

THE VILLAGE OF THE BRANCH

BRANCHING OUT



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Village Officials

Mayor	Mark Delaney
Trustees:	
Public Safety	Tom Newman
Highways	Michael Donnelly
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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 2016 LEAF AND BRUSH SCHEDULE

First pick-up is **Week of April 25th**

Second pick-up is **Week of May 30th**

Third pick-up is **Week of June 27th**

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

- **Our new website** will be introduced shortly and we will be trying to move to online newsletters to save money and be green – please look for the new site & provide us with an e-mail
- **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 and send an e-mail to the Clerk for our records – we want to track repeat offenders
- **Street Sweeping** will take place the following weeks:
 - Week of April 11th
 - Week of May 2nd
 - Week of August 15th
- **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
- **Commercial Vehicles** are prohibited from parking overnight in the village. This is becoming a much larger issue of late and we are increasing enforcement – friendly warning....
- **VOB Elections** – March 15th Noon to 9pm.
- **Feedback** – always encouraged!

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 concerns. 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. Next phase of restoration project starts this summer.

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. Be a good neighbor!

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

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