

THE VILLAGE OF THE BRANCH

REACHING OUT - FALL 2017



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Village Officials

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| Mayor: | Mark Delaney |
| Trustees: | |
| Public Safety | Tom Newman |
| Highways | George Albrecht |
| Parks-Storm Water | Roger Botto |
| Lighting / Trees / Signs | John Carro |
| Village Clerk | Christine Cozine |
| Treasurer | Theresa Mequia |
| Planning Board, Chair | Libby Smith |
| Zoning Appeals Chair | Joseph Magliato |
| Building Inspector | Joe Arico |

FALL 2017 LEAF AND BRUSH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

First pick-up is the week of November 6th 2017

Second pick-up is the week of **November 27th 2017**

Third and last pickup is the week of **December 11th 2017**

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 – place on lawn near curb. Leaf bags & tied bundles will be picked up separately. **Please don't put out early.**

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.

**CHRISTMAS TREES WILL BE PICKED UP
JANUARY 22nd, 2018 – ONE PICKUP ONLY**

Village Update

IN MEMORIAM: Tom Keon—former Mayor and Board member for over 40 years passed away recently. The village owes him a debt of gratitude for his public service and dedication towards making The Branch a great place to live & raise a family. Rest in peace.

Did you know...

- We are replacing all of the lights in the village with energy efficient fixtures that will reduce our/your costs by nearly 50%. Visibility will be improved and the savings will be passed along to residents
 - We would really like to get away from hardcopy newsletters that are increasingly expensive to mail – please provide us with an e-mail address – thanks!
 - Work begins on the Old Route 111 path and the Northeast Branch dredging in the Spring
- **Tree Trimming:** Trees on residential property are the responsibility of the homeowner. Recent inspections show that **many trees need trimming**. Low hanging limbs pose a **hazard** to our **snow plow crews** as well as **school buses** and local delivery vehicles. Village code requires that trees be trimmed **thirteen (13) feet above the road surface**. It is required that trees be trimmed of low hanging limbs to ensure the safety of our road crews and residents. **Dead trees must be taken down. If the crews can't sweep or plow they will not be sent back.**
- **Same issue regarding plowing applies to basketball hoops - move away from street—village or snow plowing contractors will not be held liable for any damages that result**

We encourage all residents to take an active role in the Village and welcome your attendance at the various monthly meetings.

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| 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

Please send us your e-mail so we can eliminate paper!

SNOW PLOWING

Please keep road clear of obstructions (trailers, basketball hoops, trash cans etc.) If the crews can't plow they will not be sent back. **Please be considerate of your neighbors and do not shovel or blow snow into the street as this causes a hazard to you and other residents. Residents who push or blow snow into the street are not only creating a safety issue but are costing you more tax dollars!** Roads must be made clear so every pass by the plow costs you as a resident.

NOTE: If you have a corner property/property on a curve we advise placing reflective markers at the curb line for the winter months. This helps our plowing crews ensure that no damage is done to lawns. The majority of plowing is done at night and it's very difficult to see where the curb ends in inclement weather.

OVERNIGHT PARKING

With plowing season approaching, enforcement and **finest have been increased** – please abide by the law and remove cars overnight. Warnings are no longer being issued—please be considerate. Safety is our biggest priority

SPEEDING / RECKLESS DRIVING

It's sad the amount of speeding & total disregard for stop signs that we see within the village. It's mostly our own residents & visitors that show such disregard for the safety of their neighbors & especially our 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 (Desk# 854-8400) with specifics. **SLOW DOWN – IS A LIFE WORTH IT???**

VOB WEBSITE

The new VOB website is being updated regularly – please visit the site for more frequently updated information and details on village regulations. Visit us at www.villageofthebranch.net

CO2 Detection: Fall is the time to check smoke detectors and check / install CO2 Detectors – a little work now saves lives!! We've had too many fires nearby recently—please check!