

Village of montebello review

Jeff Oppenheim, Mayor, Lance Millman, Deputy Mayor, Melanie Golden, Stacy Caridi, Steven A. Sorrillo, Trustees



Greetings from the Mayor



There will be no tax increase in Montebello in 2014. We are able to accomplish this feat at a time when it seems that many other municipalities are imposing large property tax increases, many in the double digits. Montebello is different.

Our ability to rein in tax increases is accomplished by very carefully limiting our expenditures. This frugality means that no elected official or appointed member of a Board has received a pay increase in 7 years. Our contracts have been carefully negotiated to minimize annual increases. Many of our projects have been funded by targeted grants. Thus, we are in a better position to deal with no increase in tax revenue.

You might be surprised that we are actually going to see a decline in our total tax levy, in spite of the lack of any change in the tax rate. This will occur because certiorari actions have significantly reduced our total assessed value of real estate by several million dollars. So, we actually have to tighten our belts even more! This means that there can't be any waste in our budget; not one penny.

In just 7 years we will pay off all of our current bonds. In order to minimize the need for future bonds we are increasing the amount of money spent annually on road repaving. Annual upkeep will reduce the chance that a sudden large need will require the purchase of another bond in the next few years.

Limiting expenses is just one side of the budget process. The other side is estimating revenue. Unfortunately, we can't always know with certainty the value of certain revenue lines. For example, our share of the mortgage recording tax and sales tax is dependent on county sales data. Estimating this revenue is akin to making a long-range weather forecast. In order to avoid calamity, we use a very conservative basis for our estimates. In past years, this has enabled us to avoid having unexpected holes in the budget.

Your village is also busy with other headlines that might interest you:

1. Mayer Drive's Speed Hump is coming. The Village Board has approved a speed hump on Mayer Drive following a public hearing. This additional hump, approved by our village engineer, will help calm traffic that has been noted to be speeding in from and towards Route 202.
2. The new Montebello Bridge is going to be built. The Village continues to act as an "alta cocker" to the county to get this project underway. Unfortunately, delays have occurred as multiple agencies (including the DEC, the State Historic Preservation Office, and the Army Corps of Engineers) are required to provide separate approvals, lands must be obtained by eminent domain, and funds must be procured. None of this excuses the county's delay of 2 years but we will continue to press for the completion of this essential project.
3. Street paving projects are completed for the season. In addition to several roads this summer, we repaved Sousa and Grist Mill in November and convinced the County to repave the

Airmont Road overpass on the thruway. The State has also made needed pothole repairs on Route 202.

4. The Village has completed the purchase of houses at 8 and 14 Lake Road. Both houses will be demolished shortly and the land will remain as open, undeveloped parkland. This project is being paid entirely by a grant awarded to the Village of Montebello.



TAX INCREASES EVERYWHERE, BUT NOT HERE!

By Lance N. Millman, Deputy Mayor

Everywhere you look around you, tax rates are increasing. In Rockland County, the Town of Ramapo and almost every other surrounding municipality around us. Everywhere but in your Village!

The Mayor and Village Board have worked very closely with our internal accountants and our Village Clerk to do everything possible to control our expenses and our taxes. This year we have budgeted a zero (-0-) percent tax increase. We have trimmed our cost and have made financial decisions that will keep our Village operating without a tax increase. Of course we have fixed expenses like our garbage removal and our maintenance contracts but when these come up for renewal we will continue to negotiate for the best service and an extremely reasonable rate.

We will continue our long term planning in regards to paving our streets over future years. We have been able to avoid any new funding through bond offerings for our roads. By budgeting each year to fix and maintain the most needed streets, we are able to plan within each year's budget the cost of these paving's and continue to maintain our Village roads.

The one aspect that we have no control is the reduced assessment values that are requested by our commercial and residential properties to the Town of Ramapo. This decision process is totally out of the Village control and we are locked into the final outcomes issued to these properties. The reason this is important to know is that our real estate taxes in Montebello are distributed based on total assessed property values within our village. What this means is that if one commercial or residential property receives a reduced assessment, the other properties within our village must pay higher taxes to reach the same needed revenue that the village receives each year.

