

MAYOR'S MONTHLY MESSAGE-March 2026

Dear Neighbors,

-Best wishes to our Village Clerk-Treasurer Elizabeth Doherty, as she moves on to the job of Treasurer in her hometown of the Village of Monroe. We thank her for service over the past 5 years.

The Board of Trustees is interviewing candidates to fill the position.

-The Public Hearing for the Village's 2026-2027 Budget is scheduled for 6:30pm on Thursday, April 16. A *pro forma* opening of the Hearing, which is required by April 15 under State law, will be held on Thursday, April 9 at 6:30pm followed by an immediate continuance to April 16.

-The Article 78 Petition to annul the "negative declaration" under SEQRA, with respect to the proposed religious college at the old NYU research facility in Sterling Forest was denied by the Orange County Supreme Court on March 11. The petitioners, including the Sterling Forest Partnership and the Town of Tuxedo have filed Notices of Appeal to the Appellate Division in Brooklyn.

-Kudos to Joshua Scherer and Stefanie Rinza in their rescue attempt on March 27 to save an injured and ill Red Tail Hawk that was found near the triangle of East Lake & Tuxedo Roads. Unfortunately, despite their endeavoring, including a drive into Manhattan to transport the raptor to a recovery center, the hawk did not survive. Thank you for your exemplary efforts!

-A Public Hearing on the proposed Village Code amendments to prohibit unattended dogs from wandering throughout the Village is scheduled for 6:30pm on Thursday, May 21.

-The Board of Trustees has adopted the NYC Department of Environmental Protection Water Leak Forgiveness formula with respect to residents' properties in the Village. Upon proof of repair, one half of the high bill amount will be forgiven, but the final amount due on the bill may not be less than 150% of the resident's typical bill. In addition, only one request for forgiveness, which must be submitted to the Board of Trustees, can be made during a two year period.

-At the request of "Commodore" Peter Van Zandt, a former long-time resident, the Village and the Tuxedo Club have agreed to split the cost of re-stocking Tuxedo lake with trout for the upcoming season.

-The annual Village Shredding Event will take place at Village Hall on "Earth Day", April 22 between 9-10am. Paper products may be dropped off on April 21 or early morning on April 22.

-The Village has contracted with E-Z Pass to institute an automatic toll system at at the Main and South Gates, Residents will be charged 50 cents for each entry into the Village. Non-residents will be charged \$1.00. Motorists without an EZ-Pass will receive their toll bills by mail. **Happy April Fools Day!**

--Comments and questions? Please call, write or see me in person on Thursday evenings from 6-7pm at Village Hall.


Best Regards,

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