

Village of montebello review

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Greetings from the Mayor



MAYOR'S REPORT

The strength of our community and, by extension, the very basis of our country's success, is in large measure a function of the selfless involvement and dedication of citizens devoted to civic duties. Such actions usually lack direct rewards and are often insufficiently recognized. Yet without citizen participation we would collectively be far worse off, both as a village and as a nation.

The most obvious example of civic participation originates with the right to vote. It is of fundamental importance that citizens exercise this right. In our town the failure of many citizens to vote is frequently cited as the reason that voting blocks have disproportionate power. To the individual citizen the value of a solitary vote might seem insignificant. Yet, en masse, the importance of this franchise is indisputable. Because we have a small population the importance of each vote in our village is of even greater significance. Hence, the creation of a democratically elected Montebello Village Justice Court will improve and enhance the value of an elected judiciary in our neighborhood.

Our Village Justice Court is scheduled to begin operation in June. Ms. Pat Cupples has been appointed as our Court Clerk. She will hold office hours at Village Hall. The Court will be held on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month in the Community Center. Judge Etelson has been appointed to serve as Village Justice until elections next March. Marc Citrin has been appointed Acting Justice. We are working with the Ramapo Police Department to ensure a seamless transition.

Community participation is also evident in the process of keeping our Village clean and green. Each year volunteers under the leadership of our Parks Commission help pick up tons of litter along our streets. On April 14th, under blue skies, we had another successful clean-up day (please see article inside). Without volunteers, this effort could not occur. Businesses also participate in helping to keep our village clean, and business donations also help us afford our annual Montebello Day celebration.

Another example of citizen involvement is evident at our annual Memorial Day observation (please see article inside). Each year a 5th grader is selected to read the Gettysburg Address and the Marine Corps guard salutes the colors, fires a rifle volley and plays taps in memory of lost soldiers. The participation of the public, as a way to honor the sacrifice of so many soldiers, preserves a legacy of their heroism. This year, Ramapo Police Chief Peter Brower spoke at our ceremony.

Community participation is unmistakable at our community garden. Last year's crops were shared with local food banks and members learned from the Cornell Cooperative how to create a successful organic harvest. This year, the number of plots in the garden has been doubled in size (please see the article inside). Montebello is the only village in western Rockland with a community garden.

Montebello is also served by the dedication of our local elected representatives in Albany. For the last decade Ms. Annie Rabbitt has represented Montebello in the NY State Assembly. Redistricting this year has changed our assembly district boundaries such that Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee will now also represent us in Albany. In general, Assemblywoman Jaffee's district will be south of Viola Road while Assemblywoman Rabbitt's district will remain north of Viola Road. Both Assemblywomen have expressed a desire to help serve the needs of our community and we are happy to help facilitate commu-

nication if any citizen is in need of their attention.

Lastly, civic service should also be noted amongst the students in our neighborhood who dedicate themselves to academic excellence. The Board of Trustees recently honored the students in our Village who are graduating at the top 10% of their class at Suffern High School (please see article inside). The future of our society is dependent on the dedication of the next generation to preserve the values and opportunities that we have been given by those who preceded us. These students should make us all proud.

The Boards and Commissions that manage our village are comprised of citizens willing to sacrifice their time for the betterment of our community. I thank them for their dedication. If the citizenry of our Village continues to demonstrate and provide civic support I am certain that Montebello will remain a great place to live, work and raise a family. Please feel free to contact me with your questions, comments and complaints.

MONTEBELLO ROAD BRIDGE AND FLOODING UPDATE

The bridge on Montebello Road has been closed since shortly after hurricane Irene. The cause of the closure was based on the state's assessment that the footings supporting the bridge were unsafe and could collapse. Rockland County owns the bridge and is responsible for its repair. The mayor attended the county legislative session on May 8th and urged the legislature to move expeditiously given the particular problems encountered by resident drivers, school buses, and emergency vehicles. The county legislature has initiated a construction plan and authorized engineering work. On June 5, 2012 the legislature passed a resolution authorizing the advance of additional general fund monies in the amount of \$30,000 for Montebello bridge rehabilitation-capital project. They also approved an agreement for \$275, 554 with Transystems Corporation for the design and reconstruction of the Montebello road bridge and authorized its execution by the County Executive. The county highway department still estimates that the project will be completed in 2013. Residents with questions can also contact our County Legislator, Alden Wolf.

