

# The South Nyack News

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## South Nyack Welcomes a New Mayor

First and foremost, I would like to thank the residents of South Nyack for their trust and confidence in electing me as their Mayor. The Board and I fully intend to keep the characteristics and integrity of our village intact during and after the building of the new Tappan Zee Bridge.

While in office only a short time, we have been able to negotiate with New York State and TZ Constructors, LLC to keep the electronic toll booths permanently in Westchester and only temporarily on the Rockland side during the construction period. This has been mainly due to the diligence and perseverance of our newly formed South Nyack Task Force. Our vision for the future is economic sustainability for our village. We cannot continue to rely solely on the property taxes of our residents. Exit 10 has been a mess and unappealing in our residential community for decades. We are looking to the State to assist us in securing funds for a feasibility study of better uses of that area.

On a final note, both the Board and I intend to keep you updated on any and all happenings that concern our village whether it be the bridge construction or local happenings. Please feel free to contact me at 845-358-0287 or email me at [Bonnie.Christian@SouthNyack.ny.gov](mailto:Bonnie.Christian@SouthNyack.ny.gov).



*Bonnie*

## Tappan Zee Bridge Update

The South Nyack Tappan Zee Bridge Task Force and Mayor Christian have been meeting regularly with representatives from the Tappan Zee Bridge project team to discuss the effects construction of the new bridge will have on the Village. Topics recently discussed includes:

### Construction noise and vibration monitoring

The project team has in place a plan to monitor noise, vibration, and air quality during construction; the limits they are not to exceed; and how they will respond if a limit is exceeded. The project website now has a page dedicated to Environmental Monitoring, <http://newnybridgegallery.com/noise/>. The site describes the monitoring plan and provides real-time display of noise, vibration, and air quality measurements from the monitoring locations.

### Construction Hours and Noise Limits

The builder, TZ Constructors says their plans are to work a single shift M-F from 6am to 5pm. They will work a second shift M-F 5pm-10pm and Saturday 12n-10pm only if they get behind schedule. Noise levels are limited by contract to 70db from 10pm to 6am M-F, Saturday until noon, and all day Sunday. The rest of the time noise limits are determined by the equipment being used. See the website for details.

### Monitoring Locations

On the Rockland side, TZC plans to place monitoring stations at the shoreline just north and south of the bridge, one at Salisbury Point, one at #28 River Rd. At least one additional monitoring station will be placed further inland. It's exact location is yet to be determined. The Village has asked TZC to explore noise levels on the hillside.

### Vibration

TZC says the expected levels of generated vibrations will be well below the levels that could cause structural damage. However, TZC have identified

properties in close proximity to the construction zone and offered pre-construction surveys and installation of vibration monitoring devices. Other concerned property owners may request to be included.

### Temporary All Electronic Toll Collection (AETC) facility in So Nyack

The project team told us that a temporary AETC is to be constructed here during bridge construction. Towards the end of the project, a permanent AETC facility will be built at the current toll plaza in Tarrytown and the temporary ones in South Nyack dismantled. Overhead gantries of the completely cashless toll collection system hold detectors for EZ-Pass tags and cameras to take pictures of the license plates of cars without EZ-Pass. The owners of cars without EZ passes will be billed. One gantry of the temporary AETC will span the eastbound lanes of the Thruway in the middle of the Exit 10 circular ramp system. A second gantry will be placed on the eastbound entry ramp, just before it passes under 9W. The Village is in the process of securing an agreement with the State to guarantee that the temporary AETC will be removed.

### Construction Schedule

Pre-construction activities have already started. Barges in the river are being used for sample borings in the riverbed. TZC is also surveying at the Rockland landing by River Road.

In mid May, TZC began relocating overhead utilities to underground. This involves digging in River Road just north of the bridge and burying the utilities.

