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From the Office of Hon. Jeffrey B. Schwartzberg , Mayor

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Dear Village Residents,

Greetings to all, and I hope you are enjoying the warmer weather. Welcome to our Village's first monthly "Letter from the Mayor." I expect this (format) to become a regular and effective tool for keeping our Village residents informed about highlights of what we have accomplished each month, and what we will be working on in each upcoming month. Here's the latest news:

1. **Annual Budget**

I am pleased to inform you that we held our annual budget hearing on April 14th, which was attended by some of our residents. After a rather extensive discussion by the Board, and listening to the comments, thoughts and ideas of our residents, the budget for the 2011/2012 fiscal year was passed (approved) by your Board of Trustees. A copy of the finalized budget is available at Village Hall for your review. As previously mentioned in my recent email to you, the budget reflects a 3.8 percent increase (over 2010/2011) or about \$86 per household for the year. For those of you who may not be aware, this tax increase in the **smallest increase** in property taxes that our village has experienced in the past four years! This increase will be reflected in tax bills that will be distributed the week of May 23rd. Taxes are payable without penalty between June 1st and July 1st.

2. **Website Update**

Our Village website continues to go through a complete re-design process. A design review presentation was recently held for the Board of Trustees. We are very excited about the capabilities of the new interactive site and are sure you will be, too. We are planning to "go live" at the beginning of our upcoming fiscal year, June 1st. Your feedback will be welcomed.

3. **Safety and Security**

A few weeks ago I met with Thomas DePaola, Commanding Officer of the Sixth Precinct, and his Chief Administrative Sargent, Robert Johnston. We discussed a number of concerns and ideas for helping to improve the safety and security of our Village, and I expect this will be the first of many regular sessions that I will be having with them. A particularly noteworthy point: **Make sure you set your alarms in the evenings and every time you leave your homes!** Many burglaries occur in broad daylight and active alarm systems are the best deterrent.

A new committee on "Village Safety and Security" is being formed and will be led by Trustees Brian Feingold and Stacy Carus. They are eager to get started and are seeking volunteers who wish to participate in reviewing present and future safety and security options and possibilities. Please contact Nancy or Liz in the Village Hall office if you would like to help out (621-3541).

4. Looking for Volunteers

Steve Halper, Chairman of our Zoning Board, is looking for residents who would like to help out with this Board. The Board of Zoning Appeals, also known as the Zoning Board, has the responsibility of reviewing and considering granting variance when a property owner wishes to do work that does not comply with our Village's zoning code.

Additionally, I am looking to appoint someone to replace our Village's Emergency Management Officer, a position that was held by Richard Levine. We thank Richard for his efforts and look forward to working with a new individual.

If you have an interest in either one of the above categories, please let Nancy or Liz in our Village office know.

5. 2011: Celebrating Two Major Milestones

Our Civic Association will turn 100 years old next month, and this year marks 80 years since the Village's incorporation! Our Civic Association will be putting together a celebration – more details to come.

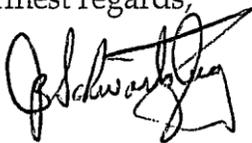
6. Board of Trustees Monthly Meetings and May Meeting Agenda

Our monthly Board of Trustees meetings have been changed from the first Monday of each month to the second Monday of each month. Please mark this on your calendars in case you wish to attend these informative and important meetings. Our May meeting is scheduled for May 9th at 7:30 pm. I am attaching an agenda for you to consider, as I will do every month, so that you can plan for any meeting you wish to attend. We encourage you to join us. A sampling of topics that we plan to cover, include:

- Establishing a committee that will focus on "Safety and Security"
- Licensing of landscapers
- Appointments of various Village officials
- Establishing a team tasked to review and simplify our zoning code
- Village beautification and maintenance of water tower
- Reviewing program for improving communications with our residents

Please let me know if you have any thoughts or suggestions for items you would like to see addressed in this monthly letter. You can feel free to email me directly at jbsjbs16@gmail.com. I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood soon and hope you enjoy your Memorial Day weekend!

Warmest regards,



Jeffrey B. Schwartzberg
Mayor, Village of Roslyn Estates

**Village of Roslyn Estates
Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, May 9, 2011, 7:30 p.m.
Village Hall**

AGENDA

1. Minutes
 - A. March 7, 2011 Meeting
 - B. April 4, 2011 Organizational Meeting
 - C. April 14, 2011 Budget Hearing
2. Monthly Budget Report
 - A. February 2011
 - B. March 2011
3. Audit of Claims – May 9, 2011
 - A. General Fund
 - B. Birches Sewer District
4. Old Business
 - C. Public Hearing for Bill 1A of 2011 – Permitted Uses in C-1 Commercial District
5. New Business
 - A. Appointments – Emergency Management, Building Inspector
 - B. 2011 Small Claim Petitions filings – update
 - C. Village Slogan Contest
 - D. Safety and Security Committee (speed limits, speed humps, sixth precinct & signage)
 - E. Committee to Review Roslyn Estates Zoning Code
 - F. Mayor and Trustees Terms
 - G. Employee /Official’s Benefits (holidays, personal/sick time)
 - H. Licensing Landscapers
 - I. Review Resolution re: Schedule of fees, costs, deposits and insurance - last update October 4, 2010
 - J. Review of Fines/Remedies (Properties in Disrepair/Community Service)
 - K. Definition of Single Family Residence
 - L. Improved Communication Program:
 1. Monthly Letter from Mayor including BOT Agenda.
 2. Status for email Distribution List.
 3. Website Update – new/old – Photos for New Website.
 - M. Proposal from American Appraisal for Annual Audit
 - N. Village Beautification/ ARB
 - O. Public Hearing for Draft Stormwater Management Program Annual Report
6. Correspondence
 - A. Stefanie Guillon, 21 The Birches – Block Curbing
7. Police Report
 - A. March 2011
8. Next Meeting – **Monday, June 13, 2011, 7:30 p.m.**