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Dear Resident,

After a long tough winter, Spring is arriving with its welcomed warming trend. In addition to the weather, change is in the air relative to the policing of our neighboring Villages.

Last January, Laurel Hollow's Mayor Anand called me and asked if OBC would consider providing police protection to his Village. Currently Laurel Hollow contracts with Nassau County PD and its fee has increased substantially over the years. Thus, they are exploring alternative police providers.

After consulting Chief Cronin, Police Commissioners Lublin and Sheehan and reviewing with the Board of Trustees, it was decided to do further due diligence by engaging the services of an independent consultant. His name is Michael J. Fleming, a retired 33 year veteran of NCPD and an attorney. The fee will be split equally with Laurel Hollow. All agreed that an objective third party analysis is an essential first step in the decision making process. It is also understood that unless substantial cost savings, both short and long term, occur without compromising existing service quality or encumbering OBC residents with "long tail" financial liabilities, there will be no policing deal with Laurel Hollow.

Recent events involving neighboring Villages and their contracts with Old Brookville and its Police Department (OBPD) added another dimension to the policing of the North Shore Villages. Muttontown's announced intent to form its own police force and Upper Brookville's decision to review other policing options has left OBPD with substantial budgetary concerns as presently constructed. In reviewing alternative policing, some Villages approached OBC to see if we might have an interest. It is nice to be "loved" but increased size of that scope may not be advantageous to OBC residents over the long haul.

No action will be taken that sacrifices the fine quality of our own police force; the safety of our community; or, without fully informing all OBC residents.

I assure you that change, if any, will be thoroughly researched and vetted. Your comments on this would be greatly appreciated.

OTHER NEWS:

Joanne Casale joined us in early March as Village Clerk/Treasurer, replacing Donna Harris who went on to another position. Joanne is a CPA and a mother of two. Please take a moment to welcome her to OBC.

Richard Weir, a resident and a horticulturalist, will occasionally write for us on plants, etc. Enclosed find his piece on bamboo.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I am

Yours truly,

Rosemary

Rosemary Bourne, Mayor

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>VILLAGE ELECTONS: Tuesday, June 21, noon to 9:00 pm
East Woods School - Mayor, 2 Trustees

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BEWARE OF INVASIVE BAMBOO

Some of our residents may have seen (hopefully, not in your yard) a tropical-looking 5' to 15' tall bamboo grove spreading rapidly in either a sunny or shady spot. During most winters, its foliage stays green on Long Island but in most cases this year (due to cold and extended winter), the leaves have turned a bleached (tan) color with the stems remaining green and olive.

This is a true bamboo, the Golden or Running Bamboo (Phyllostachys aurea) that has now adapted extremely well to our climate. Although it may look pretty and tropical, watch out for its invasiveness anywhere you might plant it! Once you've got it, it's almost impossible to eliminate or control its growth.

Unfortunately, it has not been banned as an invasive in either Nassau or Suffolk County and thus is readily available for purchase at local garden centers or planting by professional.

DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOUR PROPERTY!

To paraphrase Cornell Ag School Professor Andy Senesac".....running bamboo is a garden thug—possibly the worst."

Richard Weir III, Horticulturist/ ret. Cornell Ag School Professor

April, 2011