



CHESTNUT RIDGE REPORTER

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

“WELCOME”

Welcome to Kim Wepler, our newest member to the Village staff. Kim has extensive experience in fire/emergency services. We look forward to this fine addition to our staff.

“THANK YOU”

Thank you to all in the Village who attended the Village Picnic on September 18, 2016. A good time was had by all; see you again in September, 2017.

“SUNDAYS WITH THE MAYOR”

Don't forget to stop by on the first Sunday of the month, between 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m., at the American Bulldog Coffee Roasters, 787 Chestnut Ridge Road (across the street from the “Vet at the Barn”). I have continued to meet with many Village residents to discuss what is on their minds and I look forward to continuing those discussions...make sure to check the Village website, just to assure no last minute re-scheduling...see you there!

“SHREDDING DAY”

Due to the success of our annual Shredding Day, the Village will again be conducting this event. It will be open to all village residents and will take place on Sunday, April 23, 2017 between the hours of 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. You will be able to bring your outdated files to Village Hall to have them disposed of in a safe and secure manner.

Sincerely,

Rosario Presti, Jr., Mayor



Reminder

Village election for Mayor, two (2) Trustee positions, and Village Justice to be held Tuesday, March 21, 2017; 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Village Hall; 277 Old Nyack Turnpike, Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977.

Please remember to bring in your trash/recycling cans after pick up ... would be appreciated by all! Leaves, yard waste, litter and dirt from the road are sometimes

thrown into the drains by our neighbors who do not realize they are damaging water quality. If you are able, please keep storm drains in front of your home clear of leaves and other debris.

No Parking on Village Roads: November 1st through April 1st between the hours of 12 a.m. and 6 a.m.

Reminder – No Parking within 50 feet of any corner or intersection.

Reminder to residents and private contractors not to throw snow in middle of roadway when clearing driveways and walkways; this creates a safety hazard and the Ramapo Police can issue a violation for doing so.

If you have a storm drain or fire hydrant near your home, please try to keep it free from snow.

- Please provide village staff at info@chestnutridgevillage.org with your e-mail address. Should there be information that needs to be sent to residents, the Village will be able to send you an “e-mail blast.”
- In addition, up-to-date information can be found on our Web-site at www.chestnutridgevillage.org.

Residents – Please remember to add/update your telephone numbers and e-mail address

for Village communications; call Village Hall with any changes.

- Help us to help you – Courtesy to the Village staff is appreciated. Thank you.
- Please pick up waste from your dog.
- Please make sure your house number is displayed on your home: good for safety ... and required by Village regulations.
- Please walk single file on roads when dusk or dark; you may not be seen when wearing dark clothing.
- Please wear yellow safety sashes; they are available in Village Hall.

Just a reminder to our residents ...

- **GARBAGE** must be placed out for collection on the evening before or no later than **6:00 AM** on your collection day.

Following is a list of Chestnut Ridge Village Numbers for quick reference:

Chestnut Ridge Village Hall: (845) 425-2805
Village Hall Fax: (845) 352-6277.

Building Department: (845) 425-8283 or
(845) 425-7950 Fax (845) 425-7199.

Chestnut Ridge Justice Court: (845) 425-3108 or
(845) 425-7913

...Check our Village website
(www.chestnutridgevillage.org) for the recycling schedule and other Village information.

SAVE YOUR CAN TABS !!!!! RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE COLLECTS THESE ALUMINUM TABS AND USES THEM TO RAISE MONEY

By taking your tabs off (any aluminum tab, beer, soda, soup, pet food, etc.) they will be sent to Ronald McDonald House in Springfield, Massachusetts. They run a program which raises about \$20,000 a year from selling the aluminum from these tabs.

It costs you nothing. It will go a long way to helping kids with cancer.

You can drop your tabs off at either the Haverstraw Ambulance Corps, Ronnie's Hot Dog Wagon on Route 9W at the Lookout in Haverstraw, or at the Rt. 59 Beverage Discount Center in Central Nyack by the 303 Interchange.

HOW TO RECOGNIZE A GAS LEAK

Smell – An odor similar to rotten eggs is added to help you recognize it.

Sight – You may see a white cloud, mist, fog, bubbles in standing water or blowing dust.

Sound – You may hear an unusual noise like roaring, hissing or whistling.

Move - to a safe environment and call Orange & Rockland immediately.

Do not use your telephone or cell phone in your home.

Provide the exact location with cross streets.

Never Assume

Natural gas lines often run along public streets and can be near and on private property. Sometimes they may be marked with line markers that display the name of the pipeline operator and the phone number to call in the event of an emergency. But very often there will be no indication above ground.

