

MAYOR'S MONTHLY MESSAGE-October 2024

Dear Neighbors,

-On October 24 a major structural house fire occurred on Fox Hill Road. Thanks to the heroic efforts of all three Tuxedo volunteer firefighting companies plus fire companies from neighboring communities, the fire was brought under control and there were no reported injuries to the occupants or the firefighters. A special thanks to the Tuxedo Volunteer Ambulance Corps who provided rehabilitation services to the volunteer firefighters at the scene.

-Following the September 30 Special Board Meeting where Verizon made its initial public presentation for a proposed monopole cell tower in the vicinity of the Village water tanks above Ridge Road, an extensive question and answer session took place followed by public comments by Village residents. The next step in the process will be a "leaves-off" balloon test in mid-November when a large balloon will be raised at the proposed site to the height of the cell tower to show the visibility of the top of the tower from all points in the Village. Residents will receive notification of the date and time of the balloon test to allow for feedback at the following Board of Trustees meeting.

-Repairs to the Pond #3 dam, which suffered minor damage in the earthquake of April 2024, will take place on October 28. The water level of Pond #3 will be lowered to allow the contractor to engage in injection mortaring of the dam.

-The Village Halloween event will take place on Sunday, October 27 on Clubhouse Road between 3:30pm and 6:30pm. Members of the DPW will be providing hayrides for children.

-The Village Lakes manager and his company, GEI Consultants, are in the middle of conducting a fall Lakes Quality Study which will evaluate water quality and plant life. A report will be made available to residents early next year. This study is in addition to the testing of Tuxedo Lake as a reservoir that is done on a regular basis.

-The Tree Advisory Board received a grant for the planting of additional trees at Wee Wah Park. The planting will take place on Saturday, October 26 at 11:30am. All are welcome.

-Thanks to Deputy Mayor Michele Lindsay for submitting all of the required paper work to the Orange County Climate Smart Committee. She has been advised that the Village will receive an initial grant of \$20,000 for green energy projects in several months.

-Please contact me with any questions, comments or suggestions.



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