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- 24-hour notice requested!

## FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

As we head into the final months of 2024, I want to take a moment to reflect on the year we've had and look forward to all the exciting events we have scheduled in our town.

Our Stony Point **PAL Trunk or Treat and Drive-In Movie** event on October 25th is a wonderful opportunity for families to come together and celebrate the season. I encourage everyone to join us for an evening of fun and community spirit. The **Light Up Stony Point Holiday Parade**, scheduled for December 6th, has quickly become one of my favorite traditions. It's a time for us to celebrate the holiday season with friends and neighbors, and I look forward to seeing many of you there. Stay tuned for more details!



As we have done every year, we came together for our annual **9/11 Candlelight Ceremony** to honor and remember those we lost. I want to express my sincere appreciation to the *Wayne Hose Fire Company*, *Stony Point Police Department*, and the *Stony Point Ambulance Corps* for their continued participation. I would also like to thank our local *Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops* for their involvement. Although these Scouts were not yet born on that tragic day, their presence at the ceremony is a poignant reminder of the importance of passing on the memory and significance of 9/11 to future

generations. Their participation ensures that we never forget and continues to instill the values of honor, respect, and remembrance in our young people.

We remain engaged with our contacts on the CHPE project and are committed to providing the latest updates to our community. Please see the article on page 3 for more detailed information.

Lastly, as Election Day approaches, I encourage residents to stay informed about the issues on the ballot. The Rose Memorial Library proposition is particularly significant, and I hope everyone takes the time to read through the information provided on page 2 to understand its impact on our community.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in making Stony Point a wonderful place to live. Let's make the final months of 2024 some of our best yet! ■

Warm regards,  
Jim Monaghan, Stony Point Town Supervisor

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# A Message from the Supervisor Regarding the Proposed Rose Memorial Library Funding Increase

As your Town Supervisor, I want to ensure that residents have a clear understanding of the implications of the proposed increase in funding for the Rose Memorial Library. This significant funding request, which will appear as a referendum on the upcoming election ballot, could lead to a notable increase in your Town taxes.

## The referendum will read:

**“SHALL THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF STONY POINT FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE ROSE MEMORIAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION BE INCREASED BY \$1,100,000 TO THE SUM OF \$1,425,000 ANNUALLY?”**

To put this into context, a “YES” vote would support increasing the library’s budget from its current \$325,000 to \$1,425,000—a substantial rise. A “NO” vote would be a vote against the budget increase.

The library has expressed that these funds are necessary to demolish the existing building and construct a new 10,000 square foot facility on the .23 acre parcel at 79 E. Main Street. However, no plans have been submitted to the Town Building Department or land use boards regarding the proposed construction. Given the Town’s current zoning laws, the proposed structure would require multiple approvals and variances, as it does not meet the existing requirements for a building of this size.



## For example:

- Current zoning code requires a 2-acre lot and 100-foot setbacks to build a 10,000 square foot building.
- A 10,000 square foot building also requires about 65 parking spaces. The library currently has extremely limited parking and is intending to rely on the use of municipal parking lots on East Main Street and 9W.

A decision that permits a 10,000 square foot building on .23 of an acre may establish precedent for future building applications in our town. If the increase to the library budget is approved and the new building cannot be constructed as planned, the law will still require the Town to fund the library budget increase (an additional \$1.1 million) every year unless and until another petition is submitted and approved to modify the budget amount.

## Here is an example of the financial impact of this proposal to homeowners, based on an assessed value of \$65,000:

- Homeowners in the Rose Memorial District would see a 166% increase in library taxes, raising their total annual library tax from \$90 to \$234.
- Homeowners in the Tomkins Cove District (who currently pay for two libraries) would see a 25% increase, raising their total annual library tax from \$590 to \$740.

I want to acknowledge that **Alice Meacham**, the Library Director, and the staff at Rose Memorial Library have done an excellent job providing valuable programs for both children and adults. While I understand the library’s desire to expand and enhance its services, I believe it is equally important that taxpayers have a full understanding of the fiscal impact before casting their vote.

