

The South Nyack News

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS
from
the Mayor,
the Board of Trustees
&
Village Employees

Village Dumpster Available for Rent

The DPW has a 20 cubic yard container (approximately 8'x15') that can be delivered to your home for your use. A \$225 charge pays for the delivery, use, pick up and disposal of up to 2 tons of debris. **(Please note:** metals, recyclables or brush may not be combined with general debris.

Toxic, radioactive and other chemicals, paints or hazardous materials are not permitted.)

This is a service for South Nyack villagers. Compare the price to a commercial rental and you will see the bargain.

Call the Village Hall to reserve.

Holiday Toy Drive

SN/GV Police are once again sponsoring a toy drive this holiday season to benefit children in our community. To help brighten a local child's holiday season, residents can **purchase a new toy and deliver it unwrapped to the South Nyack Village Hall by December 21.**

Through the assistance of the Nyack Public Schools Family Resource Center, the gifts will then be distributed to the neediest children in the community. **No time to shop?**

You can make a cash or check donation to the South Nyack PBA. Toys will be purchased with the collected funds.



A Letter from the Mayor...

Dear South Nyack friends and neighbors,

Now, four weeks after Hurricane Sandy, most of South Nyack is getting back to normal. But signs of the destruction - empty spaces where trees once stood and damaged homes - are still with us as reminders of the storm's power and the severe damage that some of our neighbors suffered. Our sympathies go out to those still recovering.

Our gratitude goes to those who helped us through the storm period: to neighbors helping neighbors and to our Police Department and the men of the Department of Public Works who worked so long and hard to protect us. We are fortunate to have such responsive, dedicated and hardworking employees serving the residents of our village. Recognition and thanks also go to Nyack College for opening their cafeteria and library to villagers who were without electricity.

Please read through this newsletter as it contains information that will help us be better prepared should we be faced with a similar emergency in the future.

Wishing you a joyous holiday season.

Tish DuBow

A Letter from the Chief of Police...

Hurricane Sandy did tremendous damage to our area and the police department was confronted with many emergencies, both during the storm and in its aftermath. The South Nyack-Grand View Police Department would like to thank the residents of South Nyack for their cooperation and patience during this period. Whether stuck in traffic while the road was closed for the removal of the three 1,000 gallon propane tanks near the TZ Bridge, or while our DPW repaired roads and removed the many downed trees, residents were both supportive and understanding.

In my more than 30 years with the police department, I have never witnessed the Hudson River rise as high as it did on the evening of the 29th. Two of our officers were stationed in Grand View that evening while flood waters cut off the Village at both ends. This made it impossible to gain access and while they attempted to ride out the storm at the Grand View Village Hall, the situation became too dangerous to remain. Thankfully no one in this area experienced serious injuries as a result of this storm.

At this time I would like to recognize and thank DPW Superintendent Jim Johnson and his staff who worked tirelessly with the police department both during and after the storm.

Lastly, I would like to let residents know that the police department had photos taken by the Sheriff's Office of the shoreline from the Hudson River. Copies are available to any homeowner who needs them.

As always, if any resident would like more information in regard to an issue related to policing in the Village or need the assistance of the police department, please feel free to give me a call at 845-358-0206 x16, or email me at robert.vancura@southnyack.ny.gov.

Chief Robert W. Van Cura

**The Village of
South Nyack**

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Police	358-0206
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Building Dep't	358-0244
Fax	358-0630
Dep't Public Works	358-0227
Fax	358-5563
Justice Court	358-5078
Fax	358-2714

The Village Hall is open
from 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

Justice Court

*Held at the Firehouse
90 Depot Place*

1st and 2nd Monday at 5:30 pm

**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

STORM SAFETY INFORMATION

The Village of South Nyack wishes to extend our gratitude to the residents for their patience, understanding and cooperation during Hurricane Sandy. As it appears that storms of this intensity are occurring more often, we want to make residents aware of some important emergency information and safety tips:

