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Oyster Bay Cove Spring 2018 Newsletter

Dear Village Resident,

Happy Spring! Below is an update on important events happening within our Village:

Financial Condition

Oyster Bay Cove is in excellent fiscal condition. Our Village has complied with the New York State 2% Property Tax Cap since the law was enacted in 2012. Our Village government is continuously focused on cost management and obtaining Grant money.

LED Street Light \$50,000 NYSERDA Grant

We successfully competed with other New York State villages and secured a \$50,000 grant for LED street lighting which will be installed on some of our Village roadways. In addition, Oyster Bay Cove was one of the first villages to receive grant money for implementing expedited permits for Solar Panels and Electric Vehicle charging stations.

Police Station \$50,000 Grant

We were also awarded and received a \$50,000 Grant for improvements that were part of our recent Police Station renovation. Thanks to Senator Marcellino and former Mayor Rosemary Bourne for securing this award.

Village Road Repairs

In late summer/early fall, the village plans to do some much needed repairs on portions of Yellow Cote Road, Sandy Hill Road and McCoun's Lane. The funding will come from the New York State Highway Improvement Program.

Tree Damage

Almost all residents suffered some level of tree damage from the recent storms. I would like to ask you to please consider expanding your clean up to areas adjacent to your property and our streets. If we all work together, we can help restore our Village to the pristine community we all enjoy.

Kayaks/Village Beach

We will be adding an additional 21 kayak racks at the Village beach. If you are interested in obtaining a permit, please contact the Village office to have your name put on a call list. Permits will be given on a first come basis. Please note there must be a current 2018 sticker on your kayak to store it at the beach.

Cross Sound Tunnel/Bridge

Governor Cuomo is proposing to build a tunnel/bridge from Oyster Bay to Westchester County with an estimated cost of \$55 Billion. This proposed project would be detrimental to our community as well as the environment throughout the Oyster Bay area. It is important that we all voice our opinions on this project.

New Village Web Site

We are in the process of updating our website with the goal of making it more helpful to current and new residents. All of our building department forms will continue to be on the website, along with important police and public safety information.

It will be important for every resident to enroll their email and cell phone number directly on the new website in order to receive emergency alerts and regular communication. The Village will notify you when the new website is up and running.

Potential Creation of Charitable Trust for Tax Payments

Last month the governor authorized the creation of Charitable Trusts for School and Town/Village tax payments to help ameliorate the new \$10,000 state and local tax deduction cap. At this time the details of how this may be able to be accomplished are being worked out. Also it's unclear how the IRS may decide to treat this alternative.

We are studying the program carefully and will report back as soon as possible.

Plantings at the Police Building

Special thanks to Rosemary Bourne for donating a tree and the beautiful begonias in front of the police building and to Dodds & Eder who volunteered to plant them.

Village Trustee Election

The Village election is Tuesday, June 19, 2018 for two (2) trustees at East Woods School, 31 Yellow Cote Road. Election hours are 12 noon to 9:00 pm.

Please enjoy the long awaited and hopefully nice weather.

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