

The South Nyack News

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From the Mayor....

Dear South Nyack Residents,

The Tappan Zee Task Force and I will continue to work with Robert Megna, Acting Executive Director for the New York State Thruway Authority and Joseph Rabito, Deputy Director for State Operations to develop the best possible shared use path terminus at Interchange 10. The decision by the Thruway Authority to move the path to Exit 10 is a victory and we all hope this will preserve our quality of life and enhance the integrity and character of our Village.

I so appreciate the efforts of those South Nyack residents who have been active in this process and who have voiced their concerns about the impact of the shared use path.

I would also like to thank Trustee Andrew Goodwillie for all his efforts to extend our recycling program from every other week to every Thursday beginning this month. The Board voted unanimously in favor of this change in the schedule because we all believe it will increase the amount of recycling by making it easier for residents to recycle.

Bonnie Christian

A special WELCOME to all newcomers to South Nyack. Please call the Village Hall at 358-0287 if we can answer your questions about the Village or assist you in any way.

From our Police Department....

Wear Your Seat Belt!



This summer, police officers throughout New York will be strictly enforcing the seat belt laws for drivers and passengers, especially child occupants. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among those aged 1 to 54 in the United States. Wearing seat belts reduces serious crash-related injuries and death by about half. Encourage teenagers to wear their seat belts, as too often they do not. Make sure child and infant passengers are correctly secured in their child restraints. Wear your seat belt on every trip!

The Police Department is saying goodbye to Police Officer Brian Lyons. Officer Lyons worked with the Village of South Nyack since 2008. The South Nyack Police uniform was his last in a brilliant career lasting more than 30 years.

The Police Department is pleased to announce the hiring of Police Officer Neil O'Sullivan. Officer O'Sullivan recently retired from the Orangetown Police Department after 28 years. Prior to his service in law enforcement, Neil served for 4 years in the United States Army. His knowledge and experience will be valuable to the department.

Finally, the Police Department wants to thank Trustee Thomas Neff and Village Clerk Sally Seiler for their years of dedicated service to South Nyack. We wish them the best in their future endeavors. Congratulations and good luck to Denise Weber-Mishkel for her Village Clerk appointment. Welcome aboard to Trustee Charles Boone and Deputy Village Clerk Jill Schwarz.

Sgt. Daniel Wilson

Thank you Susan.....

The Village of South Nyack Egg Hunts began in 2001 when Debbie Helmke, wife of then Mayor Richard Helmke, suggested that a village Egg Hunt would be a fun spring event for the children of the Village. The Board of Trustees agreed and for the next 6 years, until she and her family moved from South Nyack, Debbie organized this event. Working with her was Susan Pilla. The Egg Hunts quickly became very popular, drawing children, their parents and grandparents, and other Village residents to watch the fun.

Since 2007, *Susan Pilla*, with the help of her children *Arianna* and *Nicholas*, has organized and coordinated this popular spring event now held in the Franklin Street Park. **Thank you Pillas.** The Village is very grateful for your gift to our community over the years. You have made lots of children very happy.

With both her helpers in college, Susan is ready to pass the basket. If you are interested in organizing this once a year event....Susan will show you how.... please call the Village Hall.

**The Village of
South Nyack**

Mayor

Bonnie Christian

Trustees

Charles Boone
Andrew Goodwillie
Alain Leinbach
Catherine McCue

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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**

*See the Monthly Calendar for
Dates & Time*

More information available
on the South Nyack

Website

@

SouthNyack.ny.gov

SOUTH NYACK NEEDS YOU !

Are you interested in getting more involved in your Village? There are many ways that your talents can be put to good use. A few suggestions are listed below:

- ◆ Grant opportunities ~ There are many grants available to us. Fresh ideas of how to improve your neighborhood and our community are always welcomed from our residents.
- ◆ Grant Writing ~ If you have a flair for creative writing, and/or have knowledge of the grant writing process, your talents could benefit many.
- ◆ Serve on a board or committee or attend the monthly meetings.
- ◆ Help create a landscape design for the Village Hall; or if you prefer to get your hands dirty, dig in!
- ◆ Volunteer to help at the Village Hall with periodic mailings and newsletters.
- ◆ Organize or assist with the Spring Egg Hunt, Summer Concerts or community yard sale.
- ◆ Suggest other ways of sharing your talents

**For more information, please call the
Village Hall.... 358-0287**

RIVERTOWN NEWS

"Bench by the Side of the Road"

Did you know that Nyack was on the route of the Underground Railroad? A commemorative bench to note this site of African-American history has been installed in Memorial Park. It was dedicated on May 18th by Nobel Prize winning author Toni Morrison to honor Cynthia Hesdra (1808-1879), who rose from slavery to become an entrepreneur and abolitionist and whose Nyack properties were part of the slaves' route to freedom.

The bench overlooks where the Nyack Brook meets the Hudson River—the kind of feature that was used as a navigational landmark for the Underground Railroad. It is just north of one of Hesdra's properties. A special thanks to Bill Baston, the Nyack Bench Committee, the Nyack School District and Nyack College for the memorable dedication event.

