



# TOWN OF STONY POINT

# DISPATCH

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**Senior Citizen Bus:**

- Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
- 9am-1pm
- Call to request a pick up (845) 947-5261
- 24-hour notice requested!

## FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

I hope this message finds you well. Our town has faced some challenges recently, but with resilience and community spirit, we've come together to overcome them.

The storm on July 9th brought significant flooding and damage to our town. Charles Eccher (Lowland) Park was particularly affected, with areas submerged under 4 feet of water. Under difficult circumstances, the bravery and dedication of our **Stony Point Ambulance Corps** and the **Wayne Hose Fire Co.** shone brightly. Their courage and heroism in performing multiple rescues were nothing short of commendable. I'd also like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our **Highway and Parks Department**, led by **Karl Javenes**, for their swift action in cleaning up Lowland Park. Thanks to their efforts, our Playground Program was able to continue without major disruptions. And on a brighter note, our newly installed splash pad remained unscathed during the storm!



July 26th Summer Concert at Riverfront Park with band 8th Grade Science performing.

Reflecting on our summer season, I'm proud to say that our day camp and playground program were a resounding success. A big shout-out to our Day Camp director, **Craig Robinson**, and our Recreation Director, **Karenanne Nigro**, for orchestrating a memorable summer for our young residents.

In line with our commitment to enhancing the town's recreational facilities, we were thrilled to inaugu-

rate our new pickleball courts and splash pad in July. These additions are a testament to our dedication to providing top-notch amenities for all our residents.

Lastly, I'm excited to announce the opening of the brand-new Senior and Community Center at Patriot Hills in July. While we are still adding the finishing touches, such as signage and furniture, we decided to open the building ahead of schedule. This decision was made to ensure our seniors and residents have a cool and comfortable place to gather, especially during the warmer months.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. Together, we make Stony Point a wonderful place to live. ■

Warm Regards, Jim Monaghan, Stony Point Town Supervisor

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# Finance Report



## Independent Audit Affirms Strong Financial Health

In accordance with annual requirements, an independent financial audit of the town was recently conducted by PKF O'Connor Davies. We are pleased to announce that the auditors have verified the town's outstanding financial condition. Their comprehensive review has confirmed that our financial practices and management are both sound and prudent. Furthermore, the town has been recognized for maintaining a robust reserve, ensuring that we are well-prepared to address unexpected or unbudgeted expenses that may arise in the future.

This positive affirmation from PKF O'Connor Davies underscores our commitment to fiscal responsibility and transparency. We remain dedicated to upholding the highest standards of financial stewardship for the benefit of all our residents. ■

## Stony Point Day Camp Program

- Campers enjoyed a day at Darlington Lake in NJ
- Trip to the Castle Fun Center in Chester, NY
- Campers keeping cool with members of the Wayne Hose Fire Co.
- Campers enjoying a day at the Boulders game



Ron Gerhold, Director of Golf at Patriot Hills Golf Club, along with members of the womens clinic.

## Patriot Hills Golf Course Update

**Patriot Hills Golf Course**  
19 Club House Lane  
Stony Point, NY 10980-3529  
(845) 947-7085  
[www.patriothillsgolfclub.com](http://www.patriothillsgolfclub.com)

We're excited to share some great news with our golf community. May and June were record-breaking months for us! Not only did we achieve our highest ever revenues for the month of May, but June outdid itself by setting the record for the highest revenues in any single month in the history of Patriot Hills Golf Club.

Our Junior League program is buzzing with enthusiasm and talent. We're proud to announce that we have two full teams rostered this season. The future of golf at Patriot Hills looks brighter than ever with these young stars in the making.

Ladies, your overwhelming response to the **Sunday Morning Women's Clinic** has been uplifting. With 20-24 participants every Sunday and over 60 different women joining in so far, it's been a resounding success! Don't worry if you haven't had a chance to join yet; the clinic will continue through October and will be back next Spring.

Lastly, a big shout-out to everyone who participated in our 1st ever Patriot Hills 9 Hole Scramble Event. Due to its success, we're excited to host another event in September. Keep an eye out for sign-ups starting in mid-August.

Thank you all for your continued support and enthusiasm. Here's to more fun, more golf, and more memorable moments at Patriot Hills! ■

## Fall Clean-Up and Gardening Updates for Stony Point Residents

As we approach the Fall season, here are some important updates and reminders for our community:

### Bio-Degradable Bags for Fall Clean-Up:

If you're gearing up for your Fall clean-up, bio-degradable bags are available at the Highway garage. They can be picked up during business hours from Monday to Friday between 7 am to 3 pm, and on Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm during the months of September, October, April and May.

Please note that these are available only while supplies last. It's essential to remember that these bags are meant for leaves and small twigs only. Please do not put dirt, rocks, or mulch in them and ensure that each bag weighs no more than 50 pounds.

For grass clippings, they won't be picked up by the Highway Department. Instead, they should be dropped off in bio-degradable bags. However, we encourage residents to use mulch-

ing blades to avoid the need to bag their grass clippings. For more on this, refer to the "grasscycling" article in this newsletter. Additionally, as you go about your fall clean-up, kindly trim vegetation at least 3 feet off the roadway to facilitate snow removal by our plow trucks.

**Rockland Green Resources:** For those interested in grasscycling and backyard composting, Rockland Green is an excellent resource. They offer composting barrels and rain bins for purchase at the Cornell Cooperative extension, or if space on your property allows, you can create your own compost pile! For more details on these programs, visit the Rockland Green website.

