

# The South Nyack News

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## From the Mayor....

Dear South Nyack Residents,

On Tuesday, December 1st, all residents of the Village are invited to a special meeting of the South Nyack Village Board. Concepts developed in conjunction with the Thruway Authority for the New NY Bridge shared use bike/pedestrian path and parking options will be presented and reviewed by our Tappan Zee Bridge Task Force. These concepts attempt to preserve the residential nature of our village.

This meeting will be held at the Living Christ Church and will begin at 6:30pm. The Tappan Zee Bridge Task Force will report on the progress made over the past several months working in collaboration with Governor Cuomo's office and the Thruway Authority. As you know, the Task Force succeeded in their efforts to have the terminus of the path moved away from the corner of Cornelison and South Broadway and into Thruway property at Exit 10. Several new concepts to accomplish this will be presented to the Village Board and the public. We hope many residents will attend this special meeting.

The Living Christ Church is located at 151 South Broadway, at the corner of Voorhis Avenue.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meeting.

Bonnie Christian

## From our Police Department....



### Yielding To Pedestrians

Recently, we have received some inquiries at the Police Department regarding the laws that govern crosswalks. New York State Vehicle and Traffic Laws (NYS VTL) state that if a pedestrian is within a crosswalk that is *not* governed by a traffic control device (i.e. Traffic Signal), motor vehicles shall yield the right of way to said pedestrian(s) by way of either slowing down or stopping, if need be. All motorists should be aware of designated crosswalks, particularly ones at intersections with no traffic control devices. They generally are denoted by bright yellow pedestrian crosswalk signs. It is a violation to not yield to pedestrians in these areas, which could be punishable by a fine of up to \$150 and three (3) points on your driver's license.

Additionally, the NYS VTL states that, "No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a motor vehicle which is so close that it is impractical for the vehicle to yield". Pedestrians should use caution when entering crosswalks to insure that they are offering any oncoming vehicles enough time to properly and safely stop.

Common sense and courtesy goes a long way to quell potential vehicle/pedestrian disputes, especially in neighborhoods with high levels of pedestrian traffic, such as South Nyack, Grand View and the surrounding Villages.

Sincerely,

Brent P. Newbury, Chief of Police

## Historical Signs Grant

The Village of South Nyack has been awarded \$5,200 by the Greenway Conservancy Trail Grant program for historical signs, to be placed primarily along the Esposito Trail. The trail is on the path of the old Erie Railroad & signage will focus on the railroad's impact upon local commerce and culture. Dedicated volunteers of the Historical Society of the Nyacks and the Piermont Historical Society are helping to compile information that will be included. It is hoped that the signs will be installed in late spring, 2016. Contact Trustee Andrew Goodwillie for more information.

**The Village of South Nyack**

**Mayor**

Bonnie Christian

**Trustees**

Charles Boone  
Andrew Goodwillie  
Alain Leinbach  
Catherine McCue

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Dep't Public Works	358-0227
Fax	358-5563
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*

**Visit our Village  
Website @**

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

**Changes at Village Hall:**

Village Clerk **Jill Schwarz** was appointed in July to replace Denise Weber-Mishkel who left this position to take another job. Jill was formally our Deputy Clerk. In addition to her role as Office Administrator reporting to the Mayor and the Board of Trustees, she is also the Registrar of Vital Statistics, Records Access Management Officer, Village Election Coordinator and Notary Public.

Our new Deputy Village Clerk is **Sokuna Mam**. Appointed in July, she comes with 11 years experience working as an administrative clerk in the Village of Nyack's Building Department. This background will serve her well as she will be South Nyack's Building Department Clerk and Secretary of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. Sokuna grew up in the Nyacks and is a graduate of Nyack College. Welcome Sokuna!

**Maryann Baietti** has been appointed Village Treasurer, replacing longtime Treasurer Marvin Nyman, who has become Deputy Treasurer. Maryann knows our Village well, as she was Marvin's assistant for many years. She has vast experience in municipal accounting, serving New York villages and towns over the past 15 years.

South Nyack is pleased to announce two additions to Village boards. **DeWitt Rulon** is our new alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. **Scott Fine** is the new alternate member of the Planning Board. Thank you DeWitt and Scott for your service to South Nyack.

**HOUSE NUMBERS:  
CAN EMERGENCY  
RESPONDERS FIND YOU?**

To assist Emergency Responders (Police, Firemen, Ambulance Drivers) ...and for your safety...**it is important that house numbers are clearly visible from the street.** On homes, numbers must be a minimum of 3 inches in height. If your house is set back more than 50 feet from the street, numbers must be placed so they are visible from the street, for example on a mailbox, fence, etc.  
Thank you!



**LEAF DEBRIS  
CURBSIDE PICK-UP:  
NOW THROUGH  
DECEMBER 11th\***

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

**Place Loose leaves** 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.



**EARLY REMINDER FROM THE  
DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC WORKS**

**Winter Snow Removal:**

- So that roadways can 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 street parking.)
- Homeowners are required to have all sidewalks abutting their property cleared within 24 hours of the end of the snowfall.
- Snow is not to be plowed, shoveled or blown into the street. Please inform the person who plows or shovels for you.
- 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, pile 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.
- Help your neighbors and the Fire Department by clearing the snow from around any fire hydrant near your home.





## Styrofoam – Recycle or Toss?

Styrofoam or, as it should more correctly be called - expanded polystyrene (EPS) - is an instantly-recognized, usually white-colored product that is part of our everyday lives. From packing peanuts to egg cartons, take-out food containers, foam coffee cups, and supermarket meat trays, EPS is in high-demand. But, what is it and can it be recycled in Rockland County?