**Garbage Pick-Up
Every Tues and Fri
Recycle Pick-Up
Every Thursday**

ATTENTION ALL DOG OWNERS

Your neighbors ask that you please always clean-up after your dog and that you walk your pet on a leash. It is not fair for residents to have to pick up after someone else's dog and it is unpleasant to accidentally step in a mess that was not cleaned up. Plastic bags are provided for your use in many locations in the Village. Remember, it's the law. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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" 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.

**FOR SAFETY'S SAKE...
KEEP SIDEWALKS CLEAR**

Throughout the year, but particularly during this growing season, it is important to keep sidewalks and street sight-lines clear for pedestrians and for drivers!

Property owners please note: All hedges, bushes & other plants must be kept trimmed so that they do not block or overhang the sidewalks. At corners, to help avoid accidents, sight-lines for drivers must be kept clear. Please be sure your property is in compliance.



South Nyack Recycling – New Schedule Announced

Starting this month, curbside residential recycling will be collected **every Thursday**. In moving to weekly pick-ups, the village hopes to make recycling more convenient and less confusing. And, by better meeting the demands of village residents, we hope to divert even more of our waste stream away from the landfill.

Recycling is beneficial to everyone in our community. It is cheaper than garbage collection, helps to sustain our natural environment for future generations, and reduces our carbon footprint. Additionally, the more we recycle, the bigger the rebate received by the village.

South Nyack generates a lot of recyclable material – 564 tons of it over the last three years alone. With the new weekly collection schedule, let's see if we can beat that by recycling even more!

A list of items that can be recycled in Rockland County has been delivered to each residence. Extra copies can be obtained from Village Hall or from the county's web site: http://www.rocklandrecycles.com/uploads/pdfs/1394208356_Guide-To-Recycling.pdf

If residents require new recycle bins, please collect them from Village Hall.

Andrew Goodwillie, Trustee

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.
- ◆ Styrofoam and paint cans are NOT accepted by the recycler. Styrofoam may be discarded with your trash. Empty, dry paint cans will be collected by the DPW on garbage pick-up days but must be kept separate from garbage refuse.

KEEP SOUTH NYACK BEAUTIFUL....

The Village is responsible for the disposal of residents' common household garbage & garden debris. Disposal of construction & demolition debris, trees & tree stumps are the responsibility of the individual property owner or their contractor. For this purpose, the Village's 20 cubic yard (8'x15') container may be rented. Call the Village Hall 358-0287 for more information.

Large tree branches, no larger than 10 ft. in length, can be left curbside with cut ends facing the same direction so they can be easily picked up with the loader. Smaller branches & brush must be bundled with string or rope in lengths easily handled by one person.

Per County regulations, leaves & other "soft" vegetation such as weeds, must be bagged separately from any brush (twigs, small wooden stems, etc.). All must be free of dirt, rocks & soil.

Bio-degradable bags are available at the Village Hall. Curbside pick ups for these are on Tuesdays & Fridays.

At the curbside, please separate the bags that contain weeds & leaves from those that contain brush.

Help to keep our river clean!

South Nyack's roadside storm drains send water directly into the Hudson River and then the Atlantic Ocean with no filtering and no treatment. Anything that enters the storm drain ends up in the river.

Much rain and snow melt naturally soaks into the ground but water that flows across impervious surfaces like roadways, residential driveways, and buildings carries all kinds of pollution from our village into the river.

The picture below shows trash entering the storm sewer. Debris such as plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles and cigarette butts can choke, suffocate or maim aquatic wildlife. Even after making its way out to the open ocean, plastic garbage may last for thousands of years before breaking down.

Invisible pollution can be even more damaging. Storm water run-off can wash toxic chemicals like garden pesticides and fertilizers, paint, solvents and motor oil into the river where it can poison wildlife and disrupt reproduction, cause growth defects, and even suffocate animals.

What can you do? Keep trash from sidewalks & roadways. If you see debris entering a storm drain, report it to Village Hall. Try to avoid using harsh chemicals in the garden and, if you notice oil leaks under a vehicle, have the leak fixed or let the owner know. If you plan to replace a driveway, consider a permeable option.

Andrew Goodwillie,
Trustee



**SOUTH NYACK
COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**

Join us as we honor and thank retired
Village Clerk Sara "Sally" Seiler !

- When:** June 28th
- Where:** Franklin Street Park
90 Depot Place
- From:** 5:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Mark your calendar, gather your family, pack a picnic, and come to the park to join your neighbors in this celebration of the years of service that Sally has given to the Village.

Live Music! Refreshments!

Please bring a treat to add to the
Dessert Table!

For more information call:
(845) 358-0287

**2015 SUMMER CONCERTS in the
FRANKLIN STREET PARK**

June 28, July 26 & August 30

6:30—8:30 PM

June 28—Catahoula Cajun Band plays dance music of Southern Louisiana. With the fiddle, triangle and the accordion, this music became known as "French", but is truly a fusion of French, American and Country with influences from African rhythms, Creole and blues adding their own spice to the mixture.

July 26—AbajadA is an eclectic mixture of open-hearted, open-minded music that blends Folk, Rock, Soul, World and Love.

August 30—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. Great vocals and electric energy make this band a must hear!

Gather your family, friends and neighbors come on down to enjoy the summer concerts at the Franklin Street Park.



**WEEKLY RECYCLING PICK-UPS BEGIN JUNE 4th
~ COLLECTIONS EVERY THURSDAY!**

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