The Villages total assessed valuations once again went down this year and if nothing else was done with our budget an increase would have incurred. Through careful evaluation of all of our revenue and expenses, we were able to reduce this increase and come out with a net zero increase.

We will continue to do everything possible to keep our taxes down and to continue to work towards maintaining our Village resident properties and life style that we all cherish.

Have a great Holiday season and very happy and healthy New Year!



From the Desk of the Fire Inspector
Christopher Kear

WOOD STOVES AND FIREPLACES

As the colder seasons are upon us, we will begin to fire up those wood stoves and fireplaces for that little extra heat and of course, ambiance. Since these supplemental heating devices have become more and more common in our homes, we must pay careful attention to safety, so we can minimize their fire hazard.

To Use Them Safely:

- Be sure the fireplace or stove is installed properly. Wood stoves should have an adequate clearance (36") from combustible surfaces and proper floor support and protection.
- Wood stoves should be of good quality, solid construction and design and should be laboratory tested. If you purchase a wood stove second hand, you should have it inspected by a licensed installer.
- Have the chimney inspected and cleaned annually. This should be performed by a licensed contractor.
- Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate a fire.
- Keep a metal or glass screen in front of the opening to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out, unwanted materials from going in, and to help prevent the possibility of burns to occupants; especially children.
- Do not use excessive amounts of paper to build roaring fires. If the chimney or flue has an excessive buildup of creosote, it can ignite and cause a fire within.
- Keep flammable materials away from the fireplace mantel. Especially hanging over. High heat or a spark can ignite these items and cause a fire.
- Always make sure that the damper to the fireplace is open prior to starting a fire.
- Use seasoned wood to burn. Seasoned wood burns more effectively than freshly cut/split wood.
- If you are considering installing a new wood stove or fireplace, a permit from the village is required. Stop by and see us at the village hall!
- If you see a fire in your chimney or flue (more than likely will be fire visible at the top of chimney/flue) or even suspect one; Call 911. Don't wait! Chimney/flue fires have been known to spread to the structure of the home and cause considerable damage.
- Do not store wood up against your home. The wood pile makes a nice home for little critters, snakes and bugs. Keep them away from your home!

Finally:

- Make sure that you have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Plan and practice an escape plan in the event of a fire.
- Fire Hydrants: Do you know where the closet one is to your house? If you do great! If not, find it! And when it snows, please help the fire department out and keep it clear.
- Wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy & Fire Safe holiday season!

PARKS COMMISSION NEWS

By Tony Piazza, Chairman

On October 26th, the Village took the opportunity of formally thanking the three Eagle Scouts and their respective troops for the projects they did which enhanced the Park. Mike Sadowski, Kevin Olsen, and Dan Piccininni all received Certificates of Appreciation from Mayor

Oppenheim in front of a large gathering of Village residents, the Parks Commission and the scout troops and their families.

After the presentation, there was a walk through of the park. All in all it turned out to be a memorable event.

We have now entered our final engineering phase for Kathryn Gorman Ponds Park. Permits have been requested from the DEC and we plan to start construction this spring.

Dredging will commence in two of the ponds and a water shelf will be constructed in one of the ponds. Additionally, chemicals will be added to all of the ponds. Hopefully this will resolve the algae problem we have been experiencing.

This winter the Parks Commission will be debating whether to sponsor a camp out this summer as we have in the past. We did not hold one last year due to lack of participation in the previous two campouts. We would appreciate your comments as to whether or not we should have one this year so please send us a note accordingly.

Lastly, as we work our way through the holidays, we urge all of our residents to be careful and patient. It seems everyone is in a rush this time of year and there are far too many accidents.

We wish all of you a healthy and happy Holiday.

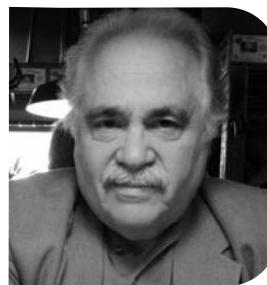
FROM THE DESK OF THE VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER:

Village tax bills will be mailed out before the end of December and are due no later than January 31, 2014. After January 31st penalties will be added each month. If you pay your property taxes through your mortgage company, you will not receive a bill from the Village.