The Village has applied for federal funds to help purchase certain properties along Lake Road that were severely damaged as a consequence of Hurricane Irene. This application process is lengthy and difficult but is being pursued on behalf of several homeowners who have suffered greatly from this and other episodes of flooding. The village received a grant of \$16,392.28 to help pay for expenses already incurred during the clean-up following the hurricane.



"PLANTING YOUR ROOTS AT HOME AND NOW IN YOUR GARDEN"

By Lance N. Millman, Deputy Mayor

Seventeen years ago this August, I will have moved my wife and first child back to where I was born and grew up – Rockland County. This time though, I moved to the other side of the county from where I grew up (Hillcrest) to near where I was born – Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, New York.

We moved to Montebello, New York!

Just the name alone was exciting and the streets were surrounded by many trees and lined with rock walls. Here we planted our roots and made it our home. We continue to love the surroundings, the beauty of the trees, the serenity of single family homes, the great school system and the everlasting impression that our neighbors, friends and fellow Montebello residents have made on us.

Now, my youngest daughter and I have ventured on a new beginning. We started a year ago and were lucky enough to continue to be able to plant in the newly expanded Montebello Community garden.

It was an amazing first year experience. The other gardeners we met told us tales and taught us different ways to grow vegetables. We had some lows, our cucumbers and zucchini died off early, which we now know how to handle the ever attacking bugs, but the balance of our crop of tomatoes and eggplant were beyond our wildest dreams. I have never grown six foot tall eggplants which yielded 10-15 eggplants before and look forward once again to a great year. Our neighbor gardeners had grown okra, Italian eggplant, Brussels sprouts, romaine lettuce, tons of basil, yellow squash, butternut squash and many more vegetables.

Now in our second year, our garden plots have been expanded from 16 plots to 32 plots. Most gardeners returned from last year but we have many new ones joining us this year. It's amazing to watch the energy of the very young, not so old to I don't think I'm old to everyone interacting and learning and enjoying planting their crops for this season. My daughter and I were excited to watch these two young boys show up with their mother who had another child in a baby carriage. We asked them what number was their plot and they said our plot has two two's in it. We showed them plot 22 and watched as the whole family planted their first garden together from seeds. We met a lot of new people that day and they explained to us what they were planting and how they could not grow a garden in their yard due to the animals or how they always loved making a garden. Some added flowers to their plots to add color to our expanded garden.

I am thrilled to have so many garden plots this year. We do have a few plots left and I have decided along with the village's approval to designate two- three empty plots to be used to grow donated food for our local food banks. This will be a great opportunity for us to give back to our community and learn and enjoy the experience of growing a garden.

I can now proudly say that I once again have planted my roots in Montebello, both at my house and now in my portion of the community garden.

I thank all who are involved and invite all who may want to join our community garden to let the village office know that you have a future interest.

COMMUNITY GARDEN DOUBLES IN SIZE

Due to popular demand, the Montebello Community Garden has doubled in size. Last year we opened a 16 bed organic garden for members of the public to plant and raise vegetables. The enormous popularity led the Board to increase the number of beds to 32, allowing more people to participate. Labor for the expansion was generously donated by Belleville Landscaping.



FROM THE DESK OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

Lawrence Picarello

Welcome to summer! Many of us are finally outside, doing yard work, and property improvements.

It's important to know which outdoor activities are regulated by permit. The following outdoor activities do require a permit:

1. Fence Installation
2. Above and inground pools
3. Importation of fill or topsoil beyond any small amounts needed for patching, etc.
4. Sheds, Cabanas, or other accessory structures of 144 square feet or larger
5. Hot tubs or spa tubs
6. Cutting of any trees(measured as four inches or larger at a point four feet from the ground)
7. Regrading or modifying any existing topographic profiles.
8. Outdoor kitchens
9. Backup/Emergency generators
10. Decks and patios
11. Garage sale signs
12. Replacement/repair of roof – permit is needed if plywood sheathing or framing member is changed

Routine repairs and maintenance are generally not subject to obtaining a building permit. Finally, if you are calling about your neighbors uncut lawn, please be advised that State and Village property maintenance codes are not enforceable until the grass and weed reach 10 inches. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact this office at 845-368-2491.

