

## MAYOR'S MONTHLY MESSAGE-AUGUST 2025

Dear Neighbors,

-Many environmental concerns have arisen with respect to the proposed residential college on the long-closed NYU School of Medicine campus on Old Forge Road in Warwick. Following a "negative declaration", with respect to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) which essentially dismissed these concerns, the Town of Warwick Planning Board has allowed the project to proceed. In response, the Sterling Forest Partnership, The Sterling Lake Homeowners Association and two Warwick residents, together with the Town of Tuxedo, filed an Article 78 petition in State Supreme Court in Goshen requesting that the "negative declaration" be nullified and that a full and comprehensive environmental review take place as defined by SEQRA.

As the Village lies 6.3 miles by road from the project and is not an abutting municipality, the Village cannot claim specific harm separate and apart from any possible harm to the general public and therefore has no "standing" to intervene in the litigation. However, as set forth in the Petition, it is the concerns of the Town of Tuxedo, by way of any traffic increase on Long Meadow Road at both ends of Old Forge Road, as well as the proximity of a well at the Town DPW site on Long Meadow Road that provides the basis for that municipality to be a petitioner in the proceeding.

Through our tax dollars paid to the Town of Tuxedo, the residents of the Village will be contributing approximately 40% to the Town's litigation expenses in the Article 78 proceeding.

The public may review all of the filed documents in this case by going to the website [nycourts.gov](http://nycourts.gov); clicking on e-courts; clicking on Web Civil Supreme; clicking on Index Search and then entering Index number EF008021-2025.

-The replacement of the West Lake Road bridge, below Eagle Mountain Road, has been completed and the roadway is now open. The next construction project will be the repair of the Pond #3 dam and roadway. That work will start shortly after Labor Day and will require a lowering of the water level in Pond #3 and the closure of the road across the dam.

-The Village and the Tuxedo Volunteer Ambulance Corps have entered into a service agreement which will provide free CPR training for all interested Village residents. An e-mail will be sent to all residents offering time slots in September to sign up for the classes.

Best regards.

  
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