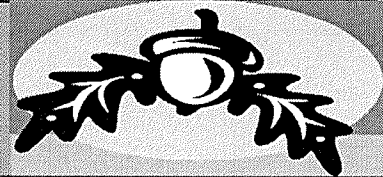


# THE VILLAGE OF THE BRANCH

## REACHING OUT - FALL 2018



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### Village Officials

<b>Mayor:</b>	Mark Delaney
<b>Trustees:</b>	
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	Joc Arico

### FALL 2018 LEAF AND BRUSH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

First pick-up is the week of **October 15<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Second pick-up is the week of **November 26<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Third and last pickup is the week of **December 10<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**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  
JAN 21st, 2019-ONE PICKUP ONLY-NO EXCEPTIONS**

### Village Update

- We completed replacing all the lights in the village with **energy efficient fixtures** that reduce our/your costs by nearly 50%. Visibility is better & the savings are passed along to residents – zero cost to install the fixtures!
- 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! Send to Village Clerk at [villageofbranch@optonline.net](mailto:villageofbranch@optonline.net). Go Green!
- Work begins on the **Northeast Branch dredging** in the next month or two – **Old Rt 111 path** in the spring
- **Tree Trimming:** Trees on residential property are the responsibility of the homeowner. 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. Basketball hoops must be moved away from curbs-village or snow plowing contractors will not be held liable for any damages that result
- Removal of any trees 8 inches or more in diameter requires permission from the Building Inspector
- We welcome the following businesses to VOB – please visit and support them!
  - Bagel Gallery
  - Hipchix
  - Dairy Shack
  - Cabo Fresh
  - Daniel Gale
  - Over the Edge Apparel
  - Primal Roots

### 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???**

**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!

### FIRE HYDRANTS/STORM DRAINS

If you have a fire hydrant or storm drain in front of your home please do the right thing and keep them clear of snow for safety

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

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

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