Fire Department News

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John Furlong, Chief of Department, Plandome Fire Department

Dear Residents:

Happy spring! Thank you to Highway Foreman Steven Flynn and his team for a great job keeping the roads safe during and after the snow storms.

The spring and summer months will be full of activity around the Village:

- Delivery of two new Fire Chiefs’ cars to replace three older ones, which have helped to cut response times but have been costing $3-$5 thousand per year in maintenance, with funding from capital reserves.
- Phase II Water Main upgrades on Westgate Boulevard and Central Drive. The replacement of old 4” mains and installation of two new fire hydrants will be funded from a 2015 bond with a sub-2% interest rate.
- Phase III Road repaving on South Drive, The Ridge, Pinewood Road, Woodedge Road, Dogwood Lane, Madonia Court, Rockwood Road West, Peters Lane, and then later in the summer repaving of Westgate, Central, and Cross Road, with funding from a 2015 bond with a sub-1.5% interest rate.
- Water meters to be replaced with new iPERL electronic meters, with funding from capital reserves. The resulting automated meter reading from the Manhasset-Lakeville Water Tower will lower the cost of service and allow residents to have more frequent information on water usage. Phase I will replace meters housed in pits outside the home, with no disruption to the homeowner; Phase II will replace basement meters. Homeowners will need to book an appointment online or call SAKS Metering. A letter with detailed instructions will be mailed to all residents in advance of work beginning.

In October 2016, the Board of Trustees adopted a moratorium on removal of trees while the Board deliberated on whether or not to adopt rules for the handling of mature trees on residents’ properties, similar to those in neighboring villages. The moratorium prohibits the removal of more than two trees of 10” diameter or greater. At this time, the Board is ready to move forward with a draft local law and to hold a public hearing. You will be informed of the date as soon as it is set, most likely at the May Board meeting.

Starting in April, a new Code Enforcement Officer will be joining the Village on a very part-time basis to enforce No-Standing rules at the train station a couple of evenings a week and enforce other code rules as needed.

The Tentative Budget hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12 at 8 pm. A large gathering of residents appeared at the March Board meeting to express their opposition to overriding the 2% tax increase cap. The Board explained that it was not intending to raise taxes above the Tax Cap, but it was passing the law to preserve its right to do so if absolutely necessary because of unanticipated costs. The Board heard the residents’ frustrations with rising costs for the Nassau County Police coverage and unsatisfactory garbage collection, and expects to adopt a 2017-2018 budget below the cap.

Water conservation on LI is a big concern. As such, all Water Districts and Departments are required to submit a Water Conservation Plan to the NYS DEC that shows how water usage will be reduced by 15%. We will be communicating more on this directive.

Congratulations to Mayor Lloyd Williams, Trustees Katie Saville and Don Richardson and Village Justice Jim Kiley on their successful re-election.

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Consistent with the capital plan, the Department recently replaced ten-year-old Thermal Imaging Cameras (used to identify sources of fire in walls and ceilings) with new units on both its trucks and will soon replace three fifteen-year-old command vehicles with two new SUVs. The equipment committee is also conducting competitive bidding processes to replace the Department Air Packs (SCBA) when they reach end of service next year, and is beginning the process to replace its oldest engine when it reaches 20 years of service in 2019.

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Plandome Woman’s Club

Spring is in the air, ladies, and the Plandome Woman’s Club is planning a variety of events for everyone to enjoy; our program (held on April 5th) with a “Let’s Get Moving for Spring” theme as well as our final program of the year focusing on a “Food Demonstration and an End of Year Brunch”. We are planning a trip to Oheka Castle in May. The annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 1st was a huge success for all our younger residents. You can also try your luck at Bunko held on Thursday evening, May 11th. Please contact Carol DiAndrea, President of the Plandome Woman’s Club for more information; we would love to see you at our events.

STORMWATER RUNOFF:

As a municipal collection system for stormwater, NYS requires that the Village manage its stormwater to minimize pollutants from washing off driveways, lawns and public roads into Manhasset Bay. What can residents do? Clean up pet waste; bring your car to a commercial car wash; avoid fertilizers; install rain sensors on your irrigation system. In addition, the Town sells rain barrels to capture rain which otherwise would end up on the ground (from the Town of North Hempstead website: A single rain barrel can save as much as 1,800 gallons of water in one summer season! In order to conserve water and save residents money, North Hempstead has introduced the innovative “Recycle the Rain” Water Conservation Program. Residents are able to purchase (recycled) 50 gallon rain barrels for the discounted rate of $50 as well as receive instruction at Clark Botanic Gardens. Rain barrels capture and save rain water to help homeowners reduce their water bills while protecting the bay from stormwater runoff).

DOGS:

Village Hall continues to receive numerous complaints about unleashed dogs and failure to pick-up waste.

TREES:

Remember that trees on the berm belong to the Village so all work associated with these trees is done by the Village as recommended by the Village Arborist.

Board of Trustees meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 8:00 pm, unless otherwise posted on our website. All are welcome.

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