You will receive a receipt upon payment from your bank. Please contact Village Hall with any questions at 368-2211.

Reminder: There is NO PARKING on Village streets from November 1st through April 1st.

On behalf of the staff at Village Hall we wish all of our residents Happy Holidays!



From the Desk of the Village Attorney
Warren E. Berbit

Well, Ol' Man Winter is knocking on the door. Is it me, or is the acceleration of time also an attribute of Global Warming?

Your Legal Department has been extraordinarily busy over the last quarter, with no relief in sight. It was a painstaking process, but we were finally able to take title on November 14th to the homes at 8 and 14 Lake Road which fell prey to flooding caused by Hurricane Irene. As based upon FEMA/HGMP grants and oversight, the homeowners were paid Fair Market Value according to arm's length appraisals. The Village is now overseeing removal of the structures, filling in of the foundations, and restoration of the land to its natural state for the use as open space. The Village's expenses will also be reimbursed under the grant program. While I am pleased that the homeowners were finally able to get closure and a reasonable return on their homes, I am also saddened that they were displaced by the forces of nature coupled with seemingly injudicious development in the Flood Plain approved years ago.

We have begun negotiations on a follow-up Franchise Agreement

with Cablevision, the present Agreement expiring on January 31, 2014. Thus, the time frame is tight for the negotiation process and the required public hearing. In anticipation of the latter, if you have any comments you wish the Village to consider re: service under the present agreement please forward them to the Village Clerk, Debra Mastroeni.

A wholesale re-write of the various scattered provisions in the Village Code pertaining to signs has been undertaken to more logically address the subject in one place, Chapter 143. This effort, initially undertaken by the Village Planner, Robert Geneslaw in conjunction with the Planning Board, also adds detail and clarifies aspects of the Code, especially, for example, re: temporary signs (e.g., for sale, political, and directional signs), signs at commercial sites, shopping centers and on building facades. I expect the public hearing to take place at the January meeting.

New flood maps are being promulgated under FEMA and U.S. Department of Homeland Security. To continue to afford our citizens protection under the NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program) we must update our entire Flood Drainage Prevention Law, Chapter 92, for adoption at a public hearing at the December 18, 2013 meeting. The changes are mostly evolutionary, not revolutionary.

Two projects have required my attention, and will continue to do so. I am involved in the first in my capacity as Village Attorney, and in the second in substituting for the Assistant Village Attorney assigned to the Planning Board because of a potential conflict. Starting with the latter, simpler project from my office's perspective, Executive Enterprises has applied to renew its now expired site plan for two 48,000 S.F. office buildings on Executive Blvd. The only changes pertain to adding a concrete pad adjacent to the Thruway with two diesel generators for emergency power, and to variations in the Phase-In Plan.

The second project is still in its formative stages. It involves the 11 acres at 250 Lafayette Avenue, west of the shopping center on the NW corner of Hemion Road as bounded by Route 59 on the South. This project falls within the Route 59 DD (Development District), an application for which is initially processed by the Village Board. In such a case the Board has creative latitude in helping to forge a mixed use project in that zone. In this case the proposal consists of three uses on the large parcel. Across the front portion, behind a 100' Conservation Easement, a CVS is proposed on the eastern side adjacent to the present shopping center, and a 4,600 S.F. free standing restaurant (or other establishment) on the west (A 50' Conservation Easement protects Tagaste Monestary). Across the rear is an approximately 100,000 S.F. Assisted Living Facility is proposed. (This latter use requires a zone-change, whereas the other two uses do not). The main entrance would be via a light controlled 4-way intersection lining up with the main entrance to Good Samaritan Hospital. The project and the existing shopping center would operate in an integrated fashion, with cross access, parking and utility easements, etc.

Another project initially "heard about in the street", and for which a letter was submitted today (11/20/13), is renewal of the application for a soccer complex on Rella Blvd. replete with outdoor and domed fields. When last dealt with, the Planning Board, acting as a consultative arm to the Village Board, recommended against the project as presented by a vote of 3-2. I do not know whether aspects will be changed to address aspects that were objectionable to a majority of the Planning Board.

