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From the Mayor's Desk

As you probably know by now, after 27 years, I have decided not to run for re-election. It has been my privilege to serve you for all these years. I know that our Village remains one of the most beautiful in the Hudson Valley.

I, along with our present Village Board, Joan Brock as Deputy Mayor, Rosario (Sam) Presti, Howard Cohen and Marisa Stewart as Trustees, have worked hard to maintain the quality of life that you, our residents, have told us is your top priority. Just a few of our accomplishments we can be most proud of are:

- a seven day litter patrol that has kept the village pristine.
- Twice a week garbage pick up at

the rear of our driveways and once a week recyclable pick up at curb side.

- a beautiful village park at the intersection of Red Schoolhouse Road and Route 45 that is often the scene of couples taking their wedding photos. Each season colorful flowers are planted sponsored by businesses in our village.
- an annual family picnic held in September for all village residents giving them an opportunity to meet their neighbors.
- brought clean ratable to the village.
- no partisan politics existed in the Village administration or elections. We were always focused on what is best for our village and party affiliation was not declared or an issue. We were the Village of Chestnut Ridge. We always worked as a TEAM.

Today, we are looking forward to a proposed shopping center on Red School House Road and a commercial ratable on the Gould property. We will also benefit from a 3 million dollar New York State drainage project on Rte. 45 (Chestnut Ridge Road). We have been working with New York State for years to see this come to fruition.

I know that the Village Board and your new Mayor will continue to work to keep Chestnut Ridge a place in which all of us enjoy living. Anita and I will continue to live here and I will be available to help the Board in any way that I can.

Sincerely,

Jerry Kobre, Mayor

The Village has not yet received an application for development of the Gould property but we have been told that the new owner will be applying to our Boards for commercial development on a portion of the property and for residential construction on the balance.

Any application for development of the property will require public hearings and environmental reviews so that residents and other interested persons

will have a full opportunity to express their opinions and concerns. The Mayor and Board of Trustees, as well as our Planning and Zoning Boards are made up of Village residents who share the interests of all residents that the development be compatible with properties in the neighborhood and that any quality of life issue are addressed.

SHOPPING CENTER

An application is currently before the Board of Trustees for a zone change to permit a shopping center on Red Schoolhouse Road between Best Friends Animal Resort and the Garden State Parkway overpass. The applicant is proposing a 137,000 square foot shopping center including a specialty-type food store anchor having about 45,000 square feet. The Board and its consultants have been addressing the potential environmental impacts resulting from the development for more than two years and we are nearing the end of that process.

NEW YORK STATE DRAINAGE PROJECT

You may have wondered why trees have recently been removed along portions of Chestnut Ridge Road. This is the first step in the long-awaited drainage project that the State of New

York had promised would be undertaken many years ago. Utility poles are also being relocated where necessary so that the underground pipes can be installed and the road resurfaced. The project is supposed to address flooding conditions on Chestnut Ridge Road from Red Schoolhouse Road south to the New Jersey border.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

If you are planning to do building renovation, repairs or other work on your property, please call the Village Building Department at (845) 425-8283 to find out if you need a building permit. Building permits are required to make sure that the work performed on your property is safe and that it complies with the New York State Building Code. Failure to obtain a building permit when required, not only subjects the property owner to legal action but also subjects residents of the property to potential safety hazards.

WATER QUALITY

Spring is around the corner (we hope) and with it come many jobs that you may want to do in and outside of your house. Please remember that water that flows from our driveways and streets into our stormwater system of streams, wetlands and catch basins

ultimately wind up in our reservoirs, underground wells and aquifers. For this reason it is important not to permit pollutants such as litter, motor or other oils, chlorine, pesticides, etc. to enter our stormwater system.

VILLAGE ELECTION

Tuesday, March 19, 2013 is the Chestnut Ridge Village Election. Voting is at Village Hall 277 Old Nyack Turnpike (at the corner of Chestnut Ridge Road and Old Nyack Turnpike) from 6 A.M. to 9 P.M. The offices to be filled this year are Mayor, two Trustees and Village Justice. If you are not registered to vote, you can pick up the forms at Village Hall. If you are registered but will not be able to vote in person on March 19, you can obtain an absentee ballot application from the Village Clerk, (845) 425-2805.

PLEASE VOTE.

If a large number of people turn out to vote in our Village elections, our Federal, State and County representatives know that Chestnut Ridge is a vibrant, concerned community that has to be heard. Thank you.