THE VILLAGE OF THE BRANCH
REACHING OUT - FALL 2018

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Village Officials
Mayor: Mark Delaney
Trustees: Tom Newman
Public Safety: George Albrecht
Highways: Roger Botto
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Lighting / Trees / Signs: Christine Cozine
Village Clerk: Theresa Mequita
Treasurer: Libby Smith
Planning Board Chair: Joseph Maglato
Zoning Appeals Chair: Joe Arico
Building Inspector

FALL 2018 LEAF AND BRUSH PICK-UP SCHEDULE
First pick-up is the week of October 15th 2018
Second pick-up is the week of November 26th 2018
Third and last pickup is the week of December 10th 2018
Place leaves, small twigs and brush in leaf bags. Larger branches must be cut and tied into 3 foot manageable bundles. Pickups start on Monday of the above weeks. Tree trunks or stumps will not be picked up. Do not place items in the street - Place on lawn near curb. Leaf bags & tied bundles will be picked up separately. Please don't put out early.
NOTE: The pick-up will take more than one day to complete and all items in all areas will be removed. Once the truck passes your area it will not be sent back to pick up items not placed out in time.
CHRISTMAS TREES WILL BE PICKED UP JAN 21st, 2019—ONE PICKUP ONLY—NO EXCEPTIONS

Village Update
- We completed replacing all the lights in the village with energy efficient fixtures that reduce our/our costs by nearly 50%. Visibility is better & the savings are passed along to residents – zero cost to install the fixtures!
- We would really like to get away from hardcopy newsletters that are increasingly expensive to mail – please provide us with an e-mail address – thanks! Send to Village Clerk at villageofbranch@optonline.net. Go Green!
- Work begins on the Northeast Branch dredging in the next month or two – Old Rte 111 path in the spring
- Tree Trimming: Trees on residential property are the responsibility of the homeowner. Low hanging limbs pose a hazard to our snow plow crews as well as school buses and local delivery vehicles. Village code requires that trees be trimmed thirteen (13) feet above the road surface. It is required that trees be trimmed of low hanging limbs to ensure the safety of our road crews and residents. Dead trees must be taken down. If the crews can’t sweep or plow they will not be sent back. Basketball hoops must be moved away from curbs–village or snow plowing contractors will not be held liable for any damages that result
- Removal of any trees 8 inches or more in diameter requires permission from the Building Inspector
- We welcome the following businesses to VOB – please visit and support them!
  - Bagel Gallery
  - Hipchix
  - Dairy Shack
  - Cabo Fresh
  - Daniel Gafe
  - Over the Edge Apparel
  - Primal Roots

We encourage all residents to take an active role in the Village and welcome your attendance at the various monthly meetings.

Trustees Meeting 2nd Tuesday 7:30 pm
Planning Board 3rd Wednesday 7:30 pm
Zoning Appeals 4th Tuesday 7:30 pm
Justice Court 4th Monday 6:00 pm

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SNOW PLOWING
Please keep road clear of obstructions (trailers, basketball hoops, trash cans etc.) If the crews can’t plow they will not be sent back. Please be considerate of your neighbors and do not shovel or blow snow into the street as this causes a hazard to you and other residents. Residents who push or blow snow into the street are not only creating a safety issue but are costing you more tax dollars! Roads must be made clear so every pass by the plow costs you as a resident.
NOTE: If you have a corner property/property on a curve we advise placing reflective markers at the curb line for the winter months. This helps our plowing crews ensure that no damage is done to lawns. The majority of plowing is done at night and it is very difficult to see where the curb ends in inclement weather.

OVERNIGHT PARKING
With plowing season approaching, enforcement and fines have been increased – please abide by the law and remove cars overnight. Warnings are no longer being issued–please be considerate. Safety is our biggest priority

SPEEDING / RECKLESS DRIVING
It’s sad the amount of speeding & total disregard for stop signs that we see within the village. It’s mostly our own residents & visitors that show such disregard for the safety of their neighbors & especially our children. The speed limit throughout the village is 30 mph. We consistently get reports and license plate numbers that we pass along to SCPD & encourage residents to call SCPD (Desk# 854-8400) with specifics.

SLOW DOWN – IS A LIFE WORTH IT???

CO2 Detection: Fall is the time to check smoke detectors and check / install CO2 Detectors – a little work now saves lives!! We’ve had too many fires nearby recently–please check!

FIRE HYDRANTS/STORM DRAINS
If you have a fire hydrant or storm drain in front of your home please do the right thing and keep them clear of snow for safety.