reopen this space to responsible users as soon as possible.

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