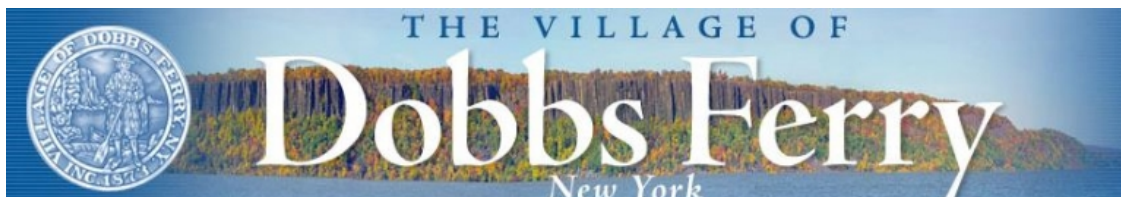


August 2017

Summer Update and Village Events

Tony Losee



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Mayor's Newsletter

Dobbs Ferry Update

Event Reminders, a look back in July, an update on the Goats

... In Memoriam for a Resident Lost

August 5, 2017



Gray Clouds over the Hudson Dobbs Ferry
Waterfront August 2017

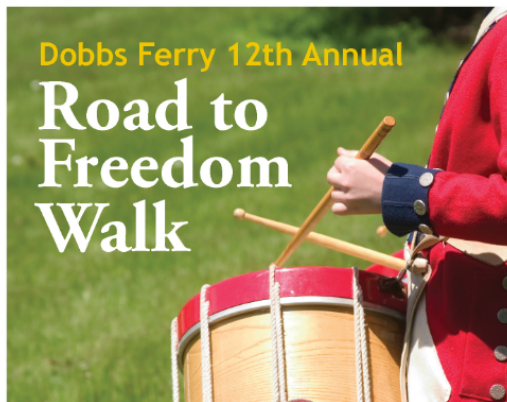
Dear Residents,

We hope everyone is well and enjoying the summer.

Here is a quick update on Dobbs Ferry, some event reminders including the annual **Road to Freedom Walk**, a job well done by the

DFFD, a few images looking back at July, a report on the **Goats**, and farewell to a **Friend**.

Annual Road to Freedom Walk



EVENT IS FREE
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
PARTICIPANTS OF ALL AGES
ARE WELCOME

We are grateful for the generous support of



Tensor Foundation, Village Justice Steven P. Grant, and
Half Moon restaurant, principal sponsors of Road to Freedom 2017

Sunday, August 6

1:00 pm Gould Park

Join the Walk led by fife & drum and the Ebenezer Stevens Artificer Regiment reenactors as we follow along the route of the Continental Army as they departed Dobbs Ferry for Yorktown, Virginia, on August 19, 1781

2:00 pm Mead House 12 Elm Street

- ★ Meet the Ebenezer Stevens Artificers in dashing black and red uniforms, and discover how they repaired the Army's muskets and cannons
- ★ Kids can drill in formation with other new recruits and discover the value of teamwork
- ★ Learn about camp life, including card and dice games
- ★ See displays of early money and original and reproduction artifacts and tools used by colonists, soldiers and Native American craftspeople
- ★ See demos of 18th century hair, makeup and tarot cards

Road to Freedom 2017 is a shared initiative of the
Dobbs Ferry Historical Society and the Village of Dobbs Ferry.
dobbsferryhistory.org 674.1007

Come out and enjoy the **Dobbs Ferry Historical Society's annual Road to Freedom Walk** this coming **Sunday, August 6th. Starting**

at 1 PM at upper Gould Park (nearest the Washington Avenue entrance).

There will be a brief historical perspective by Village Historian Richard Borkow and a reading of the Mayor's Proclamation by Trustee Nicole Sullivan. Then join the walk led by fife and drums as the group retraces the steps of the Continental Army as they departed on their infamous march to Yorktown Virginia in 1781, leading to the defeat of the British Army, and America's Independence!

This event really makes you appreciate how Dobbs Ferry played a major role in our country's history.

At 2 PM the march will wind up at the **Meade House** for refreshments and more historical fun.



We hope you can join in the walk.

**And please consider becoming a member of the
Dobbs Ferry Historical Society.**

*Its a great way to get involved
and its important to help preserve the history of our Village.*



Sustainable Dobbs

Dobbs Ferry Climate Smart Community

The Village of Dobbs Ferry has been recognized officially by the State of New York with the highest recognition as a **Climate Smart Community**. With significant action and investment in environmental and sustainable projects over the past 8 years - including LED replacements, solar installation programs, energy efficient upgrades to village buildings, investment in green technology and hybrid municipal vehicles, reduction in our carbon footprint and pending adoption of a long-term village climate action plan - leading to millions of dollars of savings for tax payers. **And**, a better environment.

