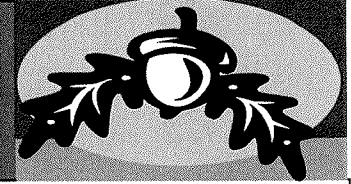


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BRANCHING OUT SPRING 18



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Village Officials

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

Spring 2018 LEAF AND BRUSH SCHEDULE

First pick-up is **Week of April 23rd**
 Second pick-up is **Week of May 21st**
 Third pick-up is **Week of June 18th**

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

-**Please provide us with an e-mail and or mobile number** – this is a much more effective way of communicating in 2018 – we only use them for critical communication in emergencies but would like to eliminate the expense of paper mailings

-**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

-**LED Lighting:** We are beginning to replace our old fixtures with LED fixtures that are more energy efficient without being harsh - the savings are significant and we look forward to reflecting that savings back to the residents

-**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 will be enforced more vigorously in 2018

- **Resident Safety:** Under our agreement with Smithtown Public Safety [SPS], Village residents are encouraged to contact SPS anytime at **631-360-7553** to report any issues.

- **Highway Services Consolidation:** Contrary to published reports, no agreement has been reached to combine our highway services with the Town and our sister villages of Head of The Harbor & Nissequogue. If savings can be achieved without any change in the level of service we will consider it – that simple

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,	7:30 pm
Zoning Appeals	4 th Tuesday,	7:30 pm
Justice Court	4 th Monday,	6:00 pm

Village E-mail: 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 year.

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.