During emergency situations, information specific to South Nyack residents is available and updated daily on our website, www.SouthNyack.ny.gov. For those without power or internet access, this information is posted on the door of the Village Hall. During the recent storm, this included information regarding power outages, power restoration dates, water alerts, ice availability, electronic device charging locations, school closings, road closings, locations for hot meals, warming locations and a summary of the joint Nyack-South Nyack storm briefings which were held at 11:00 am each day at the Nyack Village Hall.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **PLEASE STAY INDOORS** As much as possible, we encourage residents to stay off the streets during all storms. Visibility is limited and it is dangerous for both pedestrians and our public servants who must work during this period.
- **DOWNED WIRES** Please be aware that wires that are damaged, disconnected from poles or lying on the ground can still be active. A live wire can electrocute a person from as far away as 30 feet. When there is a power outage this is especially dangerous because as power is restored, wires that are down on the ground or entangled in trees are becoming energized. **DO NOT APPROACH ANY DOWNED WIRES.** Assume all wires are energized.
- **WATER** Most residents of South Nyack are serviced by Nyack Water. A few exceptions are serviced by United Water. NY-Alert provides information to the public when there is a boil water alert or other type of emergency.
- Please be sure that **house numbers** are clearly displayed and visible from the street. This helps ensure that emergency responders will be able to locate a property when assistance is needed.
- Alarm systems must be registered with and licensed by the Village. This includes any device that activates equipment to warn of intrusion, fire, smoke, flood or other peril. Contact the Village Clerks' office for more information.
- If someone in your household needs electric service to operate a life support device, contact O&R at 800-434-4100 to enroll in the [Life Support Equipment Program](#).

PLEASE BE SURE TO REGISTER WITH THE VILLAGE IF YOU HAVE NEEDS THAT REQUIRE SPECIAL SERVICES DURING AN EMERGENCY.

Thank you for your cooperation.

NY-Alert

We encourage residents who wish to receive **Emergency Alerts** to go to www.NYalert.gov and register your home phone number, email address and/or your cell phone numbers to receive emergency updates.

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. Be sure that the bags are free of sticks, rocks and garbage. Bio-Bags are available at the Village Hall.

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.

FALL LEAF AND YARD DEBRIS PICK UP WILL CONTINUE AS NEEDED OR UNTIL THE SNOW PREVENTS PICK UP

FEMA assistance is available to residents who have been significantly affected by Hurricane Sandy. Please keep careful records of any damage and take photographs before any restoration. Save all receipts for material, equipment and other work required. This documentation will be important when meeting with FEMA.

**For more information go to
www.FEMA.gov
or call (800) 621-FEMA 3362**

For emergency notifications, please add your **Email address** or **cell phone number** to the Village's contact list. Please call 358-0244 or email your information, including your name and address to:
Denise.Mishkel@SouthNyack.ny.gov.

GESNER PARK

SADLY, ONE OF SOUTH NYACK'S PUBLIC PARKS, GESNER PARK WAS DESTROYED DURING HURRICANE SANDY. THIS WAS A BEAUTIFUL SPOT TO SIT AND ENJOY THE QUIET OF THE RIVER. WE HOPE TO REBUILD THIS PARK SOON.

Thank you ... Retired Police Officers

The South Nyack Police Association would like to extend their best wishes and gratitude to the following retired South Nyack/Grand View Police officers who were recently honored at a dinner acknowledging their combined 130 years of service!

Sgt. Bernard Lynch

P.O. Michael Healy

P.O. Joseph Powers

P.O. Salvatore Lombardi

P.O. Kenneth Kerr

P.O. Charles Lowther

Thank you for all your service to our Village.

POLICE DEPARTMENT CHANGES

Welcome Patrick Gallagher, who joined the SN/GV Police Department this past June. With 11 years of experience in police work, first with the NYC Police Department and since 2003, with the Rockland County Sheriff's Department, he brings extensive knowledge and skills to the Village of South Nyack.

Officer Brent Newbury joined the SN/GV Police Department in 2005 after 15 years with both the Orangetown and Nyack Police Departments. This past June, upon the retirement of Bernard Lynch, he was appointed to the position of Police Sergeant. Thank you Sergeant Newbury for your continued service to our community.

Public Trees

The recent storm once again brings attention to the trees in the public right-of-way and their contribution to the overall look and feel of our streets and neighborhoods. Replacement of fallen and diseased trees is a priority to the Village and property owners alike, but a priority that is limited by the very narrow budget guidelines within which the Village operates. For that reason, the Village is currently working to develop a policy that will provide for property owners and the Village to share in the cost of planting of new trees.

