

The South Nyack News

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Winter 2011

HAPPY NEW YEAR
from
the Mayor,
the Board of Trustees
&
Village Employees

THANK YOU...

Jim Johnson
Bill Callanan
Ryan Cassidy

...Village of South Nyack's dependable DPW staff, for your long hours of clearing the snow and keeping the South Nyack roadways safe during the snow storms!



A NEW LOOK INSIDE THE VILLAGE HALL

The greeting/reception area of the Justice Court and Police Department has a new look, thanks to a Justice Court Assistance Grant from the State of New York. A new secure greeting area, a reception work desk, file storage space and a small conference area enhance these offices on the 2nd floor of the Village Hall. The grant also contributed towards a more energy efficient space with a HVAC up-grade and with the installation of new windows.

Thanks go to Village employee *David Majewski* who wrote the grant that paid for these improvements, to *Kier Levesque* designer of the plans and to *Goswick Construction* who did the work.

A letter from the Deputy Mayor..

Greetings:

The leaves are picked up and 6 snow storms have passed. The trees have been pruned and storm drains repaired. Streets resurfaced, old equipment surplused, parks preened, neighborhoods patrolled and justice dispensed. Fa-la-la-la! The holiday season and year's end met with cheer and gratitude: for our many accomplishments and our sound balance sheet.

This is a time when the Village, like families, weighs the year and its legacy. The Village is, in a sense, the extended family of each of us in that our health, safety and well-being are bound together: the Village to citizens and citizens to the Village. For yourself, or your family, you set goals and priorities, count your assets, measure the gap and earn, save or invest to meet those goals. For the Village, the required maintenance and upkeep so important to our quality of life, is only achieved through planning, budgeting, management, accountability and evaluation. This is what the officials, staff and appointees of the Village are all about — meeting the needs of our residents and the structural requirements of the Village — on time, within budget. And this has to be done in compliance with local, State and Federal codes that set standards for the health, safety and well-being of our citizens. No mean feat. I can tell you that each staff person and board member is working with the personal goal of protecting and supporting the special charm and appeal that South Nyack possesses. I see their efforts as not that dissimilar in nature to the devotion and dedication that family members expend to create and maintain the bonds so valued in family life.

With such strong parallels, I look forward to another new year with a hope for greater outreach from the Village to its citizenry and greater involvement of our citizens in Village government.

And on behalf of the Village, I would like to welcome the new neighbors who moved to South Nyack this year. To you and all residents, best wishes for a very happy new year!

Sincerely,

Don McMahon

Deputy Mayor

P.S. The Village website www.SouthNyack.info lists the names and roles of the many people elected, appointed and employed, who serve the Village.

South Nyack Village Election

Tuesday, March 15
12 noon—9 pm
South Nyack Village Hall

Candidates	Position/Term
Don McMahon	Trustee - 2 years
Tom Neff	Trustee - 2 years
Tish DuBow	Mayor - 2 years

The legislative body of a village, the Board of Trustees, is comprised of the mayor and four trustees. The South Nyack Board of Trustees meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in the board room of the Village Hall. Attend these meeting. Bring your questions and concerns. Invite your children...especially teenagers...to attend with you. It is at the village level that one can gain a tangible sense of how representative government really works.

***The Village of
South Nyack***

Mayor

Patricia M. (Tish) DuBow

Trustees

Alain Leinbach
Dana L. McKee
Donald J. McMahon
Thomas E. Neff

**282 South Broadway
South Nyack, NY 10960**

Village Hall	358-0287
Fax	358-0630
Police	358-0206
Fax	358-2714
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 8 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals

1st Tuesday at 7:30 pm

Planning Board

3rd Wednesday at 7:30 pm

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

*Held at either the South Nyack
or Grand View Village Hall*

*Monthly meetings at 7:30 pm
See the Monthly Calendar for
Dates*

Justice Court

*Held at the Firehouse
90 Depot Place*

*Twice monthly at 6:00 pm
See the Monthly Calendar for
Dates*

Visit the
South Nyack Website

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www.SouthNyack.info

A NEW LIFE FOR 101 SOUTH BROADWAY...