Please take the time to review this information carefully and consider how it may affect you and the community as a whole. ■

# Tomkins Cove Library Building Celebrates 150 Years

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to the newly formed library district. Since then, it has been known as the Tomkins Cove Public Library, serving as a gathering place and resource for the community for decades.

Today, the library continues to honor its past while serving as a vibrant part of the community. Those attending the anniversary celebration were treated to a bit of history and a lot of memories. As they looked around, they could still see the original blackboards and hear stories about how the school bell, still housed in the cupola, was once rung by the principal or caretaker each morning. Many shared memories of cutting through the woods from Buckberg Mountain to reach the schoolhouse, now a cherished local landmark.

Happy 150th Birthday to this historic Tomkins Cove building! Here’s to many more years of bringing the community together and celebrating our shared history. ■



Stony Point Town Historian Brad Conklin (dressed as Calvin Tomkins) along with former teacher Nina Johnson.



# Highway & Parks Dept.

FROM THE DESK OF  
Karl Javenes, Superintendent of Highways

## Latest Developments from the Highway and Buildings & Grounds

As we enter the fall season, the Highway and Parks Department is here to assist with your seasonal clean-up and prepare for the winter months ahead. Below are some important reminders and services available to our residents.

### Fall Clean-Up Services

Biodegradable bags for leaf collection are available at the Highway Department garage, located at 15 Rose Street, through the months of October and November.

**Bags can be picked up during business hours:**

- Monday–Friday: 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Saturday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Please remember that these bags are for leaves and small twigs only—no dirt, rocks, or mulch. Each bag should not weigh over 50 lbs. Once filled, you can have the Highway Department pick up your bagged leaves by calling or emailing to make arrangements. You can also

drop off bagged leaves at the garage during normal business hours.

As part of your fall clean-up, we ask that all residents trim vegetation at least 3 feet off the roadway to facilitate snow removal and maintain safety.

### Bulk Item Pick-Up

The Highway Department picks up bulk items such as furniture, mattresses, appliances, and metal items. For a detailed list of what items are eligible for pick-up, please visit the Highway Department page on our website: [www.townofstonypoint.org/departments/highway-department](http://www.townofstonypoint.org/departments/highway-department)

### Driveway Expansion Permits

**We have noticed a recent increase in driveway expansions throughout town.**

If you are considering expanding the width of your driveway, please note that a permit is required. Contact the Highway Department for more information on obtaining the necessary permits and approvals.

### Winter Parking Reminder

As we approach the late fall and winter months, please remember that overnight parking is prohibited on town roads from November 1 through March 31. Additionally, we ask that residents avoid parking on the streets during snow events. Keeping the roadways clear of parked vehicles helps our department effectively manage snow and ice removal during storms.

We appreciate your cooperation and wish everyone a safe and pleasant fall season! ■

15 Rose Street, Stony Point, NY 10980  
Phone: 845-786-2300

E-mail: [highway@townofstonypoint.org](mailto:highway@townofstonypoint.org)

Hours: Monday–Friday 7:00 am–3:30 pm

Saturday 9 am–1 pm (except holidays)

## CHPE Opens Local Office to Address Questions and Concerns

Residents with questions or concerns about the CHPE project construction are encouraged to visit the newly opened local office at 1 Railroad Square, Haverstraw, NY. The office is staffed with friendly and knowledgeable team members ready to assist you. Office hours are 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday. (Please note they are closed for lunch from 12pm–1pm.) Residents can also call or email anytime.

We will continue to provide updates and information as we receive them from the CHPE team.

**If you have any questions, please contact:**

(800) 991-CHPE (2473) or email [publicoutreach@chpexpress.com](mailto:publicoutreach@chpexpress.com). To learn more about CHPE, visit our website: [chpexpress.com](http://chpexpress.com), or scan the code to the right.

Follow us on X! @CHPEXpress



CHPE staff members are available to address questions from our residents.





