

From the Mayor's Desk...May 26, 2017

It is amazing how many things are going on in this little Village this time of year. So, forgive me for being brief in my updates below.

Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies

Please join me in honoring our nation's fallen veterans at our annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies. The ceremonies begin at the Main Street memorials at 10:45am this Monday, May 29. Details: <http://www.irvingtonny.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1537>

Station Road Culvert Replacement

The Irvington DPW will be undertaking the replacement of a culvert under Station Road (near Brook Place). The work will begin on May 30 with some tree removals and will continue into the summer. I should note that at some point during the project, Station Road will be closed to through traffic in order to complete the construction. We will update the timing of this closure when we receive more schedule information from the contractor. While the disruption will be annoying, I am very excited to finally be starting this very important project that will hopefully go a long way in to fixing the flooding issues in the Spiro Park neighborhood.

Walk Safe Video PSA Contest

Entries are now being accepted for the second annual public service announcement video contest. Open to Irvington students in the 6th to 12th grades, the contest is for the best short video (60 seconds max) on one of this year's suggested themes: "Crosswalk Safety – Stop, Look, Wave" or "Nighttime Visibility." **Entries are due June 5.** Details: <https://www.facebook.com/SlowDownIrvington>

CSEA Contract Settlement

I am pleased to report that the Board of Trustees recently approved a contract settlement with our DPW/Parks employees, represented by the CSEA. The contract calls for 2% raises in each of the 5 years covered by the contract. Also notable is that the contract helps reduce the cost benefits and increase the productivity of our workforce going forward. We are pleased to continue a cooperative relationship with this important group of dedicated employees.

Parkland Purchase

Earlier this year, we completed the purchase of approximately 3 acres of open space at the end of Hermit's Road at a cost of \$90,000. The property adds to the Irvington Woods preserve, which already exceeds 400 acres. Importantly, the property provides an alternate entry point into the Preserve and is very close to the Hermit's gravesite. For details about the Irvington Woods, visit www.theirvingtonwoods.org.

Public Hearings

On Monday, June 5 at 7pm, the Board of Trustees will be holding public hearings on two important topics:

Leaf blower regulations

<http://www.irvingtonny.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1531>

Historic District Design Guide and Recommendations

<http://www.irvingtonny.gov/index.aspx?nid=313>

These topics will directly impact many of you, so the Board of Trustees and I are very interested in your thoughts. If you are unable to attend the hearings, please email me.

Comprehensive Plan

Since the beginning of the year, the Comprehensive Plan Committee and a dedicated group almost 30 volunteers have been assembling a list of recommendations for ways to improve upon our existing Comprehensive Plan for future development in the Village. Those recommendations will be presented to the public at a meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 7pm in Village Hall. More information will be sent as we get closer to that meeting.

Route 9 Active Corridor Study

Irvington, along with four other Hudson River communities from Sleepy Hollow to Hastings-on-Hudson, applied for and received a \$150,000 grant from the New NY Bridge Community Benefits Program to study ways to make Route 9 more accessible to pedestrians and bicyclists. As part of that study, there are 2 public workshops being held in June. The workshops will be held on June 15 at 7pm at the Hastings Community Center and June 17 at 1pm at the Warner Library in Tarrytown. I encourage you to attend one of these workshops. Complete details can be found here: <http://www.route9active.org>

O'Hara Nature Center Garden Party

The Irvington Woods Committee invites you to spend the evening in our backyard enjoying local seasonal bites, wine and beer together with your neighbors, in support of The O'Hara Nature Center's First Annual Garden Party Fundraiser: Sunday, June 4, 2017, 5pm - 7pm. Details: <http://www.irvingtonny.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1526>

If you have not yet been to the O'Hara Nature Center, this is a great opportunity to check it out in a festive atmosphere. It is truly a gem.

Well, I think that's enough for now. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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