PARKS COMMISSION NEWS

by Tony Piazza, Chairman

Kathryn Gorman Ponds Park

I hope all of you have had a chance to utilize our new park. It really is a pleasant place to take a bike ride or a stroll. We are currently analyzing plans to allow residents to donate benches, please see article on Bench Project. Additionally, we are currently working with the Eagle Scouts who have expressed an interest in forging a new trail within the park.

Montebello Clean-Up Day

We would like to thank all of you who came out to participate in the Montebello clean-up day on April 14th. Over 50 large trash bags were collected, helping to keep our Village in pristine condition.

Summer Concert

The Parks Commission will again be sponsoring a summer concert on Thursday evening, July 19th, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the Village Hall grounds. We have been fortunate to secure John Moroski and his band to entertain us. Please come and join us for an evening of great music.

HONOR OUR VETERANS

By Steven A. Sorillo, Trustee



On Sunday May 27th the Village of Montebello held a ceremony to mark Memorial Day. The Village has held this ceremony for many years now. We celebrate the many sacrifices that the men and women of this great nation have made in order to protect and defend our very special way of life by serving their country and becoming a member of the military.

Over the years millions have served in the armed forces. Long ago young men were drafted into the military, there was no choice in this matter you were ordered to report for duty, it was the law of the land. About forty years ago this method of conscription fell out of favor and

we turned to the current practice of an all-volunteer force whereby men and women join voluntarily in order to fill the ranks. These people have had to endure great hardships, everything from being away from home and family for month's even years at a time living a lifestyle so contrary to the way most of us have been raised to the ultimate sacrifice of life and limb. These service men and women do not think in terms of the morality of war nor do they wonder about global dominance or where our next barrel of oil will come from. They just serve.

This is more, much more than enough reason for us to honor their service. I am proud to live in a Village that takes the time each year to acknowledge their sacrifices and celebrate their heroics for each one of them is a hero. Any member of the military may be required to put his life in jeopardy at any time.

The Village does this by holding a ceremony usually attended by the Mayor and Trustees of the Village and various other elected officials as well as the general public. Also in attendance are many former service men and women, some in uniform. They present and salute the flag and represent the members of our armed forces. The Mayor, Jeffrey Oppenheim gave a speech honoring the veterans and in keeping with our tradition we had a young person, fifth grader Grace Weidel recite the Gettysburg Address. She did a wonderful job of it too. This was then followed by this year's guest speaker Peter Brower, the Chief of the Ramapo Police Department. Part of his speech was a poem that spoke of how it is the veteran that guarantees our freedoms, freedom of the press, freedom of speech, freedom to demonstrate, freedom to worship, freedom to own property, freedom to travel, freedom to vote. He reminded us of the great sacrifice this guarantee may require.

This article is not about the ethics of the foreign policy of the United States. It is about how we as Americans can acknowledge and salute the sacrifices of these brave men and women. Speeches are fine and dandy and a day of recognition is nice too but something more is required. Today these people return from service to a country in the midst of a recession. One of their primary goals is to integrate themselves back into normal society reconnecting with family and friends and joining the work force.

We can be of assistance in this latter regard. Many of us in the Village are business owners or are executives in larger corporations. Contact the Veterans Administration. Ask about the various method employed to hire a veteran, these are men and woman who may not have the exact skills required but have a wealth of knowledge and experience that can't be bought or taught. Contact the Rockland County Clerk's Office to enroll in a program that offers discounts to veterans. We owe these people a great deal not just one day of barbecues and parties.

MEMORIAL DAY

Montebello commemorated Memorial Day on Sunday, May 27th. The Marine Corps color guard presented a rifle salute to the fallen. Grace Weidel, a fifth grader at the Montebello Elementary School, read the Gettysburg Address. Ramapo Police Chief Peter Brower spoke about the meaning of Memorial Day. Congresswoman Nita Lowey and Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee joined us for this solemn occasion.



SPOTLIGHT ON....BROOKE STERN AND THE S.O.U.L. FOUNDATION

By Melanie Golden, Trustee

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." Winston Churchill

Our Village is special in so many ways. We live in a beautiful place with so many caring and compassionate people. This month, I want to spotlight what a daughter of our Village has done to make life better for the children (and others) living in an African village.

