



CHESTNUT RIDGE REPORTER

September 2014

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

“WELCOME”

Welcome to Everette Bierker as our new Village Code Enforcement official. Everette will be here at the Village 5 days a week, keeping a “**watchful eye**” on the Village.



There will be activities for one and all ... and it will be a great way to meet your fellow Chestnut Ridge community.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the Picnic, please call Village Hall (845) 425-2805.

Sincerely,
Rosario Presti, Jr., Mayor

“THANK YOU”

Thank you to all in the Village who attended the Shredding Event on April 25th & 26th, the event was well received. We hope to do it again next year.

“SUNDAYS WITH THE MAYOR”

Don't forget to stop by on the first Sunday of the month, between 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m., at the American Bulldog Espresso Bar, 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!

“VILLAGE PICNIC”

The annual Chestnut Ridge Village Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 14, 2014, Noon to 5 p.m.
Rain or Shine.

Reminder

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, debris...and snow too!

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

Reminder to resident 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.

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

Residents – Please remember to add/update your telephone numbers and e-mail address for Village communications; call Village Hall with any changes.

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.

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.

Dog Control

Just a reminder to our residents with canine friends...

It shall be unlawful for any owner of a dog within the boundaries of the Village of Chestnut Ridge to permit or allow such dog to engage in the following enumerated acts:

A. Running at large.

It shall be unlawful for any owner of a dog within the limits of the Village of Chestnut Ridge to permit such dog, whether licensed or not, to be at large elsewhere than on the premises of the owner or on the premises of another person without the knowledge and consent of such other person, unless such dog is on a leash.

B. Nuisance

- (1) It shall be unlawful for any owner of a dog in the Village of Chestnut Ridge to permit or allow such dog to engage in habitual loud howling, barking or whining, outside of their personal dwellings, so as to create a public nuisance or create an unreasonable noise disturbance across the real property boundaries of the owner.*
- (2) Permitting the depositing of fecal matter by ones dog upon the lands of others. It shall be unlawful to permit deposits of fecal matter by a dog to remain upon premises other

than those owned or leased by the owner of such a dog Failure to remove said fecal matter within five (5) minutes of its deposit upon public lands, or the private lands of another, shall be presumptive evidence of an intent to violate this provision of the law.

- (3) It shall be unlawful for any owner or other person in control of a dog in the Village of Chestnut Ridge to permit or allow such dog to remain out-of-doors between the hours of 11 P.M. and 6 A.M. or any portion of such time, unless such dog is accompanied by the owner or person in control thereof.*(Amended by Local Law No. 1 of 1995)
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DON'T TAKE CHANCES: Residents – report gas odors. The gas leak hotline telephone number is: 1-800-533-5325.

That phone line is staffed every day, around the clock 24/7, 365 days a week. A gas crew will be dispatched to respond to your report immediately. There is no charge for the crew to respond. The crew members are only interested in your safety.

The natural gas odor smells like rotten eggs and is added to the natural gas so that leaks can be readily detected.

O&R offers customers a number of gas safety tips. When you suspect a gas leak you should:

- Leave your home immediately and take others with you. If outside, get well away from where you suspect the gas is leaking.
 - Open windows before you leave if the odor is faint.
 - Call O&R at 800-533-5325 once safely away from the leak.
 - Tell O&R if there is also a problem with your electric service.
 - NOT do anything to create a spark that could cause an explosion, such as lighting a match, turning appliances on or off, using a phone or cell phone. Do not ring a doorbell or start a car.
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Outside water meters and pipes buried in the ground can be affected in cold weather when temperatures drop below freezing, potentially

posing serious problems for underground utilities, especially water lines.

When water lines become surrounded in frozen earth, the water inside the lines may freeze, as the water freezes; it expands in size, potentially preventing water from flowing properly or resulting in a crack to the water line. To help prevent such fractures and to protect the water line in your home or business, run cold water from your tap periodically. A bit of water flowing through from time to time will help safeguard your lines.

Putting the fertilizer spreaders away until the warmer weather arrives is a common-sense approach to water quality protection. It's also the law. Why? Some soils are prone to leaching nitrogen from fertilizers which may impair surface and groundwater quality. Many fertilizers contain levels of phosphorus which may impact our water supplies

Dig Safely

Call 811 before you dig. (If you're hiring a contractor, remind the contractor to call 811 before beginning the project.) Your local One Call Center will contact

member utilities for you. Each will send a professional to mark the location of underground lines at no cost to you. Within a few days, your property will be marked with flags so you or your contractor can dig safely.

Why it's important:

The depth of underground utility lines varies, and there may be multiple utility lines in any given area. Digging without calling could disrupt essential services to an entire neighborhood, harm you and those around you, and potentially result in fines and repair costs.

As you work to get your lives and your property in order, be aware of price gouging and be sure to check out any contractors before you hire them. It will be time well spent to make sure your money is also well spent.

If you are the victim of a contracting scam or price gouging, contact local law enforcement and report it to the New York State Office of the Attorney General. You can contact them through the Consumer Helpline (800) 771-7755, on their website, www.ag.ny.gov or call any of their offices.



Mayor Presti joins Chestnut Ridge neighbors at an annual picnic held on Saturday, July 26, 2014 at Dexter Park

“Village Picnic” – September 14, 2014

Dates To Remember

- 1) Sundays with The Mayor — First Sunday of every month 1 p.m. – 3 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 Thursday of the month – 6 p.m.**
- 6) Justice Court – 2nd, 3rd, 4th Wednesday – 6:00 p.m.**

*** Always Check Website for Current Status.**

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