

# THE VILLAGE OF THE BRANCH

## REACHING OUT - FALL 2016



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### Village Officials

<b>Mayor:</b>	Mark Delaney
<b>Trustees:</b>	
Public Safety	Tom Newman
Highways	Michael Donnelly
Parks-Storm Water	Roger Botto
Lighting / Trees / Signs	Paul Buonaiuto
Village Clerk	Christine Cozine
Treasurer	Theresa Mequia
Planning Board, Chairman	John Carro
Zoning Appeals Chairman	Joseph Magliato
Building Inspector	Jerry Harris

### FALL 2016 LEAF AND BRUSH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

First pick-up is the week of **October 24<sup>th</sup> 2016**

Second pick-up is the week of **November 14<sup>th</sup> 2016**

Third and last pickup is the week of **December 12<sup>th</sup> 2016**

**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  
JANUARY 23rd, 2017 – ONE PICKUP ONLY**

### Village Update

#### Did you know...

- We pursued & received a grant to overhaul Old Route 111 – the path from Mt. Pleasant to Town. Work begins in 2017 to make it safer for pedestrians
  - We are working towards the next phase of the stream dredging – intended to alleviate the groundwater issues – please reach out to the Mayor with questions
  - The Damianos Realty Group donated time & materials to create a 9/11 memorial area near the Survivor Tree sapling that was just planted at Village Hall – thank you for your support & generosity!!
- **Tree Trimming:** Trees on residential property are the responsibility of the homeowner. Recent inspections show that **many trees need trimming.** 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.**
- **Same issue regarding plowing applies to basketball hoops - move away from street-village will not be liable for damage**
- **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 take a minute
- **Pet Owners:** Fall is a great time for taking walks and enjoying the outdoors – not so much for stepping in poop – please do the right thing and clean up after your pets – thank you!

### 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 us your tax dollars.

**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's very difficult to see where the curb ends in inclement weather.

### OVERNIGHT PARKING

With plowing season approaching, enforcement and **finest 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???**

### VOB WEBSITE

The new VOB website is now up and running – please visit the site for more frequently updated information and details on village regulations. Please also provide us with an e-mail address so we can send out emergency information and an electronic newsletter. We will not provide your e-mail to anyone for any reason but would like to get away from the expense of paper. Visit us at [www.villageofthebranch.net](http://www.villageofthebranch.net)

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

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

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Please send us your e-mail so we can eliminate paper!