## FROM THE DESK OF Chief Greg Becker

We are excited to announce the installation of two new solar-powered speed signs, one located on Willow Grove Road and the other on Washburns Lane. These signs, made possible through a **Law Enforcement Technology Grant**, will help address speeding in these areas by providing drivers with a visible reminder to follow speed limits. Our goal is to make our streets safer for everyone in the community, and these signs are an important step in that direction.

On September 12th, the **North Rockland Youth Police Academy kicked off its 27th session**. This program has a proud tradition of providing young people with law enforcement training, fostering a greater understanding of the work we do to keep our community safe. A special thanks to Det. Kryger and Det. Spatta from the Haverstraw Police Department for their continued dedication to running this program.

After 26 years of dedicated service, we bid a fond farewell to **Officer Chris Schulok**, who has decided to retire. Chris has been a cornerstone of the Stony Point Police Department, consistently demonstrating professionalism and commitment to our community. His impact on the department and the people he served will not be forgotten. We wish him all the best as he enjoys a well-earned retirement.

Recently, we participated in the **ALS Ice Bucket Challenge**, answering a call from Sheriff Falco. This year's challenge held special significance for our department, as we did it in honor and memory of William Skinner, father of our own Det. Sgt. Skinner, who recently passed away from ALS. We were joined by Supervisor Monaghan, and together we raised awareness for this important cause.

We are also proud to announce that **Sgt. Kurt Mulligan** was honored with the prestigious Fireman of the Year Award. This award highlights Kurt's dedication not only to law enforcement but also to the safety and well-being of our community. His hard work and commitment to public service are truly inspiring.

Lastly, we understand that many in the community were concerned about the heavy traffic on Filors Lane during school arrivals and dismissals, due to ongoing construction in the area. We are happy to report that our depart-



*Supervisor Monaghan and Chief Becker along with Officer Chris Schulok at his retirement luncheon.*

ment has successfully managed traffic control with minimal disruption, ensuring the safety of students and drivers. We will continue to address the community's concerns as the project progresses.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to keep Stony Point safe and strong! ■



## 34th Annual Senior Citizens Holiday Breakfast Dec. 8th

The Stony Point Police Department, P.B.A., and Youth Bureau are proud to host the 34th Annual Senior Citizens Holiday Breakfast on Sunday, December 8, 2024. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. at The Patriot Lounge, located at 19 Clubhouse Lane, Stony Point, NY.

This beloved tradition is an opportunity for senior residents to come together, enjoy a delicious breakfast, and celebrate the holiday season with friends and neighbors. As space is limited, we encourage everyone to RSVP as soon as possible.

**RSVP Information:** Please email your RSVP no later than November 29, 2024 to [akryger@stonypointpd.org](mailto:akryger@stonypointpd.org). Or return your reservation slip to the Stony Point Youth Office, Attn: Det. Andrew Kryger, Youth Officer. There is no charge for this event.

We look forward to seeing everyone there for a morning of good food, laughter, and holiday cheer! ■



*Supervisor Monaghan and the Stony Point Police Department participated in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge.*



# PARKS & REC

FROM THE DESK OF  
Karenanne Nigro, Recreation Director



## Fall/Winter Fun Update!

Mark your calendars! The Stony Point Recreation Department is excited to partner with the Stony Point PAL for two fantastic events this fall. Whether you're looking to celebrate Halloween or get into the holiday spirit, we have something for everyone!

### Trunk or Treat & Drive-In Movie Night

Date: Friday, October 25, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Location: Kirkbride Hall, 5 Patriot Hills Drive, Stony Point, NY

Get ready for a night of spooky fun! Decorate your car and join the Trunk or Treat contest, where judges will be awarding prizes to the best-decorated vehicles. Not decorating? No problem! Bring your family to enjoy trunk or treating and stick around for a free drive-in showing of Hocus Pocus 2.

- Trunk or Treat: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
- Drive-In Movie: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Space is limited, so be sure to register your vehicle for the contest at [stonypointpal.org](http://stonypointpal.org).