Many of us have enjoyed the quaint old church at the corner of South Broadway and Cedar Hill, former home of the First Church of Christ, Scientist. In January, the church was purchased by Ms. Lisa Hayes who plans to give new life to the building as the location of her Financial Planning business. Ms. Hayes plans to keep the exterior of the building very much as it looks now, and has looked for over 100 years.

The church has a long history. According to records, the First Christian Science Society was formed in 1902 by Christian Scientists vacationing in the Nyacks. Together with a few interested residents, they first met for Sunday afternoon services in members homes. By 1904, the group decided to rent what had been the Universalist Church built for that congregation in 1871 by M.W. DeBaun. The structure's Carpenter Gothic style stands out to this day among Nyack's eclectic architecture.

In 1907, the Christian Scientist congregation purchased the building and over the years carefully maintained the historic site. Services and Sunday school were held weekly and a reading room in the building was open on weekdays. However, with a dwindling number of church members, the building was put on the market and now has new ownership.



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*With thanks to the Historical Society of the Nyacks
for their help with this article. For more
information about this organization and our local
history visit www.NyackHistory.org.*

SOUTH NYACK COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Comprehensive Planning Board continues to make steady progress towards creating a draft Comprehensive Plan. The Board has studied the results of the community survey and the feedback from the community meeting in June. From this, the Board has identified two main issues: Identity and Sustainability.

Identity: South Nyack is a historic, residential Village, but it lacks a clear identity of its own. The highway literally bisects the Village. Nyack College is a great asset, but has little interaction with South Nyack residents. Establishing and promoting what is wonderful about South Nyack will enhance our sense of community, make South Nyack attractive for people to move here, and help keep property values up.

Sustainability: We South Nyackers like our historic, residential village and don't want to change it dramatically, but we are finding it difficult to continue to afford to live here. Residents support the idea of adding limited, carefully planned commercial elements that can be used as an alternative to taxes to support Village services.

A major element that has been proposed and continues to gain overwhelming support is the idea of covering over I-287 as it passes through the Village and using that space for the benefit of the Village and the region. The redesign of the Exit 10 interchange promises to free up space, which can be used for much more useful purposes. Decking over the highway would reconnect the two halves of the Village. The deck and the freed-up land could be used for a "lid" park and limited commercial development, which would bring in much-needed revenue to the Village.

The next task for the Board is to take these themes and all the notes and ideas from our meetings and get them written into a draft Comprehensive Plan. The Board recently voted to hire a consulting firm to help us get the Village's vision into written form and fulfill our State-mandated obligations for environmental review. We hope to have the draft plan written in the next few months. The draft will then be presented to the Trustees and residents for review and feedback.

Thank you Carol, Ray, Kenie & Marc

Carol Drummond was appointed Deputy Village Clerk in 2000 and until last Spring was the Building Department Clerk and the Clerk to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals in addition to her support of the Village Clerk. With her thoroughness and attention to detail, the department was in good hands. Although she retired from that position in May, Carol remains on the Village Staff as a part-time assistant to the Justice Court.

In the Spring of 1983, then Mayor Raymond Esposito appointed 2 new members to the Planning Board. Their tenures lasted until 2010.

-Ray Schwarz's architectural training and his talents as a custom woodworker brought knowledge and skills to the board that served the Village well.

-Kenie Mittleman's work experience in a Nyack law office added to her ability to make good judgments on cases before the Planning Board and on the Zoning Board of Appeals where she served for the 6 years prior.

Marc Massay became a Planning Board member in 2005 and assumed the chairmanship in Jan 2008. With his duties as an architect requiring more out of town travel, Marc has stepped down as Chair, but remains on the Board as an Alternate Member.

The Village Board thanks these four people and ALL who now and in the past have shared their time and talents in service to the Village.

Changes at the Village Hall

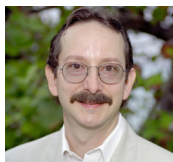
Denise Weber-Mishkel became the South Nyack Deputy Clerk in May 2010, upon Carol Drummond's retirement. A Rockland County native, born and raised in Piermont, Denise and her family (husband Bill and 3 children) have lived in South Nyack since 1995.