There is more to report, but I will defer so I can say a few well deserved words upon the retirement of two village stalwarts who have been with us from, or nearly from, the beginning. John Uricoli has stepped down as an original member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and as Chairman since 1990. John, from all of us, thank you for all you have given and all you have meant to the Village.

We also must bid a fond farewell to Al Rubin, who has served on the

Planning Board for 20 years since 1993, and as a Chairman since July 13, 2003. Al, to you, too, I pass along the gratitude of the entire community for a job extremely well done.

John and Al, it has been an extreme honor and pleasure serving with you all these years! Godspeed and my best to both in the next exciting phases of your lives. (Note: both gentlemen have been presented with Proclamations which more eloquently express our gratitude. Hopefully, the Proclamations will find their way to our website and to the Village Hall walls for viewing by all.)

My best to one and all for a joyous, safe and rewarding holiday season.



From the Desk of the Building Inspector
Lawrence Picarello

The Building Department is in charge of maintaining all of your property records. These include copies of your property survey, any building permit activity and related records, records of any past or present violations, and in most cases construction documents (building plans, septic system locations and layout, footing drain outfall locations, etc.) These records are kept on site, in good order, and are available for viewing at Village Hall. I am available to review your survey and property file if you're thinking of buying, selling, or adding on to an existing dwelling. The survey will show any easements or restrictions, property lines, and in most cases distances from the structures to property lines.

A note of thanks to Al Rubin for his many years of service as Chairman of the Village Planning Board is in order. As a building official, I've had the opportunity to work with many land use boards in different municipalities, some good, some less so. The Village is truly fortunate to have such dedicated, well-prepared and responsive land use boards- these boards are charged with the very important job that sets the tone, the look, the feel, and ultimately maintain the high property values in the Village. Thank you, Mr. Rubin!



THE BUDGET PROCESS
By Stacy Caridi, Trustee

The budget of the Village of Montebello doesn't sound like a terribly interesting topic, but there are a number of highlights to our budgeting process that are worthy of your interest. Our process is fully transparent, audited and reviewed by legal counsel. The careful review by the Village Board and a public hearing ensure that as many opinions are incorporated as possible.

The Village's budget reflects the priorities of the Village Board. The Mayor annually offers an initial budget proposal to the Board. This proposal is then discussed at a public workshop attended by the Village's financial consultant, attorney and Clerk/Treasurer. Each line item is reviewed and discussed. The changes produced at the workshop are then incorporated into the proposed budget, which is discussed at a public hearing in November. The hearing allows the public to offer comments. The Board is given a final opportunity to revise the budget before making a final approval and setting the official tax levy and tax rate.

This year, the Village Board approved a budget that does not increase taxes. Montebello may be one of the only municipalities in Rockland that is not raising taxes. If only leaders at the Town, County, State and Federal Government would take a look at how we are able to effectively and efficiently manage our resources in a cost effective and environmentally sensitive manner. Perhaps they don't

understand what it means to the average citizen to see huge increases in taxes, tolls and user fees.

Montebello is still operating with an annual surplus. But we won't waste your tax dollars on foolish projects. Our budget is very frugal. Yet we also won't let our Village decay. We are planning to increase the amount of money spent on road repaving. Our budget reflects an overall plan to repave approximately 5% of our roads each year, making it possible to repave all our roads over a 20-year period.

We are also interested in keeping our Village clean. For several years we have employed a part time worker (Frank) who spends afternoons, evenings and weekends picking up litter along our streets. As a consequence of his diligent work, our roads have never looked better. The cost of this program is small relative to the benefit of having an unsightly village. We even extend Franks work to keeping the Airmont Road thruway overpass free of weeds and litter, though this isn't even our road. We want people to see a clean gateway as they enter the Village of Montebello.

Our budget is frugal on pay increases. Our village vehicles are quite old, but still work. Our appointed and elected officials serve with nominal stipends that have not been increased in 7 years. No money should be wasted. Importantly, we have not issued any bonds in years and our plan is to have all our current bonds repaid in 7 years. At that point the village should have no debt at all.

