

## **From the Mayor's Desk...June 1, 2017**

### **Busy Month of June**

As I mentioned in my last e-mail, there's a lot going on this time of year. Here's a quick rundown on the upcoming events for the month of June:

**Friday, June 2** – National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the Village of Irvington. This is a day to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a country must do more to reduce gun violence. I am a strong believer that support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from dangerous people.

**Saturday, June 3** – Irvington Recreation Department Ballet Class Performances – 2pm and the Donna Jakeway Dance Recital – 5pm in the Irvington Town Hall Theater

**Sunday, June 4** – Farmers Market Opening Day 9am-1:30pm (and every Sunday through November 19<sup>th</sup>) at the Main Street School. The market organizers would like me to gently remind you that there is no parking in the Irvington Presbyterian Church lot until after 12pm and parking in the Main Street School lot from 6am to 2pm is for the Farmers Market only. More information at their website: <http://irvmkt.org/>

**Sunday, June 4** – O'Hara Nature Center Garden Party 5pm-7pm, 170 Mountain Road. This is the first ever fund raiser for the O'Hara Nature Center. If you have not been to the ONC in awhile, please join me on Sunday so you can see how beautiful it is this time of year. Please share your thoughts on how we should be using this gem going forward – Details: <http://www.irvingtonny.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1526>

**Monday, June 5** – Public hearings on leaf blower regulations <http://www.irvingtonny.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1531> and the Historic District Design Guide and Recommendations <http://www.irvingtonny.gov/index.aspx?nid=313> – 7pm in Village Hall.

While the links to both proposals are above, here is a quick link to the Irvington Historic District Design Guidelines and Recommendations which I did not provide in my email last week: <http://www.irvingtonny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8332>

Even if you cannot attend the meeting on Monday, you can still send your comments on these proposed laws via email to Village Administrator Larry Schopfer ([lschopfer@irvingtonny.gov](mailto:lschopfer@irvingtonny.gov)) or me ([bsmith@irvingtonny.gov](mailto:bsmith@irvingtonny.gov)).

**Thursday, June 15** – Route 9 Active Corridor Study public workshop – 7pm at the Hastings Community Center – Details: <http://www.route9active.org>

**Saturday, June 17** – Route 9 Active Corridor Study public workshop – 1pm at the Warner Library in Tarrytown – Details: <http://www.route9active.org>

**Saturday, June 17** – Irvington High School graduation in Matthiessen Park

**Sunday, June 18** – Celebrate Irvington! 9am-4:30pm (various activities) – Details: <http://www.irvingtonny.gov/index.aspx?nid=376>

**Tuesday, June 20** – Public meeting to present the recommended updates to the Village's Comprehensive Plan – 7pm in Village Hall – Details: <http://www.irvingtonny.gov/index.aspx?nid=472>

## **School District East Field Renovations**

Our friends at the Irvington School District have been working hard to improve their facilities as part of their district-wide capital project. Superintendent Kristopher Harrison has asked me to pass along the following important information about the East Field:

*As a part of our recent capital bond project, the District is renovating East Field which is located at the MS/HS Campus. This week, sod was placed on the Field, and it looks great. Unfortunately, the field must remain closed to allow the sod to become established and properly take root. This field will remain closed for sports until the fall of 2018. Field Closed signs are posted by all entrances, and we ask for the community to respect the request to stay off the field and allow it to become a viable field for the district and the community. Additionally, the closure prohibits pets, bicycles, and any motorized vehicles.*

*We ask for the community's partnership in protecting this valuable resource. Please do not enter the East Field area, and if you see anyone on the field, contact the District Office at 591-8501 or call the Irvington Police.*

*Thank you very much for your support and cooperation. We look forward to opening this field in the fall of 2018.*

As someone who spent my “glory days” on the soccer field at the East Field, I am very excited that this project is being completed. I cannot wait to walk back out on that field – but we will all have to wait for two more autumns – but it will be worth it!

## **Fireworks**

And finally, for those that are already looking ahead to the Fourth of July, please be sure to include the Village’s fireworks display in your plans. Thanks to many generous donations, the Village will be holding its annual fireworks display in Matthiessen Park on Tuesday, July 4 at around 9pm (when the sky is dark). While there were many people that pitched in to raise money, a special thank you is needed for Bob Grados. His diligence and persistence in raising funds is a big reason we did not lose the fireworks this year.

As always, please don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns about our Village.

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