Derived from crude oil, EPS is a highly-flammable plastic that does not readily biodegrade. Due to its low density it is easily carried by the wind. It is a main component of plastics pollution in the oceans and is hazardous to marine and bird life. It can be lethal if animals mistake it as food. Studies also indicate that EPS may contain carcinogens.

New York City has banned its use in the food service industry, as have hundreds of other cities across the globe.

EPS is about 98% air. The light weight of EPS products makes them difficult and uneconomical to collect. Despite its bad environmental record, EPS is recyclable and has recycle symbol #6. Yet, few facilities are set up to accept it. The nearest EPS recycling collection point is at the Yonkers Recycling Center, but non-residents are barred from using that facility. Some major manufacturers will accept EPS packaging material back for recycling.

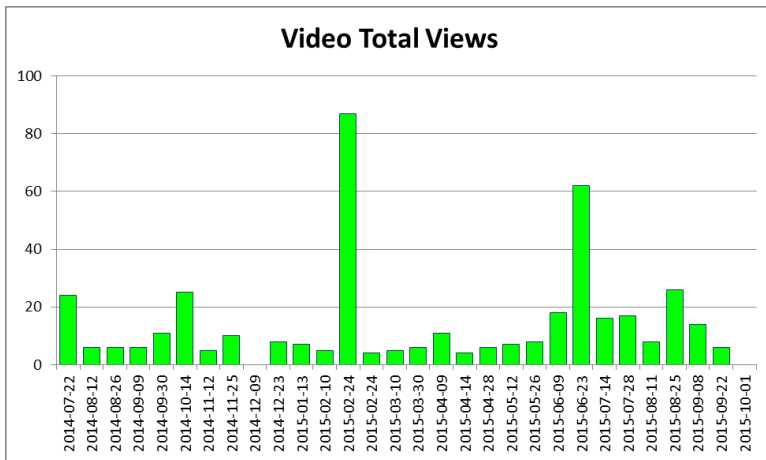
EPS is not recyclable at the Rockland County recycling facility, unfortunately. Please do not place any EPS product in your curbside recycle bin. If the use of an EPS product cannot be avoided, please put it in your trash bin and ensure that it will not blow away in the wind. Estimates of EPS residency time in the landfill range from centuries to millions of years ~ Andrew Goodwillie, Trustee



**During Summer 2015, our village DPW installed two recycle bins in Franklin Street Park. Painted blue and clearly labelled, the bins are designed to accept bottles and cans and are placed next to existing trash cans near the picnic tables. A third bin is to be installed at the southbound bus stop on the corner of Cedar Hill Ave and South Broadway. Recyclables collected will be taken to the county’s Materials Recovery Facility in Hillburn on Thursdays.**

### TRUSTEE MEETINGS CAN BE VIEWED ON-LINE

The Board of Trustee meetings are recorded and placed on the village website (under Documents > Videos). Anyone can watch the video from anywhere at any time. The chart below shows the viewership numbers, with the initial recordings from summer 2014 on the left and the most recent videos from autumn 2015 on the right. The large peak in the middle represents the February 2015 trustee meeting at Living Christ Church which focused upon the Tappan Zee Bridge Shared Use Path. The peaks of summertime 2015 show viewership interest in the South Nyack Dog Park.



### RECYCLING REMINDERS.....

- ◆ Please make sure that containers to be recycled are empty. They may not contain any substances or liquids.
- ◆ Items in plastic bags (including clear plastic bags) will not be picked up.
- ◆ To recycle shredded paper, place it in the blue recycle bins or in brown paper grocery bags.
- ◆ Plastic shopping bags are not accepted. Dispose of them in the collection bins at grocery stores or better yet.....use cloth bags.



**The Ladies Auxiliary of Orangetown Fire Company #1 will sponsor a "Pancake Breakfast with Santa" on Sunday, December 6, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, at the Fire House, 90 Depot Place, South Nyack, NY.**  
**Menu: Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Orange Juice, Coffee & Tea.**  
**Adults \$10.00, Seniors \$8.00, Children under 10 \$5.00**

**Upcoming Nyack College Concerts:**

***Pardington Hall—South Boulevard, South Nyack***

- \* November 17—7:00pm—**Chamberfest Benefit Concert**—cross-cultural concert program showcasing chamber & choral music by Asian & Western composers in the sacred, classical, folk, Broadway & gospel genres.
- \* November 18—8:00pm—**Fall String Orchestra Concert**—orchestra comprised of students, faculty & community instrumentalists will perform a concert representing a variety of musical periods.
- \* December 6—8:00pm—**Carol & Candlelight**—67th annual holiday favorite performed by the Handbell Choir, Women’s Chorale & Brass Ensemble.
- \* December 8—8:00pm—**Winter Concert**—Wind Ensemble & Handbell Choir.
- \* December 11—8:00pm—**Chorale Concert**—a program of traditional lessons & carols centered on the birth of Christ.

**A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BUILDING DEPARTMENT:**

Building Inspector, David Majewski reminds all residents that building permits are required for any home improvements other than general repairs and painting. Also, Planning Board and possibly Zoning Board approval is needed for any exterior change to the property. Planning Board and Zoning Board applications must be submitted

**at least 30 days** prior to a scheduled meeting.

**The South Nyack Zoning Code is available for review (as well as applications) on our website.**

**Please call the Building Department with any questions:**

**845-358-0244**



Garbage Pick-Up is Every Tues. & Fri. Recycle Pick-Up is Every Thurs.  
**However, there will be No recycle pick-up on Thanksgiving, Thurs., Nov. 26. Recycle will be picked up on Fri., Nov. 27**

**Special South Nyack Village Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, December 1, 2015 - 6:30pm - Living Christ Church - 151 South Broadway, South Nyack\*\***

**\*\*For more information read the Mayor’s letter on page 1.**

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