

The South Nyack News

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Village Communications

In Spring 2014, the Board of Trustees appointed a Communications Advisory Committee to examine the ways in which the village disseminates information to residents and the media. The committee was charged with making recommendations for improving the flow of communication. Five South Nyack residents studied eighteen different aspects of village communication ranging from public meetings, the newsletter, the website and social media to emergency communication, press releases and the videotaping of trustee meetings.

To efficiently provide as much relevant village information to as many South Nyack residents as possible, the committee recommended that the village gradually move from paper-based communication to electronic modes of delivery. All legally-mandated noticing requirements would be retained as well as sufficient non-electronic methods of communication necessary to serve all village residents.

The committee also recognized the importance of quickly sending information to residents, particularly during an emergency, and encourages all residents to add their e-mail address to the village e-mail system. That can be done quickly on the village website under the "How To" section (<http://southnyack.ny.gov/sign-up-for-email-alerts>).

In all, the committee made almost fifty specific recommendations and the village has been able to already implement a number of them.

The committee's final report is available on the village website under Documents > Reports (<http://southnyack.ny.gov/doc-type/report>)

We welcome your comments about the report – please send your feedback by e-mail to info@southnyack.ny.gov.

Andrew Goodwillie, Trustee

Update on the TZB Project

Your Board of Trustees and members of the South Nyack Task Force continue the struggle to insure that village concerns about the new bridge are heard and acted upon. Over the summer, because of bridge construction noise above the sanctions imposed by NYS, the village hired Acoustic Engineer Dr. Brook Crossan who set up independent noise monitors and reported measurements to us. We wanted to compare measurement with those of the Thruway. Although as yet we do not have exact base figures from Thruway records to make comparisons, we were influential in demanding their adherence to noise limits. Pile and sheet driving work producing excessive noise was halted until mitigating efforts were in place. A written report of Dr. Crossan's work is expected within a few weeks.

Of great concern to us now is the landing site of the Shared Use Path (SUP) - the pedestrian/bikeway on the north side of the north bridge. The western access site will be in our village. We anxiously await a meeting with Thruway officials who will present the options that have been studied. Watch for announcements of this important community meeting.

Also ahead is the continuation of work already begun to reclaim portions of the Exit 10 interchange for economic development that will profit our village. Updates on these efforts are reported regularly at the Board of Trustee meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Join us.

Bonnie R. Christian, Mayor

***The Village of
South Nyack***

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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

Justice Court

Held at the Firehouse

90 Depot Place

1st and 2nd Monday at 5:30 pm

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

4th Tuesday at 6:45 pm

More information available
on the South Nyack
Website

@
SouthNyack.ny.gov

PARK RESTROOM FACILITY

The Franklin Street Park has a new public restroom facility. Purchased with Community Development funds, the prefabricated building was constructed in Nevada and brought to South Nyack by truck.

The new building is in position and utilities are connected. It will be usable once a concrete ramp and walkway are installed.



The facility will be opened each day at 7:30 am and closed at dusk. It is not heated so will be closed during the colder winter months when the water pipes are drained.



Have you signed up for village e-mail alerts?

Join hundreds of your South Nyack neighbors in receiving Village news including emergency notices and the Mayor's Updates. Simply sign up on the village website under the "How To" section <http://southnyack.ny.gov/sign-up-for-email-alerts>).

**EARLY REMINDER 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 over the public sidewalk is illegal and dangerous for pedestrians who may have to walk in the street to pass. This includes cars in driveways blocking the sidewalk. Cars parked over the sidewalk are in jeopardy of being towed at the owner's expense.
- Help your neighbors and the Fire Department by clearing any fire hydrant near your home.



"If it plugs into a wall, we'll take it!"

Household Appliances and Electronic Waste Collection

**Saturday October 25
11 am - 1 pm
South Nyack DPW Garage
65 Brookside Avenue**

Following the success of the kick-off event last April, the village will hold its second collection of household appliances and electronic waste and will again partner with the *ARC of Rockland eWorks* program.

For proper recycling of all household appliances and electronics, bring your unwanted items to us. Examples include TV, computer, laptop, monitor, scanner, printer, microwave, toaster, radio, copier, VCR, CD player, telephone, cell phone, games console, uninterrupted power supply.

The non-profit *ARC of Rockland eWorks* program provides "green tech" jobs for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities and uses the best industry standards in its electronics recycling and refurbishment services for local communities.

Help keep these recyclable items out of the landfill. For additional information regarding the Household Appliance and Electronic Waste Collection event, please contact the South Nyack Village Hall at 358-0244.



At the collection event earlier this year, South Nyack residents brought more than 130 items for proper recycling and disposal, including 28 televisions, 24 computers and printers, 12 radios and stereos, and dozens of small appliances.

A NEW FACE AT VILLAGE HALL...

We'd like to welcome Francis (Frank) Richards as the newest member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Richards family moved to South Nyack in 1993, and their two daughters went through the Nyack School system. Frank is honored to have been appointed to the Board, and thinks that forty years of professional Human Resources work has prepared him for dealing with appeals. We think so too!

WATCH YOUR SPEED !

25 MPH may soon be the legal speed limit on South Highland Avenue and South Boulevard. The Board of Trustees has scheduled a Public Hearing at 7:30 pm on October 28th to receive public comment on this proposed new law. The roadways pass the Nyack Middle School and Nyack College.

After receiving complaints of speeding cars and confirmed by police surveillance, the Board of Trustees voted to consider lowering the speed limit in this area of the village. They cited their concerns for the safety of students and other pedestrians. The southern portion of South Boulevard has no sidewalks.

Please note: when the Middle School is in session, the speed limit on South Highland is 15 MPH. Signs are posted. Speeding cars will be ticketed.

*South Nyack Revitalizes
Tree Committee*

No doubt a healthy selection of tree species enhances the beauty of any community. It is no small task to accomplish this. Beautification requires long term planning to sustain a variety of hardy trees throughout the village.

The Village has compiled a comprehensive list of our trees including species and life cycle. That list, available on our website, is in the process of being updated. To breathe new life into this endeavor, the Village is reorganizing and restructuring our Tree Committee. The intent is to have it active and functioning in time for spring planting. This effort will be supported with a healthy and sustainable budget line in the Village Budget. If you are interested in joining the effort, call Village Hall and you will be put in touch with the Chairperson.

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COMMUNITY MEETING regarding the Shared Use Path

The Village is eagerly awaiting the Community Meeting regarding the proposed terminus of the Shared Use Path in South Nyack being organized by the NYS Thruway Authority. As this newsletter goes to print, no date has been set. Please watch for notices of this important meeting on the village web site and on village bulletin boards.

LEAF DEBRIS CURBSIDE PICK UP OCTOBER 20—DECEMBER 5*

***Loose leaf pick up will end earlier if there is a heavy snow storm. Don't wait. Rake your leaves to the curb now!**

Loose leaves may now be placed in the gutter in a wind-row for pick up by the DPW vacuum. The leaves must be free of sticks, rocks and trash. It is the homeowners responsibility to inform their landscape contractor of village requirements.

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.

DID YOU KNOW....

... that the South Nyack Board of Trustee meetings can now be viewed on line?

On our website, <http://southnyack.ny.gov/>, select "Documents" and under that "Videos" to view all of the recent Board of Trustee meetings.

(<http://southnyack.ny.gov/doc-type/video>)

South Nyack Recycle Schedule

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