

MAYOR'S MONTHLY MESSAGE-April 2024

Dear Neighbors,

On behalf of the Deputy Mayor and Village Budget Director Michele K. Lindsay, I am pleased to announce that the proposed 2024-25 Village Budget contains no tax increase. The proposed budget will be released shortly, for your review, and will be the subject of a Public Hearing on April 18, 2024 at 6pm where residents may provide their comments.

In other news, the Board of Trustees has agreed to join the Community Choice Aggregation program of Joule Community Power Co. This program will provide residents with the opportunity to receive no less than 50% of their electricity from NYS Renewable Energy sources. The electricity will continue to be distributed by Orange & Rockland, which will maintain responsibility for the maintenance of the distribution system. However, the source of at least 50% of the electricity will be "green" rather than fossil fuels. Depending upon the suppliers who wish to bid for the contract, the total source of our future electricity could be upwards of 100% renewable energy including power from national wind farms. All Village customers who are eligible for the program will have multiple opportunities to "opt out" during the initial phase, and at any time during the contractual period, to continue to receive their electricity generated through the use of fossil fuels.

On the legislative front, the Board of Trustees has passed a Landscaper Licensing Law which will require all commercial landscapers and tree cutters working in Tuxedo Park to sign an agreement affirming that they will abide by the Village Code restrictions relating to their activities. Any licensing-related violations of the Village Code may subject the landscaper to suspension or revocation of their license to do business in the Village. In addition, the businesses will have to provide proof of Workers Compensation, General Liability and Motor Vehicle insurance coverage.

In keeping with the "forward looking" approach to Village government, a Capital Planning Committee has been established to set priorities for Village capital improvement projects including water, sewer, roads and other infrastructure over the next 5 years. The Committee will include elected officials as well as residents with relevant experience, such as long-term capital and municipal planning.

Last, I would like to report to you on the responses received from residents on the two quality-of-life issues that I raised in my last monthly message:

1. Should the Village Code be amended to prohibit unattended dogs from roaming in TP?
Yes: 34 No: 10 Uncertain: 4
2. Should non-food deliveries also be permitted on Sundays?
Yes: 26 No: 12 No, but with exceptions: 2

Best regards,



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