



# VILLAGE OF STAMFORD



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## Where Does Your Drinking Water Come From?

In our last Village of Stamford (VOS) Newsletter, I mentioned that we would be switching our drinking water source from the Kelly Well House to the Taylor Reservoir. During the warmer months, from mid-April until the end of November, our water is sourced from the Kelly Well just outside of the village limits. This well has proved to be an abundant source of fresh drinking water for the village. Within the past few years, we have replaced both of the well pumps, installed Variable Frequency Drives (VFD's) on the pumps to conserve energy while maintaining the water level in the tank on Kirkner Hill, updated the electrical system and the chemical feed system at the Well House. We are now in a situation where we have back-up components for the back-up components, in other words, the well house is currently up to date mechanically, more so than it has been in many years. Within the next few years as we progress through our upcoming Water System Project, we will be connecting all of the controls at the Well House to the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) control system located at our Water Filtration Plant with a fiber-optic cable. This strategy enables us to use one SCADA system to monitor and control both the Well House and the Filtration Plant, thus saving roughly \$50,000.00 of initial

expense for a second system as well as tens of thousands more on the annual maintenance fees and software fees that would otherwise be necessary to maintain two systems and substantially lessening the glitches that regularly occur when switching from one system to the other bi-annually.

There have been years that we used water exclusively from the Kelly Well since at the time our filtration plant needed repairs and updates to the operating system. Specifically, we needed to repair the "Air Lifts," "Sand Filters," pumps, chemical feed pumps and as I mentioned, update the control system from the Sensaphone system to the new SCADA System. Again over the past few years, we have renovated the water filtration plant to a point where it is in excellent condition and better than it has ever been particularly due to the addition of the SCADA System.

A few days ago, Joe Hornbeck, two representatives from the DEP and I took a trudge through about 10" of snow up to and around the Taylor Reservoir. The Taylor Reservoir, also located just outside of the village, is our primary source of drinking water. Interestingly enough the watershed that feeds the Taylor Reservoir is also truly the headwaters of the West Branch of the Delaware River. On this particular day there was a pristine snow

cover and a thin sheet of frazzle ice covering the lake which presented a staggeringly beautiful winter scene. My estimations here, the lake stretches roughly 400 feet wide at the Dam and is about a quarter mile in length. The dam itself has been well maintained and has a significant cover of stone riprap to keep trees and scrub from growing on the face. From a system of pipes and valves at the reservoir, the water is piped underground and gravity fed through an 8" and a 10" pipe which run parallel for more than a mile to the filtration plant where it is filtered and treated. Once treated the now potable water is pumped into our delivery system and piped throughout the village and to our storage tank on Kirkner Hill which maintains "Head Pressure" on the system.

A daunting task, this entire system is operated and maintained by Joe Hornbeck and our Village Crew, and our operators, Ralph Rossi and Lucas Flachs from Cedarwood Engineering. So when you see our Village Crew out digging up the street, getting soaked to the bone in freezing weather, and under difficult conditions fixing a burst water main, please remember to thank them for all that they do and, of course, please bear with us through any inconveniences that you experience.

John J. Bonhotal, VOS Deputy Mayor/Trustee

### Ice Skating Rink Update

Volunteers are needed to help assemble the skating rink at the South Street basketball court on Saturday, Jan. 7, at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome! We need people to assemble the side panels and brackets, hold the liner in place when members of the Stamford Rural Fire

District begin to fill the rink, and then add kick plates and bumper caps. Four days and nights

below 32 degrees is necessary for the rink to freeze. It should be ready to open Monday, Jan. 16, Martin Luther King Day, when skates will be on loan for the season. Since the weather is really in charge of this endeavor, everything is subject to change, so check the skating rink Facebook page (Stamford Village Ice Rink) for updates.



### FIRE INSPECTIONS PENDING

Code Enforcement Officer Tomi Tompkins will begin his annual fire inspections shortly. Please be patient while he conducts his inspections of the village apartment buildings and businesses. He will continue to work on building per-

mits and keep track of projects in progress as well. Although, his office hours might be currently limited, don't worry, he will make time for you! If you need to make an appointment call (607) 267-3767. Please Note: Fire In-

spections are usually done without notice, however we will make every attempt possible to contact the owner prior to the inspection. Thank you!