These are all substantial reasons that Montebello property values are rising faster than most of the other municipalities in Rockland. Our fiscal responsibility may be boring, but that is what we really want: A government that the newspapers don't write about because everything is going well. We are happy to be able to provide a bit of boredom in that regard!



STORM HARDENING

We are pleased to report that Orange and Rockland will begin a storm hardening program in Montebello in the next month. This project will feature the burial of a main electric line along Montebello Road from Spook Rock Road almost to River Road. With this major electric line being buried there

should be fewer electrical outages in the village. More than 1,000 homes in Montebello will benefit by this project. The project should be completed in the spring.

This project comes on the heels of another relevant project in which new feeder lines were brought into Montebello along Viola Road to serve as an alternate source of electricity if Village residents were to lose power. These new power lines required the removal of many trees on Viola Road, which understandably upset some residents. Although tree preservation is an important goal of our village government, it is also important to recognize the significance of minimizing the risk and severity of blackouts.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Steven Beldock has been appointed as a member of the Montebello Planning Board and Scott Goldstein is the newest member of our Zoning Board of Appeals. Both Scott and Steven are attorneys and we are delighted that they have agreed to serve our village.



SCOUT APPRECIATION DAY

The Village of Montebello was honored to have three Eagle Scout projects completed in the Kathryn Gorman Ponds Park. We celebrated by honoring the scouts and having them lead

us on a tour through the park. The projects included a new hiking trail built by Michael Sadowski, restoration of a picnic table and benches by Dan Piccininni, and botanical markers installed by Kevin Olsen.

MONTEBELLO DAY

Another beautiful Montebello Day was held on September 22. Thanks go to Deputy Mayor Lance Millman and Trustee Stacy Caridi for organizing this wonderful event.



Thanks also to the vendors, firemen, police and everyone who helped make the day so much fun. Musicians John Moroski and Neil Goldstein were fantastic and generous in performing for our village.



THANK YOU TO CHAIRMEN URCIOLI AND RUBIN

The chairmen of both the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeal have retired from service to the Village of Montebello. Al Rubin served as a member of the Planning Board for 20 years and as the Chairman for 10 years. John Urcioli was a member and the Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals since its inception in July 1987. We thank both these dedicated Montebello citizens for their years of selfless hard work on behalf of our community.

MONTEBELLO'S TREE LAW DECLARED CONSTITUTIONAL

Montebello's tree law has been ruled constitutional by a state appellate panel, which overruled a Ramapo justice. The Appellate Division found that Ramapo Justice Rhoda Schoenberger was wrong based on the law when she found Montebello's Tree Preservation and Landscape Maintenance Law unconstitutional in February 2012. Since that time the Village created its own Court and all future cases will be prosecuted in the Village Court, rather than in Ramapo.



TREE CITY USA

The Village Code allows unlimited removal of small trees (less than 4 inches or more in caliper at the point of maximum width measured 4 feet from the ground), unlimited pruning, and unlimited removal of dead trees but caps the cutting or removal of not more than one tree per 10,000 square feet of lot area during any two-year period. Requests to remove a larger number of trees require the Planning Board's approval. Please request a permit from Village Hall before cutting trees, except in cases of emergency, and, even then, please take photographs to prove that an emergency existed. If you have questions about the tree law please call village hall.



HISTORIC MONTEBELLO

The Conklin-Sherwood House at 1 Copeland Drive is a good example of a prosperous farmhouse from the rural period that would end up becoming a country retreat. The Conklin Family genealogy states that the land

was bought from the Indians in 1750. Not far from here, across Haverstraw Road, is a small graveyard with a number of headstones attesting to the Conklin's early settlement of this area. Historian Clair Tholl dated portions of the house to c.1778.

The house remained in the family through at least 1876 and was owned for a time by J. D. Wanamaker. George P. Day, a New York banker who started the Yale University Press and became the treasurer for Yale University was the next owner.

