

Village of STAMFORD



“Queen of the Catskills”

June 2018

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Village Updates

Water System Project Progress

Shortly after the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the water tower on April 4th, the process of excavating the water tower site commenced. Regardless of the planning, preparation and testing that was done prior to breaking ground, our engineers discovered an issue with the soil in one area of the site which will require the removal of some of the soil from the site which will be replaced with crushed stone to insure good compaction for the water tower. These types of discoveries require us to go through the change order process and of course approval by all of the agencies that share in the funding of the project. All of that translates to a delay in the progress of constructing the foundation of the water tank. We are hopeful that the approvals will be completed so that excavation will resume sometime next week. All of the components for the tank have been delivered and ready for construction as soon as the foundation is completed. However, delays in one part of the project have enabled the contractors to expedite other parts of the project. Tweedie Construction, our excavation contractor has been busy excavating and installing the water main on South Delaware Street. Currently the water main has been installed and is going through the pressure testing and sanitation testing processes. Once the testing is completed Don Tweedie and his crew will be working to establish the laterals which supply water to each of the residents. Please note that

there will be a short interruption in water service, roughly an hour each per resident, while the water supply is connected to your household system. The process of connecting the laterals may take a few weeks as excavation for the water tower will interrupt the progress. Tweedie Construction will be trench repaving this year and each street will be totally repaved in the coming years by the Village crew. Delaware will be done next year in the section that was dug up this year. This gives those areas dug up a year to settle before paving the full width and length. Following the completion of the South Delaware Street water mains and the water tower excavation, there are 2 more areas targeted for water main replacement, Kirkner Hill Road and a small area at the intersection of Churchhill Road and Main Street. All of this work should be completed by the end of the construction season. In the meantime, thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work through this phase of the project. After years of planning, preparation, and applying for grants, the end is in sight.

The Old Water Tower

As previously reported On Friday April 13, 2018, we discovered that the center of the dome on the old water tank had broken through and fallen into the tank leaving the tank open to infiltration. We immediately called the Department of Health (DOH) who ordered a Boil Water Advisory. Fortunately, due to all of the

SPOTLIGHT: The Village of Stamford would like to say many thanks to the Fire Dept and to the Caiazza's for their civic mindedness by posting our recent water boil alert and boil lift, on their electronic signs!!!

NEW!!! Village Wide Alert System - CodeRed



Good day fellow Stamford Village residents. I write to you today with some exciting news! The Village has contracted with CodeRed to provide an easy to use and effective emergency mass notification system for the Village of Stamford. Using CodeRED, the Village will be able to easily deliver time-sensitive information of various kinds to any individual opting into the service, using voice, email, SMS (text), etc. You can choose to opt into only emergency notifications or for specific notification group types by creating a Managed Account. Examples of such groups are Water Project Updates, Water Boil Advisory, Village Hall Hours, Village Pool Updates, etc. For example, if there is important information such as a NYS DOH issued boil watery advisory those people in that notification group will be notified. This notification can happen by any or all of the modes of communication you select; you can receive a phone call, text & email simultaneously if you choose. Note that this system, or any communication system, is only as effective as the data with which it is supplied, so we ask that *all Village residents, or at least one per household*, opt in to the CodeRed system and create an account with accurate contact information. There is no cost to the individual to opt in to the system. How do you opt in? It is easy, go to:

1. www.stamfordny.com

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work we have done to the system in previous years, it was relatively easy to take the tank off line and we were able to lift the Boil Water Advisory. As part of the process of addressing this emergency situation, we did our best to notify all of our residents and water consumers about this situation. We called everyone for whom we had phone contact information, we mailed out a notice regarding the Water Boil Advisory, we asked WRIP to announce the advisory, we posted the notice on our sandwich board signs, and we asked the Stamford Joint Fire District, and Chris Ciazza from Sunrise Heating and Macadoodles to post the advisory on their digital signs. Regardless of this effort to alert our residents and businesses we had several calls from concerned residents because they hadn't received the notice. Part of the reason for this was because our phone list has numerous phone numbers that are no longer in service as well as 2 and 3 numbers for some residents and in some cases none

2. At the top of the page, next to "Village wide alert system for Stamford NY" click - Enroll Now
3. When CodeRed opens page "Yes, I would like to create a **MANAGED** account" will be marked
*Note it is highly recommended you choose this option, but you are free to click No at bottom of the screen and receive only emergency notifications
4. Create a User Name
5. Create a Password
6. Click Confirm
7. Complete the entire contact information page entering all desired contact option
8. At the bottom of the page select all Additional Notification types you wish to receive
9. Complete Data Privacy section
10. Complete the Terms & Conditions section
11. Click Verify and review your account information
12. Click Continue and you are done

Do not have access to a computer at home? Just swing by Village Hall during office hours and the Village Clerk can help you enroll.