More than any village in New York State, Dobbs Ferry has proven

'What is good for the Environment is also good for the Bottom Line'.

In keeping with the village's strong interest to promote improving the environment **and** the bottom line, here is an event being sponsored by **Sustainable Westchester** to be held on the Campus of **Mercy College** on Friday August 11.

Electric Vehicle “Ride & Drive” with Nissan

Friday, August 11th 11am to 3pm
Mercy College
555 Broadway
Dobbs Ferry



Westchester County Residents! **(or if you go to school or work in Westchester County)**

We have organized another chance for you to test drive a electric Nissan Leaf.

Please join Sustainable Westchester on **Friday, August 11th from 11:00am to 3:00pm** at **Mercy College** (555 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522)

FREE LUNCH to the first 100 people to test drive a new All-Electric 2017 Nissan Leaf.

Don't miss this opportunity to find out how you can receive a total of \$19,200 in total discounts (\$11,700 cash and \$7,500 Federal Tax Credit) when you purchase a Leaf. There are only 325 Leafs remaining for this great offer.

Remember to bring your license.

For more information, call Sustainable Westchester at 914-242-4725.



Dobbs Ferry Fire Department *Shout-out!*



On July 22nd there was a serious fire event at the residential building located at 381 Broadway in Dobbs Ferry (at the corner of Cedar Street). Luckily no one was seriously injured in large part due to the response and professionalism of the volunteer members of the **Dobbs Ferry Fire Department**. With the assistance of the departments of our great neighboring villages - **Ardsey, Elmsford, Hastings, Irvington, and Tarrytown** - the fire was brought under control and residents were safely evacuated. Without our fire department members, and the quality of the equipment that supports them, the situation could have been *a lot worse*.

We want to **Thank Fire Chief Chris Denike**, all the **Assistant Chiefs** and all the **Volunteer Members** and their supporting **Families** for their extraordinary efforts in handling this situation, protecting property, and most importantly keeping the residents safe. They are always there for us when we need them the most.

Thank you.

Unfortunately the building has had to be evacuated due to the smoke and electric/utility damage, which must be fixed and inspected until the building can be reopened. In addition, several businesses along the Cedar Street portion of the property have also been impacted. It is a tough situation for the residents and businesses that have been dislocated, and its going to take some time to get everything back to normal. The Red Cross was on the scene at the fire and to assist the residents impacted in re-location logistics. The building management (private property) has arranged contractors for the work that needs to be done; including new electric and gas systems. The village's Building Department is also busy working with the building's management and contractors to help expedite where it can. Safety is of paramount importance and in particular where there might be temporary solutions to get some up-and-running sooner. The Mayor's Office has also been in direct contact with our Representatives and with senior management at Con Edison to help put a priority on this situation.

Its not going to be easy on the residents and businesses impacted, but the village is and will do all it can to expedite a return to normal. We will keep everyone posted.



The Goats have been Busy ... *Eating!*



Most of you probably saw the recent piece on Westchester News Channel 12 on the **Goats of Dobbs Ferry**. If not, here is a link:

<http://westchester.news12.com/story/35959794/dobbs-ferry-goats-chomp-down-on-shrubs-to-improve-waterfront-view>

The Goats are getting a lot of attention. But most importantly we also want them to eat the invasive shrubs, ground cover and poison ivy in their new temporary fenced-in home inside High Street, Palisade Street, and Station Plaza.

In order to do this, it is important that residents **DO NOT FEED THE GOATS**. They need to stay hungry to do the job they are tasked with. Also, the goats *love* to eat poison ivy, and there is a lot of it there. If you try to touch or pet the goats, you will get poison ivy.

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE GOATS

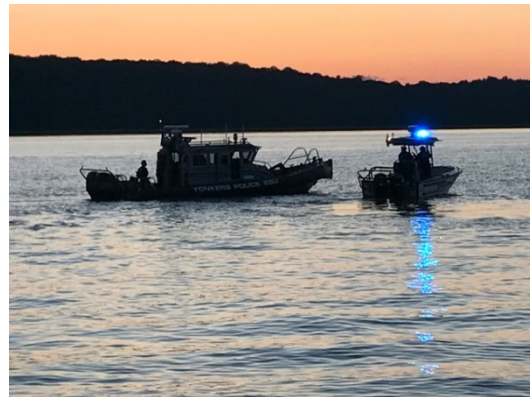
AND

PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH OR PET THE GOATS.

Of course, the goats have become quite popular and they are very social themselves ... and they love the attention. We do want everyone and the kids (human kind) to come down and see them in action. But please don't feed or touch. Let them do their job. Thank you Everyone.



Some Dobbs Ferry July Images



A great 4th of July display on the Waterfront ... Police Water Safety Patrol



Joe Rooney ' Rooney Tunes' DJ Host for the 4th of July ... Village Administrator Charlene Indelicato, the Mayor, and Recreation Supervisor Kendra Garrison at the Waterfront Park enjoying the festivities.