In 1916 Dr. Royal S. Copeland, bought the farm, which he called "Dexter Manor" after the town in Michigan where he was born. Copeland's successful career included the position of Dean of New York Flower Hospital Medical College, appointment as the New York City Commissioner of Public Health and election to the presidency of the New York Board of Health in 1918 and election to the U.S. Senate in 1922, re-elected in 1928 & 1934. The houses at numbers 2 and 4 Copeland Drive, located to the south and across Copeland Drive from the farmhouse, were associated with the Sherwood farmstead.

"WHAT HAPPENED HERE?"

By Lisa Levin

Historic Preservation Commission

Have you ever wondered about the history of your home? Knowing the "who" and "what" of your historic property can paint a compelling picture of what makes both your home and property unique. Whether it is a significant local (or national) event, an important architect, a famous former owner, or simply a sequence of "ordinary" families that cared for the property, the stories that can be discovered are unquestionably valuable. Discovering a property's timeline is also not limited to those with extant historic homes; owners of newer homes can discover what once existed on their property, creating their own link to the past. With over 300 historic (defined as at least fifty years old) and architecturally significant homes in Montebello, in an area whose history reaches back to the 18th century, the secrets hidden in the timeline of each of these properties are limitless. Investigating your home's history is a fascinating journey into the past. Giving names and, possibly, faces to the former caretakers of your property creates a tangible link to those who lived within the same walls.

Knowing where to start can be daunting. A thorough on-site investigation of your house and property offers a fun first step and can reveal important clues to your home's history and provide direction as to the next logical step of discovery. Studying historic maps of the local area can also be a key step to an investigation of a historic property. Local maps, drawn as early as 1778, depict key sites in Ramapo and also show the properties of early residents. Historic maps of Ramapo can easily be sourced on the Internet (www.historicmapworks.com, www.mapstotreasure.com, www.historicaerials.com, etc.) and downloaded (usually for a fee) or purchased. The Historical Society of Rockland County (HSRC) in New City boasts a comprehensive collection of historic maps of Rockland County. The HSRC also holds a large collection of historic photographs and many other local history resources. Another great resource is the Ramapo Room at The Suffern Free Library, which features a collection of local history books, historic newspapers, maps, census

information, city directories and historic photographs of the area. Historic photographs of Ramapo can also be accessed online via the Hudson River Valley Heritage website (www.hrvh.org).

Chain of Title searches offer great insight into the evolution of your historic home and property, providing the names and dates of previous owners of your property. Chain of Title searches can be done at the Rockland County Clerk's office in New City. Other useful property research documents can be found at the Rockland County Archives in Pomona, which not only holds deed information dating from 1798 to the present, but also houses wills, maps, and census data.

Property history research has become a powerful tool in real estate, selling properties on the unique nature of each story. Sotheby's International Realty has indentified the significance of just how marketable a property's history can be and recently launched a new specialty listing website to its brand for historic properties – www.HistoricpropertySIR.com. Capitalizing on this niche is indicative of just how captivating a home's history can be to motivate the right buyer to become the next chapter in a property's story. Although a momentous event or a famous former owner is an exciting possibility, more often than not, properties tend to have a more mundane history. However, the history of a property doesn't necessarily have to be "famous" (or infamous) to generate interest and make your property more marketable to a potential buyer.

Once you have discovered the great story of your historic property, a logical next step to preserve its heritage would be to designate your home. Studies show that designated historic properties enjoy an increased value (often between 5 and 20 percent higher than non-designated historic properties), since designation and inclusion on a local or national register is an acknowledgement of the importance of that property to the larger community. Designating a home as historic can also yield potential Village tax benefits. If you have a historic home and would like more information about Historic Designation for your property, please call Montebello Village Hall at 845-368-2211 or stop by to pick up a "Request for Evaluation" application. If you are curious about the variety of historic properties in Montebello, you can also pick up a copy of the "Village of Montebello's Historic Resource Survey" at Village Hall.



CITIZEN RADIATION MONITORING STATION

Another first for Montebello! We are establishing the first Citizen Radiation Monitoring Station in the region. A newly-announced project is capturing minute-by-minute radiation levels in the air, using a hand-sized radiation counter. The Radiation and Public Health Project (RPHP) research group is hooking up counters to computers in local homes and offices, in all directions from the Indian Point nuclear plant. Montebello Village Hall will serve as one of these stations.