Construction of the "trestle" will begin mid-summer. This is the pier into the river that will be used to transfer personnel and materials to barges. TZC said they have modified the design of the trestle to make it reach farther out into the river and thus reduce the amount of needed dredging. The trestle will also be narrower than originally proposed. We raised a concern that the original

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**The Village of South Nyack**

**Mayor**

Bonnie R. Christian

**Trustees**

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Alain Leinbach  
Catherine McCue  
Thomas E. Neff

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Justice Court	358-5078
Fax	358-2714

The Village Hall is open  
Mon-Fri, 9am to 5pm

**South Nyack  
Monthly Meeting  
Schedule**

*Held at the Village Hall  
unless noted otherwise*

**Board of Trustees**

*2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 pm*

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

*1st Tuesday at 7:30 pm*

**Planning Board**

*3rd Wednesday at 7:30 pm*

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**Justice Court**

*Held at the Firehouse  
90 Depot Place*

*1st and 2nd Monday at 5:30 pm*

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**South Nyack-Grand View  
Police Administration Board**

*See the Monthly Calendar for  
Dates & Time*

More information available  
on the South Nyack  
Website

@  
[SouthNyack.ny.gov](http://SouthNyack.ny.gov)

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wider trestle was designed to allow trucks to enter and leave without backing up. This was intended to avoid the use of backup alarms. We asked if the narrower trestle would eliminate this benefit. TZC said they would look into this issue.

**Exit 10 Staging**

The Thruway has been clearing out their trucks and materials to make way for TZC to use the site. TZC plans to install a chain-link fence around the area with plastic baffles.

**Construction Traffic and Parking**

No construction trucks will traverse village streets, nor will workers be allowed to park in the village. Workers will park at off-site locations and be bussed to the work site. The vast majority of materials will be brought in by barge on the river. Some trucks will access the pier at the shoreline via the existing maintenance access ramps on either side of the Thruway at River Road. TZC will meet with the Village and police to work out details of enforcement and managing the crossing of River Road.

If you have any questions, the task force members are:

- Connie Coker, former Rockland County Legislator
- Jerry Ilowite, Chairman of the South Nyack Planning Board
- Richard Kohlhausen, South Nyack representative to the TZB design selection committee.
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If you have questions or comments regarding the new Tappan Zee Bridge project, you can email them to [TZB@SouthNyack.ny.gov](mailto:TZB@SouthNyack.ny.gov).

**A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BUILDING DEPARTMENT.....**

Building Inspector David Majewski reminds all residents that **Building Permits are required for any home improvement other than general repairs and painting.** In addition, Planning Board and possibly Zoning Board approval is needed for any exterior change to the property. The South Nyack Zoning Code is available for review on our website.

Applications need to be received 30 days before a scheduled Planning Board or Zoning Board meeting. Some applications will need to be reviewed by the Rockland County Department of Planning and so it is important to submit your application several months before scheduling construction.

Please call the Building Department with any questions at (845) 358-0244.

**SOUTH NYACK VILLAGE HISTORIAN**

New York is the only state in the Union that requires, by law, the appointment of a Local Government Historian by every incorporated municipality.

South Nyack's Village Historian is resident Myra Starr. Myra is a great resource for our residents and can be reached through the Village Hall or [mstarr146@gmail.com](mailto:mstarr146@gmail.com).

**"1843 ~ The Year of the Locusts!"**

**2013's brood of cicadas appeared this spring when the soil temperature warmed up to 64 degrees—and not for the first time in South Nyack.**

**To go back in history .. during the American Revolution Michael Cornelison built a large house, the first in what is now South Nyack. It was later known as the Salisbury House, located where the Salisbury Point Cooperatives are today.**

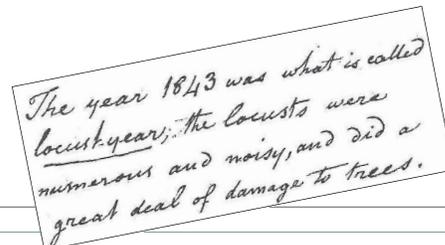
**Cornelison left the property to his sons, one of whom sold about 27 acres to Robert Hart in 1799. This property extended from Division Avenue south to the properties on the north side of Clinton Avenue, and ran from the Hudson River to the present day Franklin Street. His property adjoined Tunis Depew's farm to the north, and that of Peter Gesner to the south.**

**The Historical Society of the Nyacks recently acquired a notebook of entries from 1799—1855 by Robert Hart, who also operated a tannery and built a schoolhouse on his farm. According to an entry in Hart's notebook:**

*"The year 1843 was what is called locust-year; the locusts were numerous and noisy, and did a great deal of damage to trees."*