4th of July Waterfront Park ... More animals want to join the Goats in Dobbs Ferry!

In Memoriam - Tony Losee

While a little time has past, the Village has been saddened and is still shocked by the sudden loss of **Tony Losee**. It has really hurt. Tony was a long-time resident of the village; and part of a family that has been in Dobbs Ferry for a very long time. If you visit the historical Little White Church Cemetery, you will see the 'Losee' name inscribed on

headstones going back a long time ago. The family owned and operated general stores along Main and Cedar Streets in years past, and Tony would always be proud to present old family artifacts that told a story of the village's history. Tony was a strong advocate for the rights of residents, especially those who rented in Dobbs Ferry. He was never afraid to challenge building management companies - or higher up government agencies - in order to help a tenant's cause. He always wanted to look after the Little Guy. Tony was most well known of course for the work he did to help Senior Citizens and the Senior Program. He loved the Seniors, and they loved him; and they will dearly miss him. **Most of all, Tony loved Dobbs Ferry.** Nobody cared more about the village, and nobody did more to help make people's lives better.



Tony Losee made Dobbs Ferry a better place. He will *never* be forgotten. May he rest in Peace.

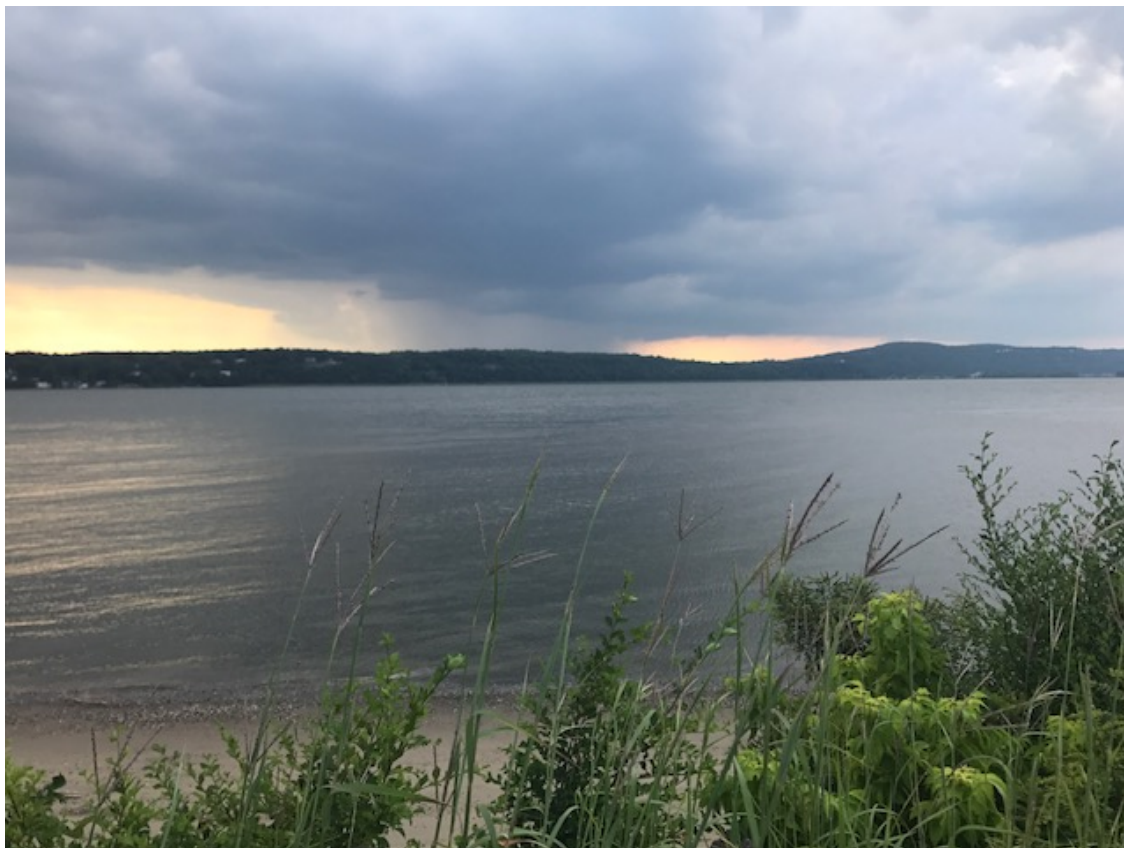
We will end this Newsletter Summer Update on that note.

Please stay safe everyone and enjoy the rest of the summer. We will be back in touch later in the month.

Sincerely,

Mayor Hartley Connett

August 5, 2017



Gray Clouds and Gray Hudson River Dobbs Ferry Waterfront Park
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