

Mayor's Newsletter - 10/18/2015



Here is a quick update on a few things in the village: Solarize Dobbs Ferry

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This past Thursday at Village Hall a presentation was given on a new initiative which will make it easier and more affordable for Dobbs Ferry residential and commercial property owners to purchase and install an energy efficient solar system.

A large crowd attended the event including members of the village's Energy Task Force, many interested residents, and officials from the villages of Dobbs Ferry and Hastings-on-Hudson who are partnering

together on this exciting, sustainable energy program.

To access a video of the program - and for more information on the program and who to contact - here is a link to the village's website '**Dobbs Ferry TV - Community Events** ' :

Or go to:

www.dobbsferry.com and click the icon for '*Dobbs Ferry TV*' and then click on '*Community Events*'.

The village of Dobbs Ferry was one of the first municipalities in New York State to achieve the highest certification in the state's **Climate Smart Communities** program, which is a new program designed to support municipal efforts to meet economic, social and environmental challenges posed by climate change.

Dobbs Ferry has reduced greenhouse gas emissions from municipal facilities by *more* than 45 percent from 2007 to the present, and has significantly exceeding its goal to reduce emissions from municipal operations by 20 percent by 2015. The village accomplished its reductions through initiatives that include installation of LED streetlights and solar arrays, energy-efficiency retrofits and energy-efficient new construction. These initiatives will save tax payers millions of dollars over the coming years - with even greater savings expected over time as these programs expand.

In Dobbs Ferry we have coined the phrase "***what is good for the environment is good for business***".

The village encourages residents and business owners to learn more about the ***Solarize Dobbs Ferry*** program ... ***What is good for the environment could be good for your bottom line too.***



Update on Parking Issues

At the regular meeting of the board of trustees last Tuesday (Oct 13) there was a quick update on some of the parking issues of concern and being worked on. Here is a quick outline update:

145 Palisade Street

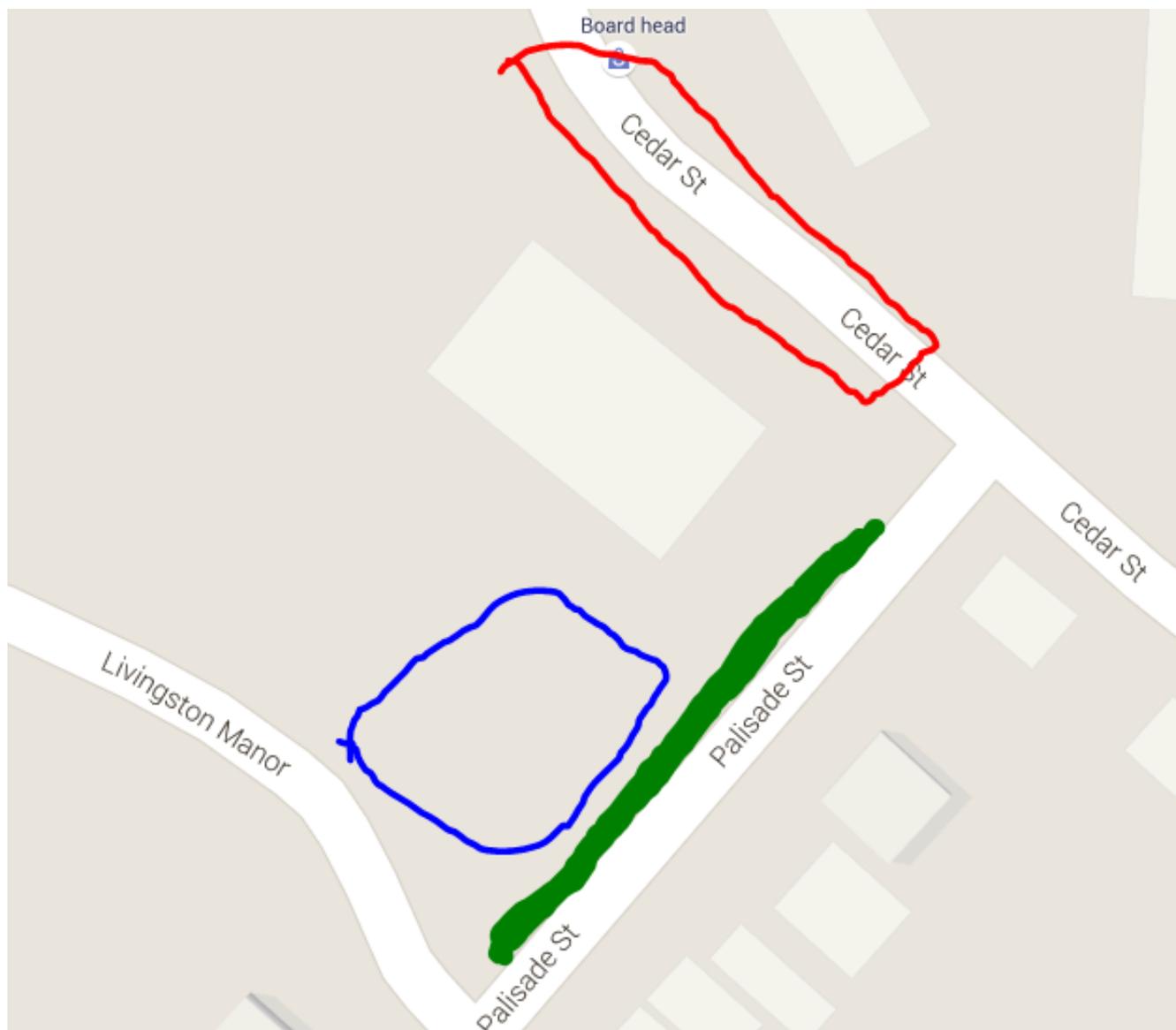
The village has been in regular contact with Mercy college - including direct contact between the offices of the Mayor and the President of the College.