Do not assume that you know where the underground lines are – failure to call 811 can jeopardize public safety, result in costly damages, and lead to substantial fines.

Do not smoke, light candles or operate electrical switches or appliances. Doing so can produce a spark, ignite the gas and cause an explosion.

Prevent carbon monoxide poisoning; only operate a generator outdoors where there's sufficient ventilation.

Storms can topple trees and bring limbs down on power lines. If you see a downed power line, assume it's live and dangerous.

Don't approach it, drive over it, drive under a low hanging wire or touch anything that might be in contact with it.

Call Orange and Rockland immediately, toll free, at 1-877-434-4100.

Turn off light switches and unplug appliances if the power goes out. Leave only a single lamp or radio turned on so you will know when power is restored.

Reconnect appliances one at a time.

Avoid using candles to reduce the risk of fire. Learn to manually open and close your garage door, security door, or gate. Install surge protectors to help protect sensitive appliances and equipment such as computers and flat screen TVs. Also, consider using battery backup systems to protect against loss of computer data.

DID YOU KNOW ...

Chestnut Ridge History in 1967

Joan Brock, Deputy Mayor

When the Tappan Zee Bridge opened in 1955, Rockland County became a mecca for young families who couldn't afford homes in Westchester or Bergen counties. The housing boom really got underway in the 1960's.

When my husband, Howard, and I started looking for a house, we looked in the Town of Ramapo because the school district was one of the best. We were part of the unincorporated area in the Town of Ramapo. The area was misnamed South Spring Valley. Dexter Park, The Birds, and my development known as Scotland Hill Park were being built. We chose a four bedroom colonial on one half acre. We were very young 24 and 27 and just made the income for our mortgage, and I was seven months pregnant when we moved in on December 7, 1967. The development encompassed Eastbourne Drive, Scotland Road, and Briar Court. Later, houses were built on Silver Lane and Sterling Road.

We learned about the history of our area from our builders Arthur and Eli. Our development was built on farm land that was owned by the Weiss family. The heir to the

land Seymore Weiss had a condition that when he sold the land, he would keep the acreage his house was on and he would live there until he died. He was not a farmer by trade, but a history teacher at Spring Valley High School. He did keep chickens on his property and each week, he would supply the teachers at the school with fresh eggs. No one in the neighborhood needed an alarm clock as each morning his rooster would crow and wake us all up. Sound really traveled in those days. When he died, the house he lived in was demolished, the land sold, houses built and Weiss Terrace, named for the Weiss family was developed.

As far as shopping was concerned, there were only a few stores in Chestnut Ridge. The most famous was Farmer Jones where everyone bought garden supplies. A small convenience store and a drycleaners were also in that strip mall. There were two restaurants Da Vinci's and a French restaurant which became Jade Village many years later.

Look how far we have come!

Our thanks to Joan Brock, Deputy Mayor, for her great retrospective!

Village Election

Tuesday, March 21, 2017 – 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Dates to Remember

- 1) Sundays with the Mayor — First Sunday of every month
12 p.m. – 2 p.m.**
- 2) Planning Board – First Thursday of every month – 8 p.m.**
- 3) Village Board — Third Thursday of every month – 8 p.m.**
- 4) Zoning Board — Last Tuesday of every month – 8 p.m.**
- 5) Architectural Review Board – Fourth Wednesday of the month – 8 p.m.**
- 6) Justice Court – 2nd, 3rd, 4th Wednesday of the month – 6:00 p.m.**

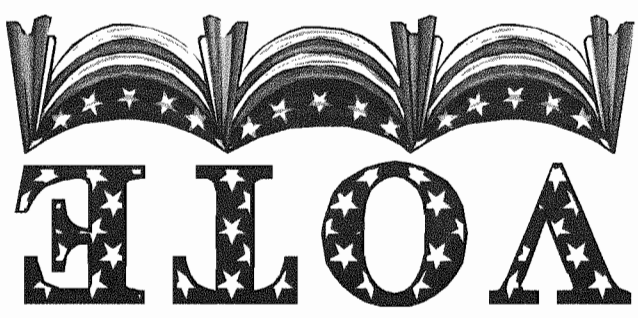
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VILLAGE ELECTION TUESDAY MARCH 21, 2017 7 A.M. - 9 P.M.

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!



The graphic features the word "VOTE" in large, bold, black letters. Each letter is filled with a pattern of white stars. Above the letters is a decorative banner with a wavy, ribbon-like appearance, also filled with white stars and accented with vertical stripes.