

VILLAGE OF THE BRANCH

STUFF YOU SHOULD KNOW - FALL 2019

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Village Officials

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

Village Update

- We mourn the loss of village resident Michael McDermott. Michael, a beloved teacher, coach, husband & father of three will be sorely missed by family & friends. Our deepest sympathies go to his family. Rest in peace Michael.
- 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!
- Building permit applications coming online soon!
- Work continues on the **Northeast Branch dredging** and we share in residents’ frustration with the County’s oversight. We appreciate your patience and trust the results will make some of the inconvenience worthwhile.
- **Tree Trimming:** Trees on residential property are the responsibility of the homeowner. Low hanging limbs pose a hazard to our snowplow 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. **Shortly we will begin trimming trees & billing homeowners directly – we simply can’t let the hazardous conditions persist.**
- Village Hall renovations are complete – please join us for an upcoming meeting and see the improvements made to **your** village asset. With renovations complete we are amenable to renting the facility for meetings etc. Improvements include energy efficient AC/Heat, low water consumption fixtures & a backup generator given our experience with Superstorm Sandy. Major boost in value!

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

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

FALL 2019 LEAF AND BRUSH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

First pick-up is the week of **October 21 2019**

Second pick-up is the week of **November 18th 2019**

Third and last pickup is the week of **December 9th 2019**

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 20th, 2020–ONE PICKUP ONLY-NO EXCEPTIONS**

Please join us in recognizing Ann Mequia for 24 yrs of valued service as Court Clerk and Tom Newman for over 20 yrs of service to VOB in varying capacities–Thank you!!!!

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 - helping our plowing crews ensure that no damage is done to lawns. Nighttime plowing is challenging

OVERNIGHT PARKING

With plowing season approaching, enforcement and **fin**es have been increased – please abide by the law and remove cars overnight. Warnings are no longer being issued

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. **DRIVE LIKE YOUR CHILDREN LIVE ON THE STREET!!** **TOO MANY TRAGEDIES OF LATE**

CO2 DETECTION:

Fall is the time to check smoke detectors and check / install CO2 Detectors – a little work now saves lives!!

FIRE HYDRANTS/STORM DRAINS

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