### Light Up Stony Point – 3rd Annual Holiday Parade

Date: Friday, December 6, 2024

Time: Parade starts at 7:00 PM

Location: Filors Lane, North on South Liberty Drive (RT 9W), ending at Town Hall, 74 East Main Street, Stony Point, NY

Celebrate the holiday season with our festive Holiday Parade! The parade will feature beautifully decorated floats, local groups, and a special performance by the Stony Point Elementary School chorus at Town Hall before the parade's arrival. Afterward, meet Santa for photos and holiday cheer!

**Want to join in on the fun?** Register your vehicle, truck, or business at [stonypointpal.org](http://stonypointpal.org) to be a part of this cherished community event.

For more information on either event, visit [stonypointpal.org](http://stonypointpal.org) or call (845) 786-2242 ext. 6.

We look forward to seeing everyone there for these exciting community events!

STONY POINT PAL & TOWN OF STONY POINT PRESENTS:

# TRUNK OR TREAT CONTEST

JUDGES WILL AWARD PRIZES TO TRUNK OR TREAT REGISTERED VEHICLES  
SEE RULES FAQ ON PAL WEBSITE

REGISTER YOUR VEHICLE IN OUR TRUNK OR TREAT CONTEST!

SCAN THE QR CODE AND REGISTER YOUR VEHICLE TODAY!

DRIVE-IN MOVIE

6PM-7:30PM TRUNK OR TREAT

7:30PM - 9PM DRIVE-IN MOVIE

SPACE LIMITED FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH, 2024  
6:00PM-9:00PM | FREE EVENT

KIRKBRIDE HALL ~ 5 PATRIOT HILLS DRIVE, STONY POINT  
MORE INFO FAQ OR REGISTER YOUR VEHICLE FOR TRUNK OR TREAT - VISIT [WWW.STONYPOINTPAL.ORG](http://WWW.STONYPOINTPAL.ORG)

Stony Point PAL & Town of Stony Point present:

# 3rd Annual Light Up Stony Point Holiday Parade 2024

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6th

PARADE 7:00PM  
Filors Lane, North on South Liberty Dr (RT 9W) ending at Town Hall 74 East Main St.

SANTA Meet & Greet  
@ Stony Point Town Hall following parade

For more info or to participate in this community parade and register your Vehicle/Truck/Business, scan the QR Code or visit: [www.stonypointpal.org](http://www.stonypointpal.org)

Questions? Email [info@stonypointpal.org](mailto:info@stonypointpal.org) or call 845-786-2242 opt. 6

# The Tomkins Cove Library Building Celebrates 150 Years!

Did you know that the Tomkins Cove Public Library was once a school? Built in 1874 by Calvin Tomkins, the building served as the local schoolhouse for over 80 years. This year, the library celebrated its 150th birthday with a special event hosted by Library Director Kevin Mills and the Library Board.

The celebration, held on September 22, brought together residents and community members, including some former students and a beloved former teacher. Stony Point Town Historian Brad Conklin added to the festivities by portraying Calvin Tomkins, the man who originally built the school as a way to give back to the community he loved.

Calvin Tomkins and his brother Daniel settled in Tomkins Cove in 1838 and became successful



*The Tomkins Cove library board & director, Kevin Mills with a representative from NYS Senator Pete Harckham's office.*

entrepreneurs with the founding of the Tomkins' Lime Company. Known for his generosity, Mr. Tomkins had the school built as one of the few poured concrete buildings in the area—an architectural rarity at the time. The only other known example of his poured concrete structures is his gothic mansion, Boulderberg Manor, built in 1858.

The building continued to serve as a school until 1957, when the Tomkins Cove Union School was closed as part of a district consolidation effort. Rather than let the historic building fall into disuse, a group of concerned residents formed a committee to repurpose it as a library. The residents of Tomkins Cove voted in 1962 to establish a special library district, and in 1963 the Tomkins family deeded the building and the land

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