In 2009, then 23-year-old Brooke Stern, a graduate of Suffern High School, and her father visited the impoverished community of Bujagali Falls, Uganda. Brooke was immediately struck by the extreme poverty she witnessed there. While she was haunted by the lack of the most basic needs in the community, one of the most glaring injustices she witnessed was the large number of children who were not attending school.

Five weeks after returning home, Brooke remained determined to do something real about what she had seen and bought a one-way plane ticket back to Uganda. Brooke lived in the Bujagali Falls community for over a year- listening to the villagers and experiencing their daily lives. From these experiences, the S.O.U.L. (Supporting Opportunities for Ugandans to Learn) Foundation was born.

S.O.U.L.'s primary goal is to remove obstacles to education for young people and adults, both inside and outside the formal classroom. While this mission encompasses a commitment to address the complex non-economic barriers to education, such as gender inequality, food insecurity and poor health, the inability to attend school is just as often a matter of simple economics: school fees are too expensive for families and employment opportunities in the village are extremely limited.

Building on the knowledge obtained through her "boots on the ground" experiences, Brooke and S.O.U.L. partnered with the Bujagali Falls community to create a combination of diverse and holistic programs to break down these barriers to education. S.O.U.L. programs include sharing the cost of school fees with families; establishing small business cooperatives (especially for women); and supporting collective opportunities to engage in animal husbandry (chicken cooperatives) and aquaculture (tilapia farming). S.O.U.L. has partnered with other organizations to bring solar power and a soccer field to the village, and most recently, it has launched a "Delivering with Dignity" program with the village's midwife to improve conditions in the birthing hut and address issues relating to maternal health. The cost and the effort behind these S.O.U.L. initiatives are shared by the villagers, making them true stakeholders in the success of each project.

Due to Brooke's dedication and compassion and the partnerships she

has forged with more than 1000 residents of the Bujagali Falls area of Uganda, S.O.U.L. is working to address education, women's empowerment, and health and food security. We should all be proud that Brooke is a member of our Montebello community. You can learn more about S.O.U.L. and Brooke at www.souluganda.org

MONTEBELLO JUSTICE COURT

The Village of Montebello Justice Court is official, having been established by the Village Board effective June 1, 2012.

The court has the original jurisdiction to hear all criminal cases brought before it regarding incidents occurring in the Village on and after June 1st and all village ordinance violations and vehicle and traffic cases from that date forward. The court will also hear civil, small claims and eviction cases.

Cases will be processed at Village Hall on Montebello Road and heard at its new courthouse at 350 Haverstraw Road (Route 202) where the Village Board and other village agencies have been presiding for some time.

On Wednesday, June 20th a reception will be held at 7:00 PM at the courthouse celebrating the establishment of the court. Promptly at 7:30 p.m., Acting Supreme Court Justice Charles Apotheke will conduct the swearing in of Arnold P. Etelson, Village Justice and Marc. D. Citrin, Acting Village Justice.

The public is invited.

MONTEBELLO'S TOP TEN

Montebello honored the resident high school seniors who graduated in the top 10% of their Suffern High School class. Although Montebello has less than 10% of the school district population, our students include almost a quarter of the top 10% of the graduating class. Congratulations to each of these students and their families: Edward Dranoff, William Bristow, Katja Burke, Elena Martin, Jonathan Munitz, Alex Jacob Ranzato, Samuel Oppenheim, Rebecca Rondina, Daniela Feingold, and Kristen Tenore.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION NEWS

By Rosemary Mocio, Commissioner

The Montebello Historic Preservation Commission's goal for 2012 is to help assure preservation of over 300 historic and architecturally significant homes within the Village of Montebello. To start this process, we recently sent a letter to 75 owners of said homes built between the earliest days of development in the 1700's to 1941 asking if they would consider the possibility of designating their home as historic. The HPC members hosted an informal meet and greet in May with interested homeowners. Our Village Attorney, Warren Berbit, answered questions and explained the application process. The attending home owners relayed some very interesting and entertaining stories about their homes and various items found within their homes and walls of their homes that substantiate the year they were built and opened a small window into a different era. If you have received a letter and are interested in receiving a "Request for Evaluation" application for the historic designation, please call Village Hall at 368-2211.