**His notebook records many interesting details about farm life in Nyack in the first half of the nineteenth century.**

**To read this and other interesting historic information about our village, contact Myra Starr, Village Historian, at [mstarr146@gmail.com](mailto:mstarr146@gmail.com).**





## 2013 CONCERTS IN THE PARK

### June 30 ~ Still Saffire

*Melodic indie-rock band Still Saffire is the coming together of two sets of 15-18-year-old sisters (Sonya & Charlotte, Soreya & Annika) who have a knack for writing songs that are engaging and relevant, coupled with a sophistication and maturity that belies their youth.*

### July 28 ~The Old No. 7 Band

*A fusion of country, bluegrass and classic rock. Featuring their own versions of songs from such artists as Johnny Cash, Grateful Dead, Bruce Springsteen, Adele, & Mumford & Sons.*

### August 25 ~ Blarney Stew

*A stout broth of jigs, reels and other traditional Celtic tunes spiced by modern hits of the Pogues and Waterboys along with some classic rock & country covers. Superb vocals and electric energy make this band a must hear!*

**6:30 pm ~ 8:30 pm**

*in the*

**Franklin Street Park**

*(Cedar Hill between Franklin & Depot)*

**A special thank you goes out to our Sponsors:**

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## Thank You!

**On May 10th Village residents were invited to Franklin Street Park for a community-wide celebration to thank retired Mayor Tish DuBow and**



**retired Chief of Police Robert VanCura for their many years of service to the Village.**

**Residents enjoyed live music, refreshments and an opportunity to wish a fond farewell to two people who have given so much of themselves to the Village.**



**Good luck Tish & Bob in all your future endeavors!**

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED SOUTH NYACK OFFICIALS

<b>Mayor</b> Bonnie Christian	2 year term
<b>Trustees</b> Catherine McCue & Thomas Neff	2 year term

**WELCOME Catherine McCue**, the newest member of the Board of Trustees.

Cathy, a long time resident of the Village, worked as an Administrator for the South Orangetown School district for 30 years before retiring a few years ago. Currently she is the President of the Salisbury Point Cooperative Board of Directors, a member of the board for Childcare Resources of Rockland and an active member of the New York Botanical Gardens where she is studying floral design.

*"I thought I would spend my retirement between South Nyack, my home in Vermont and studying at the Botanical Gardens, but the announcement of the Tappan Zee Bridge replacement has shifted my focus" she said. "Working with the talent and expertise of the current village board, I hope to add my contribution to ensuring that we, as a community, preserve the integrity of our beautiful Village."*

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## REMINDER FROM THE DPW

**Leaves, grass clippings and other yard debris** should be put in bio-degradable bags and placed on the grass between the sidewalk and the curb for pick-up by the DPW. Be sure that the bags are free of sticks, rocks and garbage. Bio-Bags are available at the Village Hall. Residents should remind landscapers, lawn services and other contractors that they are responsible for taking away yard debris.

**Large Tree branches** can be left whole at the curbside with cut ends facing the same direction so they can be easily fed into the chipper. **Smaller twigs and brush** must be bundled in lengths easily handled by one person. Brush must be free from dirt, rocks and roots as these items can damage the chipper. Bundle with string or rope. No wires please.

### WHAT'S NEW AROUND THE VILLAGE..

- ◇ Have you noticed the new illuminated sign board in front of Village Hall? Information is listed regarding monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees, Planning Board and Zoning Board with meeting agendas and minutes, TZ Bridge updates and upcoming events throughout the Village.
- ◇ Enjoy the newly paved White Avenue, Clinton Avenue, & Edgewater Lane and the new sidewalk at the corner of So. Franklin & Cedar Hill Avenue.

### Please add your address to our email list!

*The South Nyack News* is sent to residents and property owners to share information of village events, activities and news.

In an effort to be more environmentally conscience, sign up to receive your copy of the newsletter electronically.

It is a savings to the Village and enables us to send timely updates about happenings in the community.

Call 358-0244 or email your contact information to [Denise.Mishkel@SouthNyack.ny.gov](mailto:Denise.Mishkel@SouthNyack.ny.gov).

**Your information will not be shared!**

## South Nyack Recycle Schedule

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