Darren Hanway, Village of Stamford Trustee

of them worked. Out of concern for this issue, we are in the process of establishing an automated calling and messaging system called Code Red. Please see the article in this newsletter for information on accessing Code Red.

Village Budget

Once again, we were able to keep the tax levy under the New York State 2% Tax Cap. This enables our tax payers to continue to qualify for their NYS Property Tax Freeze Refund Checks. Again we are able to keep our budget increase to a minimum due to our pursuit of efficiency and cost saving measures. Although we cannot promise that we will be able to stay within the 2% NYS tax levy limit in subsequent years, we are able to do so for the 2018 - 2019 budget year.

John J. Bonhotal, VOS Trustee/Deputy Mayor

Village Clerk's Corner

Upcoming Village Meetings:

June 5th @ 7PM & 19th @ 7PM
July 3rd @ 7PM & 17th @ 7PM
Aug 7th @ 7PM & 21st @ 7PM

Water & Sewer Bills

Please Remember that your Water and Sewer bills are considered utilities. Although we understand mail can get lost or misplaced, you are still responsible for making your payments on time so that there will be no interruption in your water service.

NEW!! Sewer/Water Late Fees:

There will now be a 10% late fee at 30days and a 15% late fee at 60 days for both water and sewer bills.

Annual Brush Pickup Service

Brush pick-up will be on Mondays and Thursdays - in the mornings (or as needed in the Spring)

- Branches need to be 8' or less
- Place all bagged debris in paper bags
- Paper Bags need to be 40 lbs. max weight
- Any debris left after pickup day, will be tagged, if these limits are exceeded.

NO SOD OR ROCKS!

(If the branches are too long or the bags are too heavy, they will not be taken until problem is corrected.)

- Joseph Hornbeck, DPW Supervisor

NEW!! Sewer Rates:

The Village Sewer rates will increase with your June billing cycle. The Sewer rates have increased to cover the 2018/2019 Sewer Budget. The new Sewer rates will raise from \$66/unit per quarter to \$70/unit per quarter.

Upcoming Billings:

SEWER
June 1, 2018
September 1, 2018
WATER
July 1, 2018
October 1, 2018

2018 Tentative Pool Hours

The Stamford Village Pool will tentivaly open from JUNE 16, 2018 TO AUGUST 31, 2018

July Hours and CAMP H.E.R.E. & KIDDIE CORNER

Swimming lessons will be as follows:

(Lessons: M-F July 2nd thru July 27th)

- Kiddie Corner: 12PM - 12:30PM
- Level 1: 11:15AM - 11:45AM
- Level 2: 10:45AM - 11:15AM
- Level 3: 10:15AM - 10:45AM
- Level 4: 9:45AM - 10:15AM
- FREE SWIM - 1PM - 5PM
- FAMILY SWIM - 5PM - 6PM

LIFEGUARDS NEEDED PLEASE APPLY AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Do you need to update your contact information?

Name:

Phone Number:

Address:

Email:

Please print clearly and send back to:

Village of Stamford
Gena Swantak
84 Main Street
Stamford, NY 12167



Village Crew Hours:

*[All water emergency calls should be directed to
Joe Hornbeck @ (607) 221-7411]*

June - August

Monday - Friday 6:00AM - 2:30PM

September - May

Monday - Friday 7:00AM - 3:30PM

Make your Water, Sewer, and Tax payments
on our Website at: www.stamfordny.com

Village Hall Hours:

Monday - Friday

9:00AM - 1:00PM and by Appt. between 2-4PM

84 MAIN STREET, STAMFORD, NY 12167

OFFICE: 607-652-6671 FAX: 607-652-3567

WWW.STAMFORDNY.COM

*** Please be advised that our payment center does not work with Firefox Browser ***

Closed Holidays, Open Thru Lunchtime

(Payments can be left in the outside drop box at anytime!)

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