### SCADA SYSTEM UPDATE

At the Water Filter Plant on December 13, 2016 at 9:15AM, the SCADA system was brought online. [SCADA (Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition) is a system for remote monitoring and control that operates with coded signals over communication channels (using typically one communication channel per remote station)]. The SCADA system has been

working very well without any hiccups. The ability to make easier adjustments has been very beneficial. The remote control access on the laptops and cell phones has made monitoring the alarms very easy, which in turn will give us better quality water and a more reliable drinking water system. With this new system in place, emergencies can be handled quicker and more

efficiently, which should make for a smoother running Filter Plant all the way around.



## Comprehensive Plan Update

The Village of Stamford Comprehensive Plan Committee has jumped right into their work to develop a new comprehensive plan for the Village. Working with their consultant, Nan Stolzenburg, the group has been meeting to go through the first of three phases of the project: to inventory and describe all the cultural, public service, environmental, recreational, and municipal resources in the Village. We have already generated an initial list of strengths and weaknesses in the Village that the new plan should address and have made great progress on developing an inventory and profile of the Village. In addition to this data collection, the Committee has developed a public input plan to involve our community in the process.

Public input is one of the most important steps in developing a comprehensive plan. Early winter will bring a flurry of opportunities for the public to become involved. In early January, a joint meeting of the Village Board, Planning Board, ZBA, and other village committees will be held and facilitated by our consultant. On February 13, we will hold focus group meetings (at Village Hall). Three different sessions will take place and will include Business/Hospitality/Economic Development, Outdoor Recreation and Real Estate/Housing topics. These meetings will be a chance to discuss, by topic, the related issues and topics in-depth. The steering committee will be identifying people who will be invited to attend those meetings.

In March, there will be a public planning workshop held at the School. This will be a chance for all residents and landowners to come to discuss what they feel are Village issues and needs that should be addressed in the new plan. That meeting will also be important so that we can develop a long-term vision statement and goals. Stay tuned for the date and time for that meeting. And after the steering committee has had a chance to organize this input, we will be developing a community-wide survey to follow up with all residents and landowners.

The Steering Committee meets on the second Monday of each Month.



## Local Law Number 6 of 2016 Amending the Water Law

Be it enacted by the Village of Stamford as follows:

§ 1 – Amendment to Confirm Fee For Re-Establishing Water Service.

Section 1 (“General Rules”), Subsection B of Local Law No. 1 of 1995 (as amended by subsequent local laws) is hereby amended as follows:

(B) Discontinuance of service for non-payment. All bills are due and payable, net cash, within 30 days after rendition. In case any water bill or charges provided for in and by these

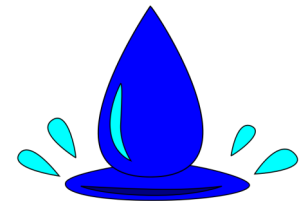
rules shall not have been paid within 60 days following the rendering of the bill, the Village may discontinue water service to the customer, and service will not be reinstated until the water charges are fully paid. Additionally, the resident will be charged a fee of \$50.00 for suspension and recommencing of water service (\$25.00 for each). Moreover, an extra \$50.00 fee will be charged for reestablishing a service connection after 4:30 PM, as well as on weekends and holidays. These fees must be paid prior to restoring services.

§ 2 - Severability.

If any provisions of this local law is held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of the local law shall remain in effect.

§ 3- Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.



## LIFEGUARDS NEEDED!

Interested in Lifeguarding this coming summer?

Now is the time to consider getting your certification for lifeguarding. There are many places that offer lifeguarding courses as well as water safety instructor courses. Such as the Arkville Community Cen-

ter, The YMCA, SUNY Colleges, and so on.

It’s never too early to hand in your application. (Courses need to be completed by June 1st, 2017) Must be 15 years or older. Anyone having a WSI certification will receive a pay differential. Applications

will be accepted through April 14th !

