

# VILLAGE OF THE BRANCH

## STUFF YOU SHOULD KNOW - FALL 2020

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### Village Officials

<b>Mayor:</b>	Mark Delaney
<b>Trustees:</b>	
Public Safety/Lighting	John Carro
Highways	Roger Botto
Parks-Storm Water	Kevin Damm
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

- **PLEASE** speak with the Building Inspector **BEFORE** installing a fence. Recently a number of residents have incurred significant costs as a result of not understanding the regulations. Thank you for your cooperation!
- 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!
- **Trees:** Before cutting down any tree over 8 inches in diameter **one must receive** Building Inspector approval
- **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. **We are starting to trim trees & bill homeowners directly – we simply can't let the hazardous conditions persist – recent storms have made the problem worse.**
- **PLEASE JOIN US** at the October BOT meeting where we will be joined by **Inspector Ramagnoli – commander of the 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct.** He and his team were very helpful during the protests and he will join us for Q&A on any subject top of mind with residents. A Zoom dial in will be available
- **DEER MITIGATION:** Please e-mail the village (below) if you are interested in learning about reputable agencies that can address the deer population we have been struggling with recently – we have a few firms identified

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

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

### FALL 2020 LEAF AND BRUSH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

First pick-up is the week of **October 26th 2020**

Second pick-up is the week of **November 30<sup>th</sup> 2020**

Third and last pickup is the week of **December 14<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021–ONE PICKUP ONLY-NO EXCEPTIONS**

### 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 us all more tax dollars!** Roads must be made clear by law 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 **finest 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!!**

#### 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. The SFD does an outstanding job keeping us safe – let's help them help us!