

Village of STAMFORD



“Queen of the Catskills”

January—March 2020

VILLAGE CONTACTS

Mayor

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Ext. *#

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Public Works Superintendent

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Pool Director

Josh Burroughs - 607-435-3463

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Animal Control Officer

James Milea - 518-965-4290

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Village Historian

Karen Cuccinello—518-287-1945

Village Health Officer

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Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman

Tree Board Chairman

Frank Parks - 607-643-5771

Planning Board Chairman

2019: A turning point for the Village

2019 presented many changes in the Village of Stamford. We have a new Mayor, Treasurer and two new Trustees: the spirit of cooperation and shared vision is palpable.

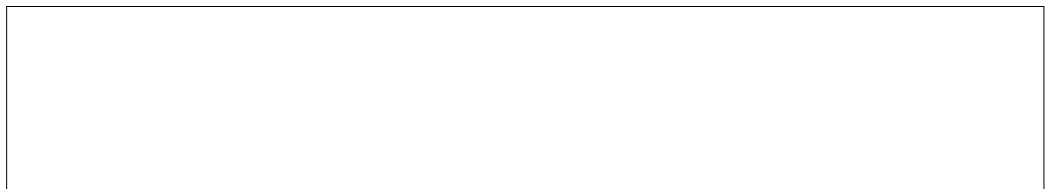
We have embarked on a mission to clean up some of the Villages habitually decrepit real estate, completed the first phase of an extensive water infrastructure project and have been awarded a T.A P. grant via the New York State Department of Transportation for improvement/accessibility of our Main Street sidewalks and lighting. All of these projects require substantial involvement of Village employees, Trustees and the Mayors of- fice. The Village has engaged an engineering/design firm to explore the cost of replacing the 60 year old Village pool and has acquired the site of the former Rexmere Hotel as an addition to Village parks.

Mount Utsayantha is on the list of the Villages 2020 initiatives with plans to restore the former observation tower and seek a partnership with a com-

mercial tenant. The park at the top of the mountain is an attraction that has been under utilized for many years but continues to attract numerous visi- tors. The Village has had inquiries about leasing the observation tower and this can provide a revenue stream for the Village as well as creating a



destination for tourists.



Congratulations to Stamford's new Business Alliance!

The former Stamford Area Chamber of Commerce has been reborn as 'The Stamford Business Alliance' a non profit chapter c-6 organization. This new group of enthusiastic Stamford business owners launched with a highly successful holiday decoration contest. This is just the beginning of what is in store for the Stamford and Village government is eager to support this new group in any way we can.

Membership is at about 30 businesses and individuals and growing! Please contact Mary Skinner, Alliance Secretary at mary@mskinnerpr.com for membership information and events schedule. This dynamic group is sure to bring positive things to our Village.

Holiday Decoration Contest

The first annual Village wide holiday decorating contest was a big success and the Business Alliance is already making plans for 2020. The Village looks very festive and the response to the contest was terrific.

Village acquires a new truck

D.P.W Superintendent Joe Hornbeck and the Village crew are super excited to have a new truck in their fleet. The 2019 Ram 5500 with an aluminum landscaping dump box was delivered on Nov 12th and immediately pressed into service. This truck will be replacing the 2008 Chevrolet 3500 which the Village is in the process of selling (call the Village hall if you are interested in this vehicle). The truck was purchased with Village funds that took several years to accumulate.

Two Trustees Seats in Upcoming Election !

Two Trustee positions were vacated mid term by John Bonhotal and Reid Golden. While the Mayor was able to appoint two interim Trustees both of these positions will be vied for in the march 2020 election. John mark Bray and former Mayor Joan Hinman have decided to run for reelection to these seats.

Mayors Message

The past nine months have been very rewarding for me. The Village of Stamford has so much to offer! We live in one of the most beautiful spots in the country and have a charming Village with a dedicated group of employees and elected officials. The election brought some unexpected changes to Village government with the replacement of not only the Mayor but that of two Trustees. I am insisting that Trustees be more than just figure heads and take on some of the villages work and oversight, I am hard at work in the Mayors office as well.

Our partnership with the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation has been strengthened. In April I traveled to Winchendon Mass. With Foundation director Lad Mackenzie to see what impact the Foundations support had in this, our sister community. I was made very welcome in Winchendon and given an extensive tour of both the Foundation projects and the community as a whole.

2020 will bring many changes to the Village and we have big projects in the works. The second phase of the water infrastructure project is scheduled to start in the spring. This will replace 90 year old water mains along Lake, River and West Main Streets which will solve some on going rusty water issues and improve water delivery in general. Survey work will also begin on the sidewalk and lighting replacement project along Main Street. The actual construction of this project will not begin until the spring of 2021.

I will continue my initiative to address blighted and neglected properties around the Village. The former Jacobs law office, now owned by the Village, will be razed as soon as the funds are accumulated. The Kelsey house adjacent to the Village hall together with the large barn on Academy Street will be developed as part of a new Village Hall Campus. Codes will continue to be enforced and buildings with serious violations will be cited and property owners fined if necessary.

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Village Clerk's Corner

All are welcome and invited to attend any and all Village of Stamford meetings!

Upcoming Village Board of Trustee Meetings:

January 21st @ 7PM

February 18th @ 7PM

March 17th @ 7PM

Water & Sewer Bills

Please Remember that your Water and Sewer bills are considered utilities. Although we understand mail can get lost or misplaced, you are still responsible for making your payments on time, so that there will be no interruption in your water service.

Village Christmas Party

The Mayor invited all Village employees, trustees committee and board members to a holiday get together at the Village Hall on Dec. 13th. A good time was had by all and some Village employees really got into the spirit! Here is Wayland Jester, Village Crew, livening things up!



PLEASE DON'T FORGET

*We combined the water and sewer bills,
starting January 2020!
You will be billed for September's sewer rent,
on this bill. Your bill in January will contain:
Sewer rents: September—December
Water rents: October—December*

New Billing Schedule

January 1st—Water & Sewer (Oct, Nov, Dec)

April 1st— Water & Sewer (Jan, Feb, Mar)

July 1st—Water & Sewer (Apr, May, Jun)

October 1st—Water & Sewer (Jul, Aug Sept)



Mayors Commendation

The Mayors Commendation for beautification of the Village was presented to Julian McLain and Juan Nicholls for their restoration efforts at the former Samford Motel. The Motel will be re-named "Churchill's" in remembrance of Churchill Hall which formerly occupied part of this site.



Village Crew Hours:

*[All water emergency calls should be directed to
Joe Hornbeck @ (607) 221-7411]*

June - August

Monday - Friday 6:00AM - 2:30PM

September - May

Monday - Friday 7:00AM - 3:30PM

Make your Water, Sewer, and Tax payments on
our Website at: **www.stamfordny.com**

Village Hall Hours:

Monday - Friday

9:00AM - 1:00PM and by Appt. between 2-4PM

84 MAIN STREET, STAMFORD, NY 12167

OFFICE: 607-652-6671 FAX: 607-652-3567

WWW.STAMFORDNY.COM

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Closed Holidays, Open Through Lunchtime

(Payments can be left in the outside drop box at anytime!)

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