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Dear Resident,

As I write this letter, the fiscal year May 31, 2009 budget is being finalized. The good news is that expenses will hold the line. However, revenue will be negatively impacted by lower interest earned on Village funds and the slowdown in housing turnover. Bottom line, taxes will increase approximately 3.1%, well below the inflation rate. Your Village government continues to be “stingy” on the expense side while not jeopardizing the financial health of the Village.

RECENT ACTIONS:

1. Size of house law: The Board passed a law limiting house size, including garage, at 6800 sq. feet on a two acre plot. Increases or decreases in size, depending upon plot size, are allowable in the formula. This law will greatly help stop the proliferation of “mc mansions”. Once the Village Ordinances are amended to reflect these requirements, the amendment will be on the Village website. (www.oysterbaycove.net).
2. Village Law Review Program: This seemingly mundane task is important as it ensures relevancy as well as compliance with good practices.
3. Traffic signal at 25A/Berry Hill Road: For many years, the Village as well as residents petitioned the NYS DOT to install left turn signals at this intersection. Our Police Department has always cited safety issues as the reason for requiring left turn signals in all directions. Recently, Chief Cronin and Deputy Mayor Ralph Fumante successfully lobbied the DOT and the East/West directions now have turn signals. Pressure for North/South left turn signals will continue.
Senator Marcellino was a great help in this matter.

VILLAGE BEACH:

In recent years, demand has exceeded supply for small boat seasonal storage permits. As a result, the Board passed a resolution restricting such permits to one per residence. It is the fairest way to alleviate the situation.

Additionally, a beach property survey is being finalized. Upon its’ completion, the feasibility of adding a new storage rack will be assessed. More to come.

VILLAGE OFFICE:

The Board continues to explore a permanent Village Office solution. The trailer, in its fifth year of temporary use, is not a viable long term solution to Village space needs. The current weakness in real estate prices presents a potential opportunity to solve our space needs. I will keep you apprised of progress, if any.

A WORD ABOUT TREES

Many residents are aware that some view trees as a nuisance, a danger to house and family and should be cut down and replaced by grass and maybe some ornamentals.

Thankfully, most view our tree population as an asset that is aesthetically pleasing. They cite our Oaks, Maples etc among the many reasons for living in Oyster Bay Cove. But more than being beautiful, trees serve major environmental purposes. They:

1. help prevent soil erosion and flooding
2. filter pollution from the air
3. help cool populated areas

So, please think twice (or more) before cutting down a healthy tree. Consider fertilizing as well as cabling, where appropriate, or modifying the landscaping plan to save existing trees and reduce the use of hardscape. Trees are the environments friend.

As always I look forward to your input. Have a great Spring and Summer.

Cheers,

Rosemary Bourne, Mayor

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VILLAGE ELECTIONS: JUNE 17, 2008 AT EAST WOODS SCHOOL

2 Trustees and the Village Justice

CERTIFIED COPIES OF DEEDS: available at Nassau County Clerk for \$10 fee.

ANNUAL STORM DRAIN CLEANING & TREE PRUNING: will be done in the May/June time frame on Village owned roads.