

# THE VILLAGE OF THE BRANCH

## BRANCHING OUT SPRING 17



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### Village Officials

Mayor	Mark Delaney
<b>Trustees:</b>	
Public Safety	Tom Newman
Highways	George Albrecht
Parks-Storm Water	Roger Botto
Operations	John Carro
Village Clerk	Christine Cozine
Treasurer	Theresa Mequia
Planning Board, Chairman	Libby Smith
Zoning Appeals Chairman	Joseph Magliato
Building Inspector	Jerry Harris

### Spring 2017 LEAF AND BRUSH SCHEDULE

First pick-up is **Week of April 24<sup>th</sup>**  
 Second pick-up is **Week of May 29<sup>th</sup>**  
 Third pick-up is **Week of June 26<sup>th</sup>**

**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** is up – please visit and send us suggestions – we will phase out paper newsletters over the next year

-**Noise:** Contractors & residents are not permitted to utilize **outdoor power equipment before 8am**—please be courteous to your neighbors - 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 @ 631.360.7553 & send an e-mail to the Clerk – we are tracking repeat offenders

-**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....

- **RESIDENT SAFETY:** Under our agreement with Smithtown Public Safety [SPS], Village residents are encouraged to contact SPS anytime at **631-360-7553** to report "Disturbances" (ie: ranging from noise, smell, public intoxication, littering, destruction of property, vandalism & the like.) The SPS dispatcher has the authority to send an official vehicle to investigate the incident, take appropriate actions to correct or stop the Disturbance.

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 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday,	7:30 pm
Planning Board	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday,	7:00 pm
Zoning Appeals	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday,	7:30 pm
Justice Court	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday,	6:00 pm

**Village E-mail:** [villageofbranch@optonline.net](mailto:villageofbranch@optonline.net)

***Pls send us your comments and opt in to our distribution list***

### 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. 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 fall.

### 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

### 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!

### **\*\*\*Section 72-17 of Village Code\*\*\***

The placement of any structures between the curb and the property line is prohibited - including, but not limited to; masonry, stones, sprinkler pipes, sprinkler heads, etc.