- **Dedicated parking spaces** will be created in the upper lot of 145 Palisade for exclusive use by residents of the neighborhood. The exact number of spaces will be determined; it will be a meaningful number to help.

Over the coming weeks the village will be communicating directly with the college and residents on the logistics of these new resident spaces.

- **New trees and shrubs** will be planted on the 145 property running along Palisade Street. This will be a major enhancement adding natural screening and making the area more beautiful.

- The village is in process of surveying the area on Cedar Street either side to the north of the old DPW building. Dependent on the survey results, the village will be looking at **this area for opportunities to create new downtown municipal parking spaces.**



Waterfront Municipal Parking Lot

Following the most recent Newsletter update a few weeks ago:

The village created **20 new non resident weekend and holiday parking spaces**. These free, four hour limit spaces will be in effect until the end of February, at which point the village will re-assess how these are working.

The village is looking into creating **additional new spaces** at the far north-eastern edge of the property between the great lawn and the south-bound tracks. The village is surveying the property and is also in touch with MTA and the DEC. It will be a few weeks until there is anything to report on this.

The village is looking to **re-open 2-3 weekday recreation spaces** directly in front of the beach area.

Due to the waterfront lots capacity strain during the weekdays - the village is **temporarily** suspending day passes until 5:00 PM, Monday - Friday. Day passes can be obtained after 5:00 PM (for trips into the city, etc.).

As previously reported, the village departments are working hard on other initiatives and ideas to expand the waterfront lot capacity to balance the increasing needs of commuters, recreation goers, weekend visitors, and single-day-weekday travelers. There are not easy solutions to these issues, but the village is taking input - and will take appropriate action - to address them. We appreciate everyone's respectful input and patience during the process.

Here is a reminder on some of the Fall and Halloween Events coming up in the village:



Saturday Oct 24

Halloween Picture Painting Contest

Pick-up paints at Community Center

10am - 12pm

Friday Oct 30

Great Pumpkin Party

4pm at Community Center

Fri Oct 30

Outdoor Scary Movie

'Hotel Transylvania'

7pm at Gould Park

Saturday Oct 31

Halloween Trick-or-Treat

Cedar and Main Streets 4pm - 6pm

Entertainment by 'The Great' Joe Rooney

For more information about these events please call the Recreation Department at 693-0024

Well, that is it for now. We will be communicating in the coming weeks for important updates on parking-related updates and/or actions to be considered. Hope everyone is enjoying the fall weather.

GO METS !



Mayor Hartley Connett

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