If you have any questions please feel free to call Josh Burroughs or Nancy Milea. Thank you!



## VILLAGE OF STAMFORD

The Village of Stamford is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Complaints of discrimination may be filed with:

USDA Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Ave. Washington, DC 20250 or call 800-795-3272 or TDD 202-720-6382

### “Queen of the Catskills”



### Village Hall Hours:

Monday - Friday

9:00AM - 4:30PM

Closed Holidays, Open Thru Lunchtime

(Payments can be left in the outside drop box at anytime!)

*[Street Parking with Handicap Access at the rear of the Building]*

### Village Crew Hours:

*[All water emergency calls should be directed to Joe Hornbeck at (607)221-7411]*

June - August

Monday - Friday

6:00AM - 2:30PM

September - May

Monday - Friday

7:00AM - 3:30PM

Make your **Water, Sewer, and Tax** payments on our Website at [www.stamfordny.com](http://www.stamfordny.com)

**\*\* Please be advised that our payment center does not work with Firefox Browser \*\***

## States' Animal Cruelty Statutes (STATE OF NEW YORK)

§ 353-b. Appropriate shelter for dogs left outdoors

1. For purposes of this section: (a) "Physical condition" shall include any special medical needs of a dog due to disease, illness, injury, age or breed about which the owner or person with custody or control of the dog should reasonably be aware. (b) "Inclement weather" shall mean weather conditions that are likely to adversely affect the health or safety of the dog, including but not limited to rain, sleet, ice, snow, wind, or extreme heat and cold. (c) "Dogs that are left outdoors" shall mean dogs that are outdoors in inclement weather without ready access to, or the ability to enter, a house, apartment building, office building, or any other permanent structure that complies with the standards enumerated in paragraph (b) of subdivision three of this section.

2. (a) Any person who owns or has custody or control of a dog that is left outdoors shall provide it with shelter appropriate to its breed, physical condition and the climate. Any person who knowingly violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation, punishable by a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for a first offense, and a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two hundred fifty dollars for a second and subsequent offenses. Beginning seventy-two hours after a charge of violating this section, each day that a defendant fails to correct the deficiencies in the dog shelter for a dog that he or she owns or that is

in his or her custody or control and that is left outdoors, so as to bring it into compliance with the provisions of this section shall constitute a separate offense. (b) The court may, in its discretion, reduce the amount of any fine imposed for a violation of this section by the amount which the defendant proves he or she has spent providing a dog shelter or this paragraph shall prevent the seizure of a dog for a violation of this section pursuant to the authority granted in this article.

3. Minimum standards for determining whether shelter is appropriate to a dog's breed, physical condition and the climate shall include: (a) For dogs that are restrained in any manner outdoors, shade by natural or artificial means to protect the dog from direct sunlight at all times when exposure to sunlight is likely to threaten the health of the dog. (b) For all dogs that are left outdoors in inclement weather, a housing facility, which must: (1) have a waterproof roof; (2) be structurally sound with insulation appropriate to local climatic conditions and sufficient to protect the dog from inclement weather; (3) be constructed to allow each dog adequate freedom of movement to make normal postural adjustments, including the ability to stand up, turn around and lie down with its limbs outstretched; and (4) allow for effective removal of excretions, other waste material, dirt and trash. The housing facility and the area immediately surrounding it shall be regularly cleaned to maintain a healthy and sanitary environment and to minimize health

hazards.

4. Inadequate shelter may be indicated by the appearance of the housing facility itself, including but not limited to, size, structural soundness, evidence of crowding within the housing facility, healthful environment in the area immediately surrounding such facility, or by the appearance or physical condition of the dog.

5. Upon a finding of any violation of this section, any dog or dogs seized pursuant to the provisions of this article that have not been voluntarily surrendered by the owner or custodian or forfeited pursuant to court order shall be returned to the owner or custodian only upon proof that appropriate shelter as required by this section is being provided.

6. Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any protections afforded to dogs or other animals under any other provisions of this article.