If, like me, you are interested in the history of our beautiful area, you might consider purchasing a copy of the Village of Montebello Reconnaissance-Level Historic Resource Survey available at Village Hall. This survey outlines the chronology of development and gives wonderful insight on all the historic homes in Montebello. I really enjoyed it. I have always wondered about the history of some of the homes referenced in the Survey and now when I pass by them, I have a new appreciation of their beauty and value.

HISTORIC MONTEBELLO

George S. & Mary E. Conklin House, c.1870, 603 Haverstraw Rd.

The George S. and Mary E. Conklin House, built c. 1870, at 603 Haverstraw Road, although greatly expanded and altered, was an early farmhouse, with the original gabled roof section defined by the large brick chimney on the original left façade. (The two-bay section to the left of the chimney, along with the repeated gable section at the rear are much later additions.) George was a house carpenter and so probably built this house himself. The Conklins lived here with their daughter Amelia through at least 1887. W.F. Gurnee bought it by 1911; a large Gurnee clan, most of whom were farmers, resided in Ramapo by 1880.



RECALL ON GAS GRILLS

by Frank Wilson III, Fire Inspector

Recently this office has been made aware of a product recall by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. This recall involves STOK ISLAND and STOK QUATTRO gas grills. These units were sold by Home Depot and Direct Tools Factory Outlet Stores nationwide from March 2011 through February 2012. They were manufactured in

China and imported by One World Technologies Inc. of Anderson, S.C. There were approximately 87,600 sold in the United States. The firm is aware of 569 reports of the regulators leaking propane gas which can ignite, posing fire and burn hazard to consumers. The recalled grills have regulators on them with the model number "AZF" on the front and a date code between 1046 1143 on the back of the regulator. No injuries have been reported.

Further information and instructions to follow on this recall can be obtained by calling the Firm Recall Hotline, 800-867-9624 or on the web site, www.stokgrills.com and from the CPSC Recall Hotline, 800-638-2772 or on the Consumer Product Safety Commission web site, www.cpsc.gov.

If you have one of the recalled gas grills you should stop using it immediately and follow the instructions provided by the phone numbers or web sites listed above. Leaking propane gas is a very dangerous situation. Ignition of this gas can cause severe burn injuries to you and your family and possible major fire damage to your home.

Recently there has been an inquiry about open burning, please be advised open burning is prohibited within the Village of Montebello without a permit.

Have a safe summer.



**From the Desk of the Village Attorney,
Warren E. Berbit**

Operation of the Village Justice Court commences in June. Hon. Arnold Etelson, former Town Justice, will preside as the Village's first Justice, and former Trustee Marc Citrin, will serve as the Village's first Acting Justice (the law requires at least two justices to man the Court. Suffice it to say that forming the Court is the result of an evolutionary process and the confluence of factors which made this the right time to act in the collective judgement of the Mayor and Trustees. I wish the justices well, and know that they will be up to the task.

In case you didn't notice, I am no longer a Park, but now I am a Nature Preserve. The sign "Warren E. Berbit Nature Preserve", was officially recognized on Arbor Day on the 12 acres tract on the east side of Spook Rock Road across from the Fant Farm. A crimson King Maple was planted at the same time to continue the row of trees. My thanks again to the Mayor, Trustees and Parks Commission for the recognition. As I've stated before, I consider such as recognition for all of our founders, who I hope will be individually recognized by various means as time goes on.

As you may be aware, we have our share of vacant, unkept homes. A handful, true, but against our well maintained homes they do stand out. Where necessary, the Village has been posting these properties and contacting absent owners by whatever means available to give notice of the violation of State and Local property maintenance laws. We have followed with due process hearings held by the Village Board. If violations are proven, to protect health, safety, and aesthetics repairs and maintenance are authorized, the cost imposed as a lien against the property. The Village has even been exploring the possibility of declaring abandonments in extreme cases, an involved process whereby the Village can end up with title to the property. This effort has had same positive results.(See e.g., home being restored on North Airmont Road).

Two major projects were being considered by the Village Board/Planning Board; a Sports Park and a medical building. The later, involving a 100,000 square foot building across from Good Samaritan Hospital, was withdrawn from consideration reportedly due to a land-based issue between the buyer and seller.

