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March 2008 NEWSLETTER

Mayor	David Goldsmith
Dep. Mayor	Edward McPherson
Trustee	Howard Richman
Trustee	Marion Ben-Jacob
Trustee	Brett Bekritsky

LIBRARY DROP OFF

The Finkelstein Library has installed book drop and pickup boxes at the Village Hall. The drop off boxes for books and media are on the center island in the parking lot, opposite the Village Hall entrance. The pick up box is in front of the building next to the flag pole. Please visit www.finkelsteinlibrary.org for information about when the pickup box will be operational and instructions on how to request books for pickup. Many thanks to Trustee Ed McPherson for arranging this.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome our newest Trustee, Brett Bekritsky. Brett and his wife Esther have five children, and have lived in the village for seven years. Brett works for Dominican College, and we're confident he will be a great asset to the Village Board

COMMITTEES

Thanks to those who have volunteered to participate in our proposed committees. We would like to finalize the members so that they can begin meeting soon. If you are still interested in joining, please call the Village at 354-0400, or send an email to mayor@wesleyhills.org. The current committee choices are sidewalks, walking paths, and Wesley Hills Day.

The public gathering committee, which consists of volunteer members of the community, trustees Howard Richman and Marion Ben-Jacob, and the village attorney, has now met twice since its inception. The committee is charged with creating a working definition of public gatherings in our village that takes into account issues of public safety, health, aesthetics and zoning. The committee will meet again in March and hopes to have some working definitions for public discussion in the Spring.

SIDEWALKS

Our Village Engineering firm has completed its analysis of where the sidewalks should be installed on Route 306. This information has been turned over to the NYS Department of Transportation as they begin their work on this project. Our Engineer has started researching East Willow Tree Road to determine how best to install new sidewalks and connect them to the existing ones.

MOBILE PASSPORTS

We would like to thank the Rockland County Clerk's office for holding a "Mobile Passport" evening at the Village Hall. It was a great success. A number of residents showed up and appreciated the ease with which they were able to apply for passports.

VILLAGE CLOSINGS

The Village has registered with cancellations.com. This will allow us to post Village closings or meeting cancellations. If you would like to automatically be notified of closings, you can go to www.cancellations.com and register to receive email notification.

DOGS

There are many responsible dog owners in the Village. Unfortunately, some people are not being as considerate of their neighbors as they should be. We've had quite a few complaints about loose and/or barking dogs. Dog owners need to remember that not everyone loves dogs as much as they do. Some people are quite frightened of any size dog that is not on a leash. It is also not right to leave a dog unattended outside and barking for long periods of time. Some people don't feel comfortable approaching their neighbors about these issues, but also don't want to make an official complaint or worse, call the police. As a result the problems remain unresolved. Please be considerate of everyone else - don't leave barking dogs unattended. Remember to make sure your dog is on a leash when off your property - it's the law.

RECYCLING AND TRASH

Recycling bins are available at the Village Hall. Please stop in if you need new bins. Recycling doesn't only help the environment, but it generates income for the Village. It is picked up every Wednesday. Please remember to put your recycling out at the curb no earlier than Tuesday afternoon. If the recycling is out when your regular trash is picked up, there's a good chance it will be taken away with the regular trash.

Please remember that we pay our garbage contractor for side yard pickup. That means that they are required to pick up regular trash from the side of your house. There is no need to bring the trash down to the curb. If you've always put your trash at the curb, and would like to start having it picked up near your house, please call the Village so that we can alert the garbage men to the change. If you have any problems with trash or recycling, please call the Village as soon as possible, so that we can address the issue.

GARDENER'S DAY

The Cornell University Cooperative Extension of Rockland County is sponsoring a Gardener's day on Saturday, April 5th 2008 at its facility in Stony Point. It will include a number of classes on lawn care, landscaping, flowers, and more. Soil testing will also be offered. Registration is required, and is due by March 28th. Please call 845-429-7085 extension 117 for additional information.

E-MAIL

Help us communicate with you better. If we have your email address, we can send you important information in a timely manner, at no cost to the Village. If you haven't already done so, please send an email to mayor@wesleyhills.org.

***** ELECTION REMINDER *****

Village elections will be held on Tuesday, March 18th at Village Hall.
Polls will be open from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm.