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Letter from Mayor Chris Fiore

AUTUMN, THE D.E.C. LETTER AND INVASIVE SPECIES MONTH!

Buh-bye Summer! The first day of Fall, the Autumnal Equinox, is this Saturday, September 23. Enjoy this stunning season!

I am very pleased to tell you we have received the Letter of Non Jurisdiction from the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation! This confirms precisely what we were told a year and a half ago by the DEC: **there is no NYS DEC jurisdiction over Cilli/Sebastian Pond**-- the large pond you can now see just west of the Ferry Road curve. The DEC, as I have mentioned to you a few times before, gave us verbal and email verification of this position in April '22, but a handful of residents, motivated by either aesthetic, ecological (or political?) reasons, demanded we have this status in letter form, and this has been a hot topic for the better part of this year; thus we paused work on the park last March until we could obtain this correspondence. Happy to inform you this is behind us and we can again move ahead.

We have had feedback from a small number of residents at the two Town sponsored meetings seeking opinions on the (Lovelady) park plan which you can view on the Village website [HERE](#). The input ranged from 'do absolutely nothing' (leave all invasives, toxic vines, etc alone), to

positive input on the plan the 2 committees have developed. As of this writing, we await recommendations from Councilman Schiavoni and the CPF (the community preservation folks) who funded the land we wish to make an accessible greenspace, with walking paths and natural shrubbery and plantings. We should be hearing soon.

A word about invasive plants and species; There has been much discussion just recently in print and online about the damage invasive species do to our native plants and our wildlife. Phragmites, for example, choke out native growth and create an unfriendly environment for wildlife. Invasive shrubbery kills natives and prevents regrowth. The DEC has just announced a multi-million dollar grant program to encourage communities to remove invasives and replace with natives. There is a very interesting Newsday article on this subject which I will have available on our website (parks and trails tab) by Monday. This has been a goal of our Village as we look to create a space that is healthy for the ecology, encouraging for wildlife, supportive of our threatened winged creatures, and accessible and welcoming for those many residents who wish to use it.

To that end, Suzanne Karkus, the president of the 501 Parks and Trails board, will announce very shortly a Saturday 'walk in the park' designed to address these very concepts -- What is invasive? How does it hurt the native environment? What harm do they do to our wildlife? What should (and can we) do without losing sensitivity for the ecology that surrounds us? It will be a Saturday walk thru the Lovelady greenspace with some knowledgeable landscape designers and environmentalists. This will serve to eliminate much of the misinformation that exists and clear the way for a better understanding of how best to bring people and nature together and share and care for the land. *Watch for a Constant Contact soon with details for the date and time.*

BTW, thanks for the kind words I have received about our park plans! Stay tuned!

Our next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for this next Wednesday, September 27 at 5pm, in person and on Zoom. Please try to attend and express yourself! The agenda will be posted on our website shortly.

I encourage you to LMK your thoughts and concerns:
mayor@northhavenvillage.org

PS: If you are not aware, WLNG (92.1) hosts a Mayor's Update the first Wednesday of every month, with myself and Sag Harbor mayor Tom Gardella - 1:00 pm -- the next one is Wed., October 4. Last month's is available on the station's website: wlng.com. go to Archived Programs and select the mayor's update.

Cheers!
Chris

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Recap of the 8/23/23 BOT Regular Meeting:

- Approval of July 19th BOT Regular Meeting

- Public Hearing(s):
 - Wetland Setbacks Local Law
- Presentation and Approval of Claim Vouchers
- Village Report review:
 - Building Inspector, Police Report, Harbormaster Report
- Presentation of the 2022/23 Deer Management Report
- Discussions:
 - Progress on Lovelady Powell Park
 - Bamboo in the Village, situation and possible code
 - Status update on Installation of two Speed Radar signs on 114, four Speed Radar Signs on Village Roads
 - Repair / Maintenance of the Roundabout
- Resolutions:
 - Wetland Setbacks Local Law: Passed
 - Refund to two property owners for leaf pick-up: Passed
- Public Participation:
 - None
- Items not on the Agenda:
 - Availability of the Sag Harbor Code Enforcement Report for VNH
- Adjournment

As always, the agenda, minutes and zoom recordings are available here: <http://www.northhavenny.us/minutes-and-agendas>

Upcoming Board of Trustees Meeting:

- Wednesday, September 27 at 5 p.m. Regular BOT Meeting, at Village Hall and via Zoom.
 - Agenda will be posted on the Village website (northhavenny.us) under Minutes and Agendas prior to the meeting date.
 - Zoom meeting link can be found on the home page of the Village website under the calendar entry for the Board of Trustee meeting.

Village Updates:

Update on Deer Management Program - North Haven's Deer Management Program will commence in just a few weeks. The program is running from October through April, while the most active time period is November through February. The Deer Management Program is run by Woods and Waves Management. All hunters are certified, documented and their archery skills validated. All hunters hold an ID card issued by the village and their parked cars show an ID also issued by the village, their whereabouts when hunting, the location of their parked cars and the location where deer are taken, are digitally tracked.

The 2022/23 deer management season met our expectations to maintain a healthy deer herd of approx. 150-200 deer in North Haven. Without the active deer management, the deer herd in North Haven would grow exponentially in just a few years!

The success of the program relies in large parts on property owners making their land available for deer management. During last year's campaign "Kick Ticks out of North Haven", 58 additional residents offered

their land for the deer management program. Out of these 58 properties, 27 were determined to be usable by the program, resulting in 22% of North Haven's properties being part of the 2022/23 program.

As we're entering the 2023/24 season, we kindly ask any property owners not part of the program but interested in participating in the program, to use the link below. No deer management will commence on your property without a thorough assessment of your property and detailed communication to you by Woods and Waves Management. Every additional property, no matter the size, will guarantee for the program to run successfully for years to come!

<https://forms.gle/4v9ZDEaYjw835TaM6>

If you have any questions, concerns, or simply want to talk about the program, please contact Trustee Terie Diat (tdiat@northhavenvillage.org) or Deputy Mayor Claas Abraham (cabraham@northhavenvillage.org).

Your continued support for our Deer Management Program is much appreciated and will help make North Haven a safer place.

P.S. If you haven't signed up for our 4-Poster program to combat ticks, you can do so here: <https://forms.gle/NYNWfDJdFZV6cqwg7>

Additional Radar Sign Installations – The most frequent complaint received in the Village is traffic speed. Accordingly, additional electronic radar signs have been ordered and will be installed between the traffic circle and the bridge, between the traffic circle and the south ferry and will be placed on local village roads. Statistics from our two existing electronic radar signs show that motorists reduce their speed between 4-9 mph when they see the electronic radar signs.

A new electronic radar sign has been installed on Ferry Road and South Drive from 7/22/23 to 9/3/23. Average vehicles per day travelling towards the Ferry were 1,835 travelling at an average of 33 mph. Average vehicles per day coming from the Ferry were 1,865 travelling at an average of 35 mph.

"In Memoriam" - Eileen Tuohy

Eileen Tuohy, North Haven Village Clerk and Treasurer died from complications of pancreatic cancer on August 14. Eileen was born in Brooklyn and graduated from Mercy High School. She earned a degree from SUNY Plattsburg in 1982. Eileen was a long time resident of Ferry Road on North



Haven.

Eileen was the owner/operator of the EMT Governmental Accounting Agency, in which she served multiple villages, fire departments, school districts and non-profit organizations on the East End for decades including Hampton Bays, Montauk, Greenport, Mattituck among others.

Eileen began her service with the Village of North Haven performing financial functions and progressed to Village Treasurer. In 2018 she added the responsibilities of North Haven Village Clerk along with Village Treasurer.

Eileen was a dedicated professional for the Village of North Haven who was always cheerful and willing to go the extra mile for the Village that she lived and work in, and the people that she worked with. She provided valuable guidance to the Board of Trustees, the residents of North Haven and to her colleagues at Village Hall. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

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