

## **From the Mayor's Desk...October 17, 2012**

### **Village Election Date**

For the past several months, the Village Board of Trustees has been exploring the concept of moving the date of the Village Elections from the third Tuesday in March to coincide with the General Election date in November. We observed that there are pros and cons to such a move. Supporting a November election date is the idea that newly elected officers will be able to take office at the beginning of the annual budget process that typically begins in January each year instead of taking office in April just before the budget must be adopted. There are other reasons such as efficiency and cost savings, but personally, I feel the improved timing with the annual budget process is the most significant benefit. Those who support a March election date argue that local issues will get drowned out in the midst of a national election.

In any case, the Board of Trustees voted to change the date of the Village Elections, but the change is subject to the approval of the voters. The following proposition will appear on the November 6, 2012 ballot:

Shall the General Village Election of the Village of Irvington be held annually in November rather than March, specifically on the date of the General Election as defined in Section 8-100 of the Election Law of the State of New York, and the term of office of each elected Village Officer who currently holds such elected office terminate at noon on the first Monday in December in the year in which such term would otherwise expire?

### **Revaluation**

This year, Westchester's largest City (Yonkers) and largest Town (Greenburgh) have banded together to seek proposals for the joint revaluation of properties within each municipality. As part of the Town of Greenburgh, Irvington's assessments will be subject to revaluation should it ultimately go forward. In addition to Yonkers and Greenburgh, the following municipalities have agreed to join forces to support a joint revaluation:

City of Peekskill  
City of Mt. Vernon  
Town of Bedford  
Town of North Castle  
Village of Pleasantville  
Village of Ossining

Through this economy of scale, the hope is to reduce costs. There are a total of 115,000 parcels among all of these municipalities.

### **Halloween Season**

The Fall is special events season in our Recreation and Parks Department. Here's a quick rundown of what's coming up:

#### Harvest Hayride at Matthiessen Park

Saturday, October 20, 2012

5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Harvest Hayride

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - Haunted Hayride

Come spend the evening with family and friends at Matthiessen Park on Saturday, October 20th, 5:30pm-8:30pm for the Harvest Hayride. The haunted rides begin at 7:00pm. Enjoy horse and wagon rides, hot chocolate, cider, donut and music- the Nashville Drive Country Band returns!

Halloween Block Party at the Irvington Fire House

Wednesday, October 31, 2012

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Come by the Halloween Block Party on Wednesday, October 31st, 4:00pm-7:00pm at the Irvington Firehouse to enjoy music, snacks and goodie bags sponsored by The Irvington Fire Company.

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