Thus far, levels of natural radiation have been identified - and so have some unusual "spikes" that may represent hazardous emissions from Indian Point. The information will be reported to the public and to officials, as discussion over the proposal to allow Indian Point to operate another 20 years goes on. RPHP is encouraging citizens - who need not do more than just turn on the counter each day - to participate.

PLANNING BOARD

Joon Management—Public Hearing Fant Farm Subdivision

Application of Joon Management, 130 East Route 59, Spring Valley, New York 10977, for Approval of an Amended Final Subdivision in order to combine Lot 17 & 18 into one lot and create a new Lot in between Lot 10 and 11, of the Fant Farm Subdivision. The subject property is located on the westerly side of Spook Rock Road approximately 800 feet of the intersection of Carlton Road in the Village of Montebello, which is known and designated on the Ramapo Tax Map

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as Section 49.17, Block 1, Lot 2.1 in a ER-80 [Rural Preservation Overlay] Zone.

The application was approved by the Planning Board at the September 10, 2013 meeting.

**Congregation Shaarey Israel
Preliminary and Final Subdivision—Lot Line Removal—Re-Approval**

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 November 12, 2013 meeting.

**Executive Enterprises G.P.—Public Hearing
Site Plan—Re-Approval
9 Executive Boulevard**

Application of Executive Enterprises G.P. for re-approval of an expired, revised site plan entitled "Executive Enterprises G.P.", site plan dated 5/16/07 latest revision date of 10/17/13. The site plan approved the construction on the 5.59 acre undeveloped parcel on the south side of Executive Boulevard for two separate four story office buildings each with 48,000 square feet for a total floor area of 96,000 square feet, which was submitted to the Village of Montebello Planning Board. The revision adds two diesel powered generators on an eight (8)' X thirty-four (34)' concrete pad, along the southerly boundary with the New York State Thruway. The revision also adds phasing options. The Property which is known and designated on the Ramapo Tax Map as Section 55.07, Block 1, Lot 9 in a LO Zone.

The application is currently before the December Planning Board.

**Storage Post Self Storage –Public Hearing
Architectural Review-Sign Permit
2 Dunnigan Drive**

Application of Storage Post Self Storage facility located on 2 Dunnigan Drive, Montebello, New York, for Architectural Review, Approval of Proposed New Façade Colors and a Sign Permit. The property is located on the north side of Dunnigan Drive, approximately zero feet west of the intersection of North Airmont Road in the Village of Montebello, which is known and designated on the Ramapo Tax Map as Section 55.07, Block 1, Lot 13 in a P-I Zone.

The application is currently before the December Planning Board.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

**Executive Enterprises GP
9 Executive Boulevard
Public Hearing**

Application of Executive Enterprises GP, 9 Executive Boulevard, Montebello, New York, 10901 which was submitted to the Village of Montebello Zoning Board of Appeals for Area Variances; Front Yard column 5 [Required: 15Feet; Proposed: 13Feet]; Side Yard column 8 [Required: 30Feet; Proposed: 9Feet]; Rear Yard column 10 [Required: 30Feet; Proposed: 6Feet]; Maximum Height column 12 [Required: 35feet; Proposed: 45Feet] from requirement of the Bulk Table, Section 195-13, of the Zoning Code of the Village of Montebello to permit construction, maintenance, and use of two 48,000 square foot office buildings. The total acreage for the parcel is 5.59 acres. The property is located on the south side of Executive Boulevard, approximately 1,500 feet west of the intersection of North Airmont Road in the Village of Montebello, which is known and designated on the Ramapo Tax Map as Section 55.07, Block 1, Lot 9 in an LO Zone.

The application is currently before the December Zoning Board of Appeals Board.



News from New Orleans
By Melanie Golden, Trustee

I had the opportunity to join my husband at the American Dental Association meeting in New Orleans last month volunteering in a Mission of Mercy providing free dental services for the underserved. Mardi Gras World was turned into a dental clinic that would serve almost 1000 patients in one day! But more on that later...