Broadly, the policy allows residents to pay the cost of purchasing the tree while the Village will cover the cost of the planting by the DPW. The Village will take responsibility for selecting the planting location since details of space, surrounding species, nearby utilities and infrastructure must be considered. A list of recommended species that vary in characteristics has been compiled which should allow us to select the proper species for a particular location. The village has negotiated warranty and pricing from a nursery supplier.

An application to purchase a tree should be available shortly on the village website. Our goal would be to have some new trees planted each Spring and Fall, the planting season for trees.

Reminders from the Department of Public Works..

Winter Snow Removal:

- Homeowners are required to have all sidewalks abutting their property cleared within 24 hours of the end of the snowfall.
- So that roadways may be plowed, all vehicles, by law, must be off the street within 2 hours after a snow storm has started. (If snow is predicted, the police will not grant permission for over night parking.)
- Snow is not to be plowed, shoveled or blown into the street.
- If possible, wait to clear snow until after the storm has ended. It is the policy of the DPW to plow curb-to-curb. This clean-up takes a few hours after the snow has stopped.
- When clearing your driveway, stack the snow to the right of the direction of traffic flow so that the mound does not get pushed back into the driveway by the Village plow.
- Parking cars on the public sidewalk is illegal and dangerous for pedestrians who have to walk in the street to pass. Cars parked on the sidewalk are in jeopardy of being towed at the owner's expense.
- Help your neighbors and the Fire Department by clearing the area around any fire hydrant near your home.



Trim brush over sidewalks and streets.

- Property owners are required to keep bushes, trees and other plantings trimmed back from the public sidewalks and from overhanging public streets. This is a safety issue particularly for pedestrians. Corner property bushes must not block the line of sight for drivers and should be kept below 42 inches in height.

Obstructing Public Roads:

- Moveable basketball hoops on the public roads must be moved when not in use so that they do not extend into the street and must be removed from the right-of-way during winter months.

Sanitary Sewers:

- Orangetown Sewer Department is responsible for the Village's sanitary sewer system including maintenance and repair, new and replacement lines, inspections and approvals. **For sewer emergencies, call 359-6502, ext 114, 24 hours.**
- Contractors doing sewer work in the Village must be licensed with the Town.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Televisions, computers, printers and other electronics containing tubes, mercury or other toxic materials **CAN NOT** be put out for regular garbage pick up. These items must be taken to the Ro.Co. Solid Waste Management Authority. If you have any questions, call **RCSWMA waste hotline at 364-2444.**

Welcome new Planning Board member Andrew Goodwillie. A native of England, Andrew gained a doctorate in geophysics from the University of Oxford before heading to the US west coast almost twenty years ago. He has lived in South Nyack and worked at Lamont-Dougherty Earth Observatory since 2005 and is pleased to be contributing to our community as a member of the South Nyack Planning Board.

BROOKSIDE PARKING LOT

There are a limited number of parking spaces available for rent in the Village's parking lot located on Brookside Avenue. Rentals are available for an annual fee of \$250 per space.

If you are interested in renting one of these spaces, please contact the Village Hall.

South Nyack Recycle Schedule

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**Pancake Breakfast
With Santa!
Sunday, December 9
8 am to 12 noon**

**Benefit for the Ladies Auxiliary of
Orangetown Fire Company No. 1**

90 Depot Place

**Menu: Pancakes, scrambled eggs,
bacon, orange juice, coffee and
tea.**

**Adults- \$8 Seniors- \$6
Children under 10- \$5**

For more information 358-8286

Christmas Tree Sale

Beautiful Vermont evergreen trees are on sale weekdays between 3 pm and 9 pm and from 9 am to 9 pm on weekends, at the Orangetown Fire Company #1. A variety of trees are available including Balsam & Fraser Firs.

FREE local delivery.
The firehouse is located at 90 Depot Place, off Cedar Hill, between Franklin Street & Broadway.



LOST DOG--

Dogs running loose are often brought to the Village Hall, sometimes without an identifying tag or collar. In an effort to quickly reunite the lost animal with its owner, we invite pet owners to submit, via email, a photograph of your pet with his/her name and a contact phone number. These photos will be kept on file for reference. Photos may be sent to lost.pets@SouthNyack.ny.gov

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