

THE VILLAGE OF THE BRANCH

REACHING OUT SPRING 2020



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Village Officials

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

Spring 2020 LEAF AND BRUSH SCHEDULE

First pick-up is **Week of April 20th**
 Second pick-up is **Week of May 18th**
 Third pick-up is **Week of June 22nd**

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.

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.

PLEASE do not put debris out early – all it does is contribute to flooding and more garbage in the streets to clean up – thank you

Village Update

-**Northeast Branch Project:** is now finally complete. The culverts are done less some spring planting and a lot of debris & sediment was removed. We are now evaluating the effect on flooding & will pursue additional work as needed. Note that there is also work being done at Miller's Pond shortly that may augment what has already been done – appreciate the patience!

-**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 and have added more stringent code to our books to increase penalties – let's all enjoy the time outdoors & be courteous!

-**Dumping in Parkland or Greenbelt:** If you think you're saving money by doing this, think again as we must **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 is becoming more of an issue and enforcement will be stepped up with help from Public Safety

- **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.

- **Please provide us with an e-mail and or mobile number** – this is a much more effective way of communicating in 2020!

- Block Parties: require a permit. Failure to obtain a permit will result in fines & disruption—see Village Hall for an application

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

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TREE TRIMMING

Trees on residential property are the responsibility of the homeowner. Inspections continue to show that many trees need trimming—trees that overhang streets & neighbors' yards. Recall the damage Sandy caused partially as a result of poorly maintained trees. Low hanging limbs pose a hazard to street sweeping crews and **school buses/emergency vehicles**. Sec 79-2 of the village code requires trees be trimmed 13 feet above the road surface. **When removing trees on your property** please contact the Building Inspector to avoid potential fines

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. 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 worth it???**

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 please

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. Please keep basketball hoops and similar equipment off the right of way – thank you

Old Route 111

Residents may not know this but the path from Mt Pleasant to the Uncle G's parking lot is the old Route 111. We worked with the state to obtain a grant to renovate the path inclusive of a bike path, new footbridge & unobtrusive LED lighting to improve safety – especially at night after summer concerts & such. Work is scheduled to begin soon and we're looking forward to much improved safe pathway into town – we'll place updates on the village website as work begins