The convention opened with an impassioned address by President Bill Clinton who hit on a wide range of issues including humanitarianism, education, poverty, healthcare, and the efforts of the Clinton Global Initiative. A main message was the importance of charitable work locally and globally to alleviate the negative effects of inequality.

President Clinton also focused on current congressional gridlock and the inability of the government to function effectively. All sides spend too much time focused on problems and differences, and not enough time talking or working together to forge difficult solutions. Here in Montebello, our Board may have different political views and social opinions but we take pride in working together to find and implement the best solutions. Whether governing a small municipality or a large country, Clinton emphasized that nothing good comes when you don't talk and work together despite differences.

Now back to Mardi Gras World...

The convention ended with the daylong Mission of Mercy where general dentists, specialists, dental assistants, and the public at large volunteered so that almost 1000 adults and children could get much needed cleanings, fillings, extractions, root canals and even dentures. People began waiting at 5:00 PM the night before in order to get treatment the next morning. With three others, I was responsible for the waiting area and moving people from triage and x-ray to their specific areas for dental work accompanied by a patient ambassador. X-ray machines broke; at one point all the x-ray printers failed; and, most patients waited hours due to the huge turnout before I could move them on. What struck me most was, despite all the inconveniences, these patients were incredibly appreciative and kind. They were so happy to get a health service that they could not otherwise afford. I listened to stories of people who had been in pain for years or had not had a good night sleep for months due to dental pain. While it broke my heart, I also felt such a sense of purpose and fulfillment that I, along with over 1000 other volunteers, was making a difference in the lives of these patients. It brought me back to the first morning of the convention...back to President Clinton... when he said, "Humanitarianism fills the gap between what the private sector can do and the public sector can provide."

There is a New York State Mission of Mercy on 6/12-6/15 at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy. To volunteer on any day (no dental experience necessary) go to www.nysdentalfoundation.org. Feel free to contact me if you have questions or you want to organize local carpools. Wishing you and your family a happy and healthy New Year.

THANK YOU!

The Village is fortunate to have so many people willing to donate their time and effort to make this a nice place to live. Izzy Castiglia from Bellville Landscaping, donated his services in the construction of our Rain Garden, for the expansion of the Community Garden, and for numerous projects in the Gorman Ponds Park. The ladies from the Ramapo Garden Club have annually decorated Village Hall for the holidays. The Village is deeply appreciative of their time and efforts.

JANUARY 2014	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>New Year's Day</i> <i>Village Hall Closed</i>	2	3	4
	5	6	7 <i>Planning Board Workshop</i> <i>7:00 P.M.</i>	8	9 <i>Parks Commission</i> <i>7:30 P.M.</i>	10	11
	12	13	14 <i>Planning Board</i> <i>7:15 P.M.</i>	15 <i>Board of Trustees</i> <i>8:00 P.M.</i>	16 <i>Zoning Board of Appeals</i> <i>7:45 P.M.</i>	17	18
	19	20 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> <i>Village Hall Closed</i>	21	22 <i>Historic Preservation Commission</i> <i>7:00 P.M.</i>	23	24	25
26	27	28 <i>CDRC</i> <i>9:30 A.M.</i>	29	30	31		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	FEBRUARY 2014
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2	3	4	5	6 <i>Parks Commission</i> <i>7:30 P.M.</i>	7	8	
9	10	11 <i>Planning Board</i> <i>7:15 P.M.</i>	12	13	14	15	
16	17 <i>President's Day</i> <i>Village Hall Closed</i>	18	19 <i>Board of Trustees</i> <i>8:00 P.M.</i>	20 <i>Zoning Board of Appeals</i> <i>7:45 P.M.</i>	21	22	
23	24	25 <i>CDRC</i> <i>9:30 A.M.</i>	26 <i>Historic Preservation Commission</i> <i>7:00 P.M.</i>	27	28		

MARCH 2014	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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FREE THINGS!

The Village provides free notary services to residents
at Village Hall during office hours.

Free recycling bins are also available at Village Hall.

Use of our Tot Lot playground and the Gorman Ponds Park is free to all.

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