

VILLAGE OF CHESTNUT RIDGE

VILLAGE HALL

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Chestnut Ridge, New York 10977

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“SHREDDING DAYS”

“SUNDAYS WITH MAYOR”

Dates To Remember

- 1) **Sundays with The Mayor – First Sunday of every month 1 p.m. – 3 pm.**
- 2) **Planning Board – First Thursday of every month – 8 p.m.**
- 3) **Village Board – Third Thursday of every month – 8 pm**
- 4) **Zoning Board – Last Tuesday of every month – 8 pm.**
- 5) **Architectural Review Board – Fourth Thursday of the month – 6 pm.**
- 6) **Justice Court – 2nd, 3rd, 4th Wednesday – 6:30 pm.**

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



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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

‘WELCOME’

We welcome a new Trustee to the Village Board of Trustees, long-time resident and Planning Board member Grant Valentine. Grant will be filling the vacant Trustee’s position due to my election as Mayor; we will be looking forward to utilizing Grant’s fine abilities...he will be an asset to the Board.



We also welcome Anthony Luciano as a member to the Village Planning Board; Tony is replacing Grant Valentine on the Board. Tony brings with him many years of experience as a sitting member of the Village Zoning Board of Adjustment...thank you Tony for the “re-location”....

Additionally, a resident of the Village for a number of years, Jeff Wasserman will also be joining the Village Planning Board as our newest member due to a vacancy left by Philip Rothenstein...welcome Jeff to the Planning Board... and thank you Phil for your years of service...good luck to you both!

“SUNDAYS WITH THE MAYOR”

Still going strong, 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 had the pleasure of meeting 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” Days

As promised in our October, 2013 Newsletter, we will hold two **(2) document SHREDDING DAYS open to all village residents**. They will take place on **Friday, April 25th** and **Saturday, April 26th** from the hours of **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** You will be able to bring your outdated files to Village Hall to have them disposed of in a safe and secure manner.

* Special thanks to Par Pharmaceuticals for their financial contribution to this event

Sincerely,
Rosario Presti, Jr., Mayor

Recovering from a Storm

As you work to get your lives and your property back in order, be aware of price

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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 office of Eric T. Schneiderman, the New York State Attorney General. You can contact them through their **Consumer Helpline at (800) 771-7755, their website, www.ag.ny.gov** or call their **Albany Office (518) 474-5481**.

Consumer Tips – Property Cleanup and Repair

Repairing buildings and driveways, clearing downed trees — you may need to hire professionals to complete these jobs. Here are some tips to keep in mind.

Check with your insurance company.

Before making any decisions, be clear about what will be covered and any steps you will need to take.

Ask for reference, check for licenses.

Ask about local work contractors have done. Talk to the people who hired them; look at the jobs if you can. Make sure the contractor has all necessary licenses required by your local government.

Estimates are important: get it in writing.

Ask that all estimates for work be in writing and include a description of the materials to be used. Be clear that you will not pay for work done that is not agreed upon in writing. Verify that the material used is the same as described in the estimate are in writing.

Use a contractor with an address you can verify.

If your contractor is “here today and gone tomorrow,” you may find it difficult to enforce the guarantee.

Never pay the full price up front.

Establish a payment schedule and adhere to it. Withhold final payment until the entire project is completed to your satisfaction and all required inspections and certificates of occupancy are finalized.

Always be sure the contractor has valid insurance.

If a worker is injured, or damage is caused on your property, you could be held liable if your contractor does not have the required insurance.

Check to make sure your contractor has the required permits

Don't let a contractor work without the necessary permits. Failing to get approvals can delay your project, or prevent you from occupying a completed building.

Many people believe that the storm drain will carry waste to a sewage treatment plant for cleanup. Not true! In fact, every storm drain in Rockland County carries rainwater into the nearest stream, lake, wetland, river or reservoir.

Every day people knowingly or unknowingly pour wastes such as used motor oil, hazardous chemicals, pesticides, pet waste, paints and antifreeze into storm drains.*

Leaves, yard waste, litter and dirt from the road are also 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 debris.

*Dispose of household hazardous waste in an environmentally safe manner at the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority's Household Hazardous Waste.

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 recycling
schedule.

Property Maintenance

Now that the spring is about to finally arrive after this very cold, snowy and icy winter, here are a few property maintenance tips:

- Branches and Twigs must be placed curbside and tied in bundles not to exceed 4 feet in length or weigh more than 30lbs.
- LEAVES must be placed in plastic or paper bags and left curbside.

The following are excerpts from the revised property maintenance code:

It is of the interest to the residents of the Village to prevent the maintenance of parcel of real property in such a cluttered or unclean condition as to create the potential for a public nuisance, a public health hazard or which renders it aesthetically offensive to the common sensibilities of an average resident applying community standards. The Village Board determines that it is necessary for the public health, appearance, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village to provide a method whereby vacant lots, improved prop-

erties and public lands within the Village of Chestnut Ridge are kept clean, properly maintained and kept free from vermin, nuisances, hazards, debris and litter.

- A. It shall be an offense for any person to abandon, leave, dump, store or keep any nuisance, hazard, litter, debris or matter attractive to vermin upon any public place or upon any privately owned property or right-of-way within the Village of Chestnut Ridge except as permitted by Subsection **B** hereof.
- B. The owner, tenant or occupant of property being used for residential or commercial purposes located within the Village of Chestnut Ridge is hereby required to maintain at all times one or more dumpsters, containers or enclosures of adequate size to temporarily store all nuisance, hazard, debris and litter until removed. The failure to comply with this subsection shall be deemed an offense.
- C. All owners, occupants or tenants of any privately owned property, improved or vacant, within the Village of Chestnut Ridge, shall maintain grass or other ground cover, trees and shrubbery in a safe condition, free of noxious weeds and otherwise free of nuisance, hazard, debris, litter and unsightly materials. For the purposes of this provision, all grass shall be kept trimmed to a height of no greater than 10 inches. The dead or diseased trees or any portion thereof which present any hazard to life or property shall be removed. No owner, tenant, or occupant shall blow leaves or other debris onto adjacent property or property lines. The failure to maintain property as required by this section shall be deemed an offense.