

Sands Point Report

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MAYOR ADLER'S REPORT

Milestones

The compositions of the **Planning Board (PB)** and **Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)** are changing significantly this year. **Marvin Tepper**, who served as Chair of the BZA with great distinction for twenty years, was unable to continue because of illness. Sadly, he passed away just as his term ended in late July. In the words of successor Chair **Bill Schmergel**, Marvin was highly respected for “his sense of fairness and his ability to bring consensus on the Board and to applicants and neighbors alike.”

Michael Zenobio retired from the BZA after twenty-five years of exceptional service, which I believe is a record tenure for a member of the BZA. New BZA members are **Wanda Matthews**, a Court Attorney Referee at Queens Family Court, and **Daniel Kohs**, an architect and continuing member of the Village’s Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission. **Jeffrey Moslow**, a member the BZA for the past two years, has been appointed Deputy Chair.

Norman Schefer stepped down last year as Chair of the Planning Board but continued as a member through the end of his final term this summer. Norman has a wealth of knowledge about subdivisions and construction and has agreed to continue to assist the board as special advisor. **Ben DeYoung** and **Richard Meth** begin their second year as PB Chair and Deputy Chair respectively. New members are **Becky Schamis**, a community leader and business consultant, and **Rita Sethi**, a law professor at Hofstra and daughter of long-time Sands Point Civic Association trustee Amrit Sethi.

While the members of the Village Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission will remain unchanged, **Georgia DeYoung**, who has served for 14 years as Chair, has swapped positions with her Deputy Chair, **Betsy Silverstein**, who will now assume the leadership role.

We all owe our thanks to these residents and many others who tirelessly serve our Village in a wide range of volunteer capacities. Their professional expertise, depth of knowledge, analytical prowess and commitment have made and will continue to make Sands Point a very unique and special community built on volunteerism. We encourage residents to let us know if they have an interest in serving as a Village volunteer.

Congratulations, Liz!

Village Clerk **Liz Gaynor** received hearty congratulations from the Board of Trustees and fellow staff members last month for her exceptional accomplishment in professional development. After years of study and training, she has become one of only twenty municipal clerks in all of New York State to have earned the designation of Master Municipal Clerk, which is awarded by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). The Institute has over 14,000 members and grants the MMC designation only to those municipal clerks who complete demanding education requirements and who have record of significant contributions to their local government, their community and state. She has received three scholarships over the years to fund her educational costs.

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Peter A. Forman

Village Clerk
Liz Gaynor

Treasurer
Kathleen Notaro

Police Chief
Richard Lertora

Village Justice
Alyson K. Adler

Associate Village Justice
Daniel Scheyer

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Daniel Scheyer

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Village Club Update

Golf Membership Continues Upward Trend

In the June newsletter I reported the success of the Discover program to increase golf membership at the Club; the net increase in golf member families rose to 29 by mid-summer, for a total current golf membership of 259 compared with 230 at the end of last year. Golf rounds are up by 13% from the same time last year, despite often marginal weather. As of July 30th, KemperSports reports dues income ahead of budget by just over \$100,000, and expenses under budget by a similar amount.

Beginning September 1st, the 16-for-12 membership incentive program will be repeated, and several prospective new members plan to join. If anyone you know is interested, please contact Club membership director Kevin Dudleston at kevin@villageclub.org.

Looking Ahead to 2019 and Beyond

Needless to say, the greatest challenges for Club management at the end of this year will be to minimize the attrition which proved so devastating at the end of 2016 and to continue recruiting new member families to achieve net gains for 2019 in both membership and dues income.

The upgraded pool house facility has been very well received by current members and those who have stopped down to see it; if you haven't, please stop by to take a look before the season ends in a few weeks. The primary goal for the pool program is to attract young families to join the Club as pool or pool/tennis members and, in time, introduce those families to golf.

The long-term prognosis for the Club is good if the Club can meet the challenges of recruiting sufficient numbers of golf members to maintain a strong positive cash flow to fund both operations and the capital needs of aging facilities. Particularly challenging is the direct competition over the past few years from multiple private clubs and alternative leisure life-styles in an era when the popularity of golf has declined significantly from its peak in 2003.

Water Department Update – Have you wasted water this summer?

The answer is probably “yes” unless you have installed a “smart” irrigation controller or remembered to manually turn off your irrigation system for much of this summer. Superintendent Brian Gunderson has been able to track and analyze water usage in real time with great accuracy this summer thanks to the new water meters. Far too many residents still irrigate during, after or shortly before substantial rainfall; the new controllers stop that from happening by monitoring on-line actual rain accumulation and predictions of approaching rainfall. Doesn't it bother you to see irrigation systems operating in rainy weather?

Brian provided a typical example. One resident paid an average of \$719 in two prior years for the August water bill. This year, that resident had installed a smart controller and the August bill was \$469, a 35% savings, sufficient to pay for the cost of the smart controller after just one billing period. If you're not getting the benefit of these savings, you're not only wasting precious aquifer water but filling the Village's coffers unnecessarily. I admit to being somewhat conflicted because it's a goal of my job to increase Village revenues without increasing taxes, but dealing with reduced water revenue because our Village has lowered aquifer pumpage/depletion is well worth the benefits to the health of our water supply.

Resident Portal for Usage Data

The resident portal that will permit on-line access to individual household water usage is a month or so away from completion. Information about how to access your water usage and billing data will be distributed to all residents as soon as the system is up and running.



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A Message from Chief Richard Lertora—Sands Point Police Department

School's Open – Drive Carefully

Help Us Reduce Child Injuries!

The greatest threat children face today is motor vehicle crashes. While walking, cycling or as a passenger in a motor vehicle, these crashes are the leading cause of death for children ages 3 and older.

The problem escalates during the months kids are in school. Kids are vulnerable for several reasons:

- They are small and less visible to motorists.
- It is more difficult for children to judge traffic situations, because their peripheral vision is one-third narrower than an adult's.
- Children do not always possess the capability to make sound judgments.
- Children can be easily distracted, especially when around other kids.
- In short, kids are not adults - and it's up to drivers to compensate for these differences.

School's Open Campaign

To help protect children, the Sands Point Police Department urges motorists to follow these safety tips:

- Slow down near schools and in residential areas.
- Drive with your headlights on - even during the day - so children and other drivers can see you.
- Look for clues such as AAA School Safety Patrollers, bicycles and playgrounds that indicate children could be in the area.
- Scan between parked cars and other objects for signs of children.
- Practice extra caution in bad weather.
- Always stop for school buses that are loading or unloading students.



LATE SUMMER 2018 REPORT

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Sands Point Police Department to participate in National Prescription Take-Back Day Saturday, October 27, 2018 at Village Hall/Police Headquarters

The Sands Point Police Department will be taking back **unwanted prescription drugs** on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at Police Headquarters located at Village Hall, 26 Tibbits Lane, Sands Point, NY.

Disposing of the medicines in this fashion prevents them from falling into unintended hands or from entering the water table. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Mark your calendar now, **Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 10am to 2pm.**

Got Drugs?