A "Sports Park" is proposed for the 19.34 acres on the north side of Rella Boulevard, abutting North Airmont Road. The project, consisting of three outside fields and a dome covered field, would emphasize field sports, such as soccer and lacrosse. It requires a zone change from the LO-C (Laboratory Office - Campus) district. The project is being given serious attention and careful consideration by the Village Board, utilizing the Planning Board as its consultative arm on environmental issues. In addition, the Village Board has requested that the Planning Board help evolve the design more towards what a final site plan might look like, away from a hypothetical design intended just as exemplifying the change in zone. By this means it is hoped that more effort now will yield a better environmental review, and will save time and effort later. This is a significant project which has evoked a good deal of community interest.

I like to kick off the summer with an enlightened message. Continuing with the sports motif: "Miracles do happen - after 8,020 games the Mets have a no-hitter!" (Asterisked or not). So, all ye Mets fans, or Yankee fans, or Boulder fans, or non-baseball fans, or non-sports fans, alike, have a pleasant, enjoyable and safe summer.

PLANNING BOARD

Congregation Shaarey Israel—Public Hearing Preliminary and Final Subdivision—Lot Line Removal

Application for Preliminary and Final Subdivision to remove Lot Lines and Subdivision Plat entitled "Congregation Shaarey Israel" dated July 7, 2009, latest revision date of August 31, 2010, which was submitted to the Village of Montebello Planning Board for owner Congregation Shaarey Israel, 16 Montebello Road, Montebello, New York. Total acreage is 5.53 +/-, Section 55.07, Block 1, Lot 1 and Section 48.19, Block 1, Lots 48 and 49 in a RR-50 Zone. *The application was approved by the Planning Board at the March 13, 2012 meeting.*

9 S Bayard Lane—Public Hearing Wetlands Permit

Site Plan Approval- Conservation Overlay District
Application of Dominick R. Pilla, 23 Depew Avenue, Nyack, New York 10960, for Approval of a Wetlands Permit entitled "9 S. Bayard Lane" to allow disturbance and construction within 100 feet of a freshwater wetland and for Approval of a Site Plan for construction within a Conservation Overlay District. The proposed construction is for a two story dwelling with a new driveway. The existing one story residential dwelling will be demolished and the existing gravel driveway, stone walls and slate walkway will be removed. The subject property is located on the south side of Bayard Lane approximately 389 feet of the intersection of Haverstraw Road in the Village of Montebello, which is known and designated on the Ramapo Tax Map as Section 48.10, Block 1, Lot 76 in a R-35 Zone. *The application was approved by the Planning Board at the March 13, 2012 meeting.*

Empire Executive Inn (Crowne Plaza)—Public Hearing Amended Site Plan

Application for Amended Site Plan to add a generator to the site at 3 Executive Boulevard, and to accept an amended entrance sign planting plan which was submitted to the Village of Montebello Planning Board for owner Empire Executive Inn (Crowne Plaza) 3 Executive Boulevard, Montebello, New York. Total acreage is 9 +/-, Section 55.07, Block 1, Lot 5 in a LO Zone. *The application was approved by the Planning Board at the April 10, 2012 meeting.*

Montebello Commons Apartments, LLC—Public Hearing Amended Site Plan

Application for Amended Site Plan to add a generator to the site at 11-111 Montebello Commons Drive, which was submitted to the Village of Montebello Planning Board for owner Montebello Commons Apartments, LLC, 11-111 Montebello Commons Drive, Montebello, New York. Total acreage is 10.49 +/-, Section 55.08, Block 1, Lot 7 in a RSH Zone. *The application is currently before to the June Planning Board.*

6 River Road Site Plan Re-Approval

Application of Carole A. Van Hook, 5 East Gate Road, Montebello, New York 10901, for Re-Approval of a Site Plan entitled "6 River Road". The subject property is located on the westerly side of River Road approximately 300 feet south of Victory Road in the Village of Montebello, which is known and designated on the Ramapo Tax Map as Section 48.14, Block 1, Lot 19 in an R-35 Zone. *The application was approved by the Planning Board at the May 8, 2012 meeting.*