Denise began working with the village in October 2009 as a part-time accounting clerk. Prior to that, she was office manager and co-owner of Nyack Custom Woodwork & Restoration. She also works part-time with Keep Rockland Beautiful.

As Deputy, Denise is the clerk to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals and to the village Building and Code Enforcement Departments.



Jerry Ilowite, Planning Board Chairman, has served as a member of the Planning Board since 2003 and is also Chairman of the Comprehensive Planning Board. He is a graduate of the Land Use Leadership Alliance program of Pace University School of Law, Land Use Law Center. Mr. Ilowite and his wife, Dr. Mary Ellen McDermott, have been South Nyack residents for 19 years. Mr. Ilowite is Director of Engineering for Defibtech, a maker of automated external defibrillators (AEDs).



New Planning Board member, **Bruce D. Forrest** also serves on the Village's Comprehensive Planning Board. Dr Forrest is a member of the not-for-profit Blacksmith Institute Technical Advisory Board, advising on the organization's global environmental waste clean-up programs, and is President of Forrest & Company, Inc., a consulting firm. Dr. Forrest and his wife Dr. Eva Schadeck have lived in South Nyack since 1997.



Thomas F.T. Lyon is a graduate of the University at Buffalo's Masters of Urban Planning program, with a specialization in Community Development. His graduate studio 'Buffalo: A City as a Park' earned honorable mention from the Institute of International Education's 2008 Andrew Heiskell Award Competition for Innovation in International Education. In addition to his recent appointment as Planning Board alternate, Thomas serves as a member of the Comprehensive Planning Board.



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 over the public sidewalk is illegal and dangerous for pedestrians who have to walk in the street to pass. 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.



The Village fondly remembers **George Abrams**, a former DPW employee who died in December after a courageous battle with cancer. George was a reliable and dedicated employee from 1980 to 2008 and will be remembered for his service to the village.

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 lower than 42 inches.

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.
- No signs of any kind are permitted in the public right-of-way. These include political, for sale or rental, yard sales etc. and will be removed.

Sanitary Sewers:

- Orangetown Sewer Department now handles the Village sewer system including maintenance and repair, new or replacement sewer lines, inspections and approvals.
- Contractors doing sewer work in the Village must be licensed with the Town.
- For sewer emergencies, call 359-6502, ext 114, 24 hours.

DID YOU KNOW ...

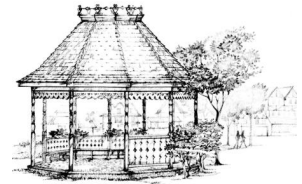
- The law requires that residential & business address numbers be conspicuously displayed in a location visible from the street. The numbers should be at least four inches in height and made of a reflective material for nighttime visibility to help ensure that emergency responders will be able to locate a property when assistance is needed.
- Alarm systems must be registered with and licensed by the Village. This includes any device that activated equipment to warn of intrusion, fire, smoke, flood or other peril. Contact the Village Clerks' office for more information.

South Nyack Recycle Schedule

Coming this Summer Community Yard Sale

Memorial Day weekend at the Franklin Street Park

This is a great opportunity to go through your attic and get an early jump on cleaning! Bring a table or blanket, your sale items and come out and join your neighbors!



Music in the Gazebo

at the
Franklin Street Park

The Village of South Nyack is lining up musicians for summer evening concerts in the Gazebo at the Franklin Street Park. The Gazebo was built with a Community Development grant and is ready to be used for community events including musical performances this summer.

More information on these events will follow!

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4TH ANNUAL PENGUIN PLUNGE -- MARCH 6, 2011

Come and show your support for the 4th Annual Penguin Plunge to benefit Haley Tyrrell and Tyler Tobin, two local children who have extraordinary medical expenses. This years event will take place Sunday, March 6th at 1:45 pm in Nyack's Memorial Park. Take the Plunge or just have fun watching those that do.

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