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From the Office of Paul Leone Peters, Mayor

“Proudly Celebrating Our 87th Year!”
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Dear Neighbors:

Have a Nice Trip? See You Next Fall.

Although fall doesn't begin officially for another couple of weeks, Labor Day weekend marks the end of summer vacations and the beginning of the new school year. That means we all must be especially careful driving on our winding Roslyn Estates roads, looking out for our children and being alert for stopped school busses. And, speaking of driving, the issues of speeding and ignoring STOP signs in our Village have become more acute recently, so we are working with the 3rd Precinct to provide a greatly increased police presence. (I know this is a recurring theme, but it's also a continuing problem.) While much of the problem is from outsiders cutting through the Village to avoid traffic on Searingtown Road, Northern Boulevard and Mineola Avenue, many residents are equally at fault. So, again, be warned; you will be ticketed and fined when you violate local traffic laws.

While the weather remains pleasant, you'll also find many of your neighbors walking their dogs, so please be alert to them as well. And, dog owners, please insure that your dogs are kept on your own property when at large, and leashed while on Village Roads.

Take Me Home, Country Roads

Speaking of roads, please be reminded that while the Right of Way (the swath of land that includes the road and the aprons of varying width on either side) is owned by the Village, it is the responsibility of each landowner to maintain the grounds within the Right of Way that are not part of the road itself. However, since it is Village property, residents should not place sprinkler lines within those apron areas. If you have already done so, we suggest you have those lines moved back, beyond the apron, to avoid any problems in the future, especially with regard to road repairs and repaving. Since any given road is not necessarily centered in the right of way, if you are not sure of where the apron ends and your property begins, please check your own property survey or contact our knowledgeable Building Inspector.

Smiling Faces

Some of you may have noticed two new faces around Roslyn Estates:



Bernard Dunn (l) and Thomas King (r) have recently joined our DPW staff, and we are fortunate to have them with us. Already, in their few short weeks on the job, we have seen incredible improvement in the work being done around the Village and at Village Hall. Among other projects, the garage has been completely cleaned and organized, and all the equipment repaired and put in proper operating condition. The garage floor has been cleaned and painted, and we are getting a new rock garden across from the Village Hall parking lot. Bernie and Tom have even created a “Roslyn Estates DPW” Facebook page, where you can keep up with their latest efforts. Please introduce yourselves when you see them in their daily efforts around the Village, and please stop by Village Hall to see for yourselves how much they have accomplished in so short a time. And that’s only the beginning...

Getting Better All the Time

If you do stop by, please also note that all the rotting wood trim on the building has been replaced with new composite material that will actually remain beautiful. This fall, we will also be replacing the building’s roof, a long overdue repair that is part of our program of updating and restoring our facilities and equipment that were neglected for far too long.

Another Village asset finally receiving badly needed attention is Fenway Preserve. This month, we are cleaning it out, removing all weeds and other unwanted growth -- as well as all trash and landscapers’ dumpings -- firming up the ground, restoring the watershed, and providing more solid footing all through the Preserve – especially at the perimeter. Where possible, we are also hoping to provide areas where landscaping trucks and other service vehicles can park without either blocking the surrounding roads or breaking up their edges.

On the subject of landscaping, please notify your contractors that, effective January 1, 2019, they must all be licensed to work in Roslyn Estates. They can pick up the simple registration forms, pay the nominal fees, and receive their adhesive truck permits at Village Hall beginning at the end of September. After the first of the New Year, any landscapers working in the Village without the required permits will receive a warning for the first offense, but, thereafter, fines will be assessed.

The Village People

Our amazing Clerk/Treasurer, Mike Tomicich, has managed to secure several additional grants that we will be applying to further capital improvements and, more importantly, to more road repairs and repaving (as soon as we have accumulated enough to make the next repaving phase most cost efficient). Ongoing, it is our intention to allot in our yearly budget sufficient reserves to be able to keep our beautiful roads in excellent shape all the time, rather than waiting until we are forced to take more drastic – and costly – measures.

Meanwhile, in addition to her regular duties, our wonderful Deputy Clerk, Sandra Yadaie, has been purging all our very overcrowded files, removing duplicates, organizing, and generally making everything more efficient as we try to preclude the necessity – and significant expense – of having to digitize those files. Our entire Village staff, including Building Inspector Joe Richardson and Justice Clerk Lenore Regan, along with Mike and Sandy, and now Bernie and Tom, is exemplary, and they all put forth phenomenal effort to keep Roslyn Estates beautiful and running smoothly. Please get to know them, learn to rely on them, and always pay them the respect they have earned.

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

Our Village is small and intimate, so each of us plays a more important role in its well-being than residents of some of our larger, neighboring villages. While our small size may prevent us from providing some of the more grandiose amenities we see elsewhere, it gives us the opportunity to act and feel more like an extended family. To that end, I urge you to get to know your neighbors, be alert to any unusual activity (and don't hesitate to call the Police with any concerns), come to Village meetings, and get involved in our Civic Association. And, if you notice a new family moving in next door or down the street, introduce yourselves, bring them bread, salt and wine (it is, after all, "A Wonderful Life" in Roslyn Estates), and then let us know about our new neighbors, so that we can welcome them officially and let them know all about our beautiful and historic Village.

Thanks for reading all this; have a great fall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul", with a large, stylized initial "P" and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul Leone Peters
Mayor, Village of Roslyn Estates