SMK-Rose Hill Subdivision Filing Extension

Application of SMK Home Builders, 24 Waters Edge, Congers, New York, 10920 for a Preliminary Subdivision Plat and a map entitled "SMK- Rose Hill" dated March 31, 2011 for a three lot subdivision which was submitted to the Village of Montebello. The total acreage for the parcel is 3.415 acres. The property is located on the south side of Rose Hill Road, approximately 600 feet west of the intersection of Spook Rock Road in the Village of Montebello, which is known and designated on the Ramapo Tax Map as Section 41.17, Block 1, Lot 60 in an RR-50 Zone. The Applicant received Preliminary Approval on November 8, 2011. *The application was approved by the Planning Board at the May 8, 2012 meeting.*

Town of Ramapo—Public Hearing Coe Farm Road Sewer Extension Wetlands Permit

Application of the Town of Ramapo, 237 Route 59, Suffern, New York 10901, for Approval of a Stream and Wetlands Permit entitled "Coe Farm Road Sewer Extension" to allow disturbance and construction within 75 feet of a freshwater wetland. The proposed construction is for the extension of sanitary sewer service from Coe Farm Road to provide gravity sewer service to an existing dwelling at 585 Haverstraw Road, which will cross 75 feet of wetland. The subject property is located on the west side of Coe Farm Road in the Village of Montebello, which is known and designated on the Ramapo Tax Map as Sections 40.20, Block 1, Lots 21 and 52 in a RR-50 Zone. *The application is currently adjourned to the July Planning Board meeting.*

ZONING BOARD

Empire Executive Inn (Crowne Plaza) 3 Executive Boulevard Public Hearing

Application of Empire Executive Inn (Crowne Plaza), 3 Executive Boulevard, Montebello, New York 10901 for variance from the requirement of Article IV, Section 195-17, Use Group C, Column 10 (Rear Yard), [Required 30feet; Proposed +/- 9feet] of the Zoning Local Law of the Village of Montebello to permit, in conjunction with a Site Plan Amendment pending before the Planning Board, construction, maintenance and use of an accessory structure (Emergency Generator) to existing Hotel. The premises which are the subject of this application are located on the south side of Executive Boulevard in the Village of Montebello, which is known and designated on the Ramapo Tax Map as Section 55.07, Block 1, Lot 5 in a LO Zone. *The application was approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals at the April 19, 2012 meeting.*

ARBOR DAY IN MONTEBELLO

On April 30th, Village Attorney Warren Berbit was honored with a tree planting in celebration of Arbor Day. The 12' Crimson King Maple was planted in the Warren E. Berbit Nature Preserve on Spook Rock Road across the street from the Fant Farm. Mr. Berbit has served as the Village's attorney since its founding in 1986. Montebello is recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City. This nature preserve is dedicated parkland that will never be developed.



FACEBOOK

Montebello is on Facebook. Sign up to get the latest news about urgent and important issues that affect our community. This is also a great way to provide us with visible feedback.

July 2012	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 <i>Village Hall Closed Independence Day</i>	5 <i>Parks Commission 7:30 P.M.</i>	6	7
	8	9	10 <i>Planning Board 7:15 P.M.</i>	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18 <i>Board of Trustees 8:00 P.M.</i>	19 <i>Summer Concert Zoning Board of Appeals 7:45 P.M.</i>	20	21
	22	23	24	25 <i>Historic Preservation Commission 7:00 P.M.</i>	26	27	28
29	30	31 <i>CDRC 9:30 A.M.</i>					

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19	20	21	22 <i>Historic Preservation Comm. 7:00 P.M.</i>	23	24	25	
26	27	28 <i>CDRC 9:30 A.M.</i>	29	30	31		

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	2	3 <i>Village Hall Closed Labor Day</i>	4	5	6 <i>Parks Commission 7:30 P.M.</i>	7	8
	9	10	11 <i>Planning Board 7:15 P.M.</i>	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19 <i>Board of Trustees 8:00 P.M.</i>	20 <i>Zoning Board of Appeals 7:45 P.M.</i>	21	22
23 <i>Montebello Day Noon - 4 p.m.</i>	24	25 <i>CDRC 9:30 A.M.</i>	26 <i>Historic Preservation Comm. 7:00 P.M.</i>	27	28	29	

**ANOTHER
GREAT CLEAN UP
MONTEBELLO DAY**

On April 14th, the Village of Montebello hosted another clean- up day as part of Keep Rockland Beautiful. Citizens pitched in to help clean up the entire village. The weather cooperated and the Village roads are already looking much better. Thank you to the members of the Parks Commission, Clean-Up Rockland, and all the participants!



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