

THE VILLAGE OF THE BRANCH

STUFF YOU SHOULD KNOW SPRING 2021

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Village Officials

Mayor	Mark Delaney
Trustees:	
Public Safety/Lighting	John Carro
Infrastructure	Kevin Damm
Highways /Parks	Roger Botto
Operations	Dennis Ryan
Village Clerk	Christine Cozine
Treasurer	Theresa Mequia
Planning Board, Chairman	Libby Smith
Zoning Appeals Chairman	Joseph Magliato
Building Inspector	Joseph Arico

Spring 2021 LEAF AND BRUSH SCHEDULE

First pick-up is **Week of April 19th**
 Second pick-up is **Week of May 17th**
 Third pick-up is **Week of June 21st**

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.

Leaf bags and tied bundles will be picked up separately

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.

PLEASE do not put debris out early – all it does is contribute to flooding and more garbage in the streets to clean up – thank you

Village Update

- **Outdoor power equipment before 8am**—please be courteous to your neighbors & ask for your landscapers’ compliance so we don’t have to. If you have an issue with a contractor – please **report the name & plate # to Public Safety @ 631.360.7553 & send an e-mail to the Clerk** – we are tracking repeat offenders and have added more stringent codes to increase penalties – let’s all enjoy the outdoors peacefully-be courteous!

-**Dumping in Parkland or Greenbelt:** If you think you’re saving money by doing this, think again as we must **constantly pay** to have the material dragged back out & it comes directly from your taxes – please be a good neighbor

- **Commercial Vehicles:** are prohibited from parking overnight in the village. This is becoming more of an issue and enforcement is being stepped up with help from Public Safety

- **Resident Safety:** Under our agreement with Smithtown Public Safety [SPS], Village residents are encouraged to contact SPS anytime at **631-360-7553** to report any issues.

- **Please provide us with an e-mail and or mobile number** – this is a much more effective way of communicating in 2021!

- Block Parties: require a permit. Failure to obtain a permit will result in fines & disruption—see Village Hall for an application

- **PODS:** While we certainly encourage home improvements and appreciate the need for temporary storage please keep in mind that PODS are for “temporary” storage and not supposed to remain on driveways indefinitely. We recently adopted new code language to address – please see **Sec 275-86** of the code accessible via our website or call the Building Inspector for details PRIOR to renting such a storage unit. Thank you

We encourage all residents to take an active role in the Village and welcome your attendance at the various monthly meetings. The schedule of meetings is as follows:

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

Village E-mail: villageofbranch@optonline.net

Pls send us your comments and opt in to our distribution list

TREE TRIMMING

Trees on residential property are the responsibility of the homeowner. Inspections continue to show that many trees need trimming—trees that overhang streets & neighbors’ yards. Recall the damage Sandy caused partially because of poorly maintained trees. Low hanging limbs pose a hazard to street sweeping crews and **school buses/emergency vehicles**. Sec 79-2 of the village code requires trees be trimmed 13 feet above the road surface. **When removing trees on your property** please contact the Building Inspector to avoid potential fines

TICKETS ISSUED IN THE VILLAGE

If you receive a ticket in the village do not disregard it. Our court is fully operational and if you ignore the ticket and fail to answer/appear a judgement will be filed against you and any property that you own that will affect refinancing or selling the home, getting a car loan etc. In addition, any judgement dollar value accrues at 9% annually so please take any tickets seriously – we don’t want to see any long-term issues

DOG CURBING

Residents are required by law to pick up after your pets when on the streets or on village parkland. Be a good neighbor please *****Section 72-17 of Village Code*****

The placement of any structures between the curb and the property line is prohibited – including, but not limited to; masonry, stones, sprinkler pipes, sprinkler heads, etc. Please keep basketball hoops and similar equipment off the right of way – thank you

Old Route 111

Residents may not know this but the path from Mt Pleasant to the Uncle G’s parking lot is the old Route 111. We worked with the state to obtain a grant to renovate the path inclusive of a bike path, new footbridge & unobtrusive LED lighting to improve safety – especially at night after summer concerts & such. Work was delayed but is scheduled to begin soon and we’re looking forward to much improved safe pathway into town.

Let’s hope and pray for a Covid free summer!