

THE VILLAGE OF THE BRANCH

BRANCHING OUT



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Village Officials

Mayor	Mark Delaney
Trustees:	
Public Safety	Tom Newman
Highways	Michael Donnelly
Parks-Storm Water	Lisa Spica
Signs / Trees / Operations	Paul Buonaiuto
Village Clerk	Christine Cozine
Treasurer	Theresa Mequia
Planning Board, Chairman	John Carro
Zoning Appeals Chairman	Joseph Magliato
Building Inspector	Jerry Harris

Spring 2015 LEAF AND BRUSH SCHEDULE

First pick-up is **Week of April 27th**

Second pick-up is **Week of June 1st**

Summer pick-up TBD

Place leaves, small twigs and brush in leaf bags. Larger branches must be cut and tied into 3 foot manageable bundles - pickups start on Monday of the above weeks
Tree trunks or stumps will not be picked up.

Do not place items in the street. Leaf bags and tied bundles will be picked up separately

NOTE: The pick-up will take more than one day to complete and all items in all areas will be removed. Once the truck passes your area it **will not** be sent back to pick up items not placed out in time.

Village Update

- **Noise:** Contractors & residents are not permitted to utilize **outdoor power equipment before 8am**—please be courteous to your neighbors and ask for your landscapers' compliance so we don't have to. If you have an issue with a contractor—please report the name & plate # to Public Safety at 631.360.7553

- **Street Sweeping** will take place the following weeks:

- Week of April 13th
- Week of May 4th
- Balance to be scheduled

- **Drug Activity:** Residents are asked to be especially vigilant as to any suspicious activity such as cars idling, groups loitering in dark areas etc. While they are very responsive when called, SCPD can't be everywhere and we need to report (911) any and all suspicious activity to keep us and our children safe.

- **Dumping in Parkland or Greenbelt:** If you think you're saving money by doing this, think again as we have to constantly pay to have the material dragged back out & it comes directly from your taxes – please be a good neighbor

- **Smithtown's 350th anniversary** celebration continues – please visit www.smithtown350foundation.org for more details!

- **Commercial Vehicles** are prohibited from parking overnight in the village. In addition to increased enforcement of overnight parking this is something we'll be focusing on going forward

- **Mt. Pleasant Rd.** was hard hit this winter and in first on the list for repaving. Senator Flanagan has promised funding that will cover a large portion of the cost – thank you Senator!

- **VOB Treasurer**—now holds office hours for your convenience at Village Hall Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10 – 2.

We encourage all residents to take an active role in the Village and welcome your attendance at the various monthly meetings. The schedule of meetings is as follows:

Trustees Meeting	2 nd Tuesday,	7:30 pm
Planning Board	3 rd Wednesday,	7:00 pm
Zoning Appeals	4 th Tuesday,	7:30 pm
Justice Court	4 th Monday,	6:00 pm

Village E-mail: villageofbranch@optonline.net

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TREE TRIMMING

Trees on residential property are the responsibility of the homeowner. Inspections continue to show that many trees need trimming. Recall the damage Sandy caused partially as a result of poorly maintained trees. Low hanging limbs pose a hazard to our street sweeping crews as well as **school buses** and emergency vehicles. Section 79-2 of the village code requires that trees be trimmed thirteen feet above the road surface. Dead trees are residents' responsibility and stumps must be ground.

SPEEDING / RECKLESS DRIVING

It's troubling the amount of speeding & disregard for stop signs that we see within the village. It's sad that our own residents & visitors show such disregard for the safety of their neighbors & especially children. **The speed limit throughout the village is 30 mph.** We consistently get reports and license plate numbers that we pass along to SCPD & encourage residents to call SCPD with specific concerned. Take notice of license plates / vehicle descriptions so that we can track repeat offenders. We hate to see residents ticketed but would rather see our children safe – **please slow down – is a life really worth it???**

GROUNDWATER / FLOODING

Spring can be the worst time for flooding **issues**. Residents are asked to do your part to ensure that storm drains near your property are kept clear. Part of the reason we need to take action against landscapers is that some of them blow debris into our drains which simply makes the issue worse. A conversation with your landscaper and some common courtesy will help your neighbors in a flooding situation. Please report any violators.

BLOCK PARTIES

Block Parties require a permit. Failure to obtain a permit will result in fines – see village hall for application

STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

Outages should be reported to Village Hall at 265-3315 – to Paul Buonaiuto's attention – please don't assume we know

DOG CURBING

Residents are required by law to pick up after your pets when on the streets or on village parkland. Really - we have to ask???