**Gardening Volunteers Needed:** Do you have a green thumb? We're on the lookout for volunteers to help plant and maintain garden locations across the town. The best part? We'll provide

the plants! If you're interested or know of a spot in town that could use some greenery, please contact the Highway Department.

**Joyce Plaza Landscaping:** A big shout-out to the owners of Joyce Plaza for beautifying the corner of Rt. 9W and Filors Lane with their landscaping efforts!

**Bulk Items Reminder:** For information on which bulk items are accepted for pick-up and drop-off, please visit our Highway Department website. If you have bulk items for pick-up, remember to call and arrange it in advance.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to keeping Stony Point beautiful! ■

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Hours: Monday–Friday 7:00am–3:30pm

Saturday 9:00am–1:00pm (except holidays)

### Summer Playground Program



Top: Children who attend the playground program were visited by employees from the Highway Department.

Left: Sing along with Mr. Burr.

Right: Enjoying ice pops on a hot summer day!





**FROM THE DESK OF  
Chief Edward Finn**

### **Stony Point Police Receives Re-accreditation Approval**

**C**ongratulations to the members of Stony Point Police Department for receiving Re-Accreditation approval from the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services in Albany. We are one of only 150 police departments across New York State's nearly 600 agencies to receive this distinction.

Chief Finn would like to specifically recognize and thank our Accreditation Program Manager **Det. Sgt Pedro Garcia** and **Sgt. Kurt Mulligan** for all their hard work to make this honor possible.

### **New Radio/Dispatch Center**

Construction is underway on the new Radio/Dispatch center at the PD. The new center will greatly enhance the departments' ability to communicate with each other and with other agencies. The existing dispatch radio was outdated and in need of many technological enhancements.

### **New Hire PO Christopher Morse**

Part-time officer **Christopher Morse** was hired in June 2023. Christopher comes to Stony Point with 23 years' experience with the Ramapo Police Department. The department now has 27 full-time and 4 part-time police officers.

**Back to School!** Extra patrols are assigned during the first few days of school to ensure safety for our children and compliance by motorists. The extra patrols will patrol neighborhoods, follow buses, and drive through school parking lots during arrival and dismissal times to support our SRO Mike Heath on those first few days of school. ■

**PAL events:** The Stony Point PAL will be holding some fantastic events this fall. Be sure not to miss them!

**Fall Festival** – September 30th at Kirkbride Hall.

**Halloween Trunk or Treat/Drive-In Movie** – October 27

**Holiday Parade** – December 1

**Holiday Boutique** – December 8 at Kirkbride Hall

## **We've come a long way—from the Barn to Off Broadway ... and beyond!**

**W**hile many of you know that our town is home to the Penguin Rep Theatre, newcomers may not. Here's a little background on the professional theatre that calls Stony Point home.

Under the dynamic leadership of founding Artistic Director **Joe Brancato** and executive director **Andrew M. Horn**, Penguin Rep Theatre has grown in 46 years from a summer theatre in a converted 1880's hay barn to become one of the Hudson Valley's most influential nonprofit cultural institutions.

Since its founding in 1977 by Brancato and Fran Newman-McCarthy, Penguin Rep has entertained more than 400,000 people with outstanding productions of 200 plays. And not just any plays either, but new works by established and emerging writers. Every play stars great professional actors.

Many of the plays that start out at the little blue barn move off Broadway and then around the country and the world and even from the stage to TV and film.

**Angelo Parra's "The Devil's Music: The Life & Blues of Bessie Smith"**, nominated for Drama Desk, Lucille Lortel, Audelco and Off Bway Alliance Awards, began life at Penguin and, after a lengthy run Off Broadway, moved to the prestigious Montreal Jazz Festival, the Cincinnati Playhouse, the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre, and the Legendary Rhythm and Blues Cruise.



The Broadway musical and Academy Award-winning film **"Finding Neverland"** began life as a play commissioned and premiered by Penguin.

And Penguin has garnered the attention of many theatre critics including The New York Times which dubbed Penguin "the gutsiest little theatre": "Guided by the skilled hand of Penguin's artistic director, Joe Brancato, the splendid performers get first-rate support, as always at Penguin, by an excellent design team."

This season saw productions of "Popcorn Falls," "Incident at Our Lady of Perpetual Help," and the world premiere of "Gene and Gilda." You can still catch the New York Premiere of "Let There Be Love" from September 22nd through October 15th. The play is by Kwame Kwei-Armah and directed by Maria Mileaf.

The theatre is air-conditioned and handicapped accessible, features assistive hearing devices, and has plenty of free parking.

Be a part of Stony Point history by attending a show at Penguin Rep Theatre. Tickets are on sale now at [www.penguinrep.org](http://www.penguinrep.org) or 845-786-2873. ■



## Announcements

We are pleased to announce the opening of the new Stony Point Senior and Community Center at Patriot Hills – 19 Clubhouse Lane.

- New home for the Recreation office – this is where you go to reserve a park pavilion for parties and register for the pool and camp.
- This is also the new meeting place for Stony Point Senior Clubs 1 and 2.
- This will be the site for all town meetings going forward – Town Board, Planning and Zoning.

### Stony Point Seniors – Clubs 1 and 2

- Club 2 meets on Monday at 12:30; Club 1 meets on Tuesday at noon.
- If you're interested in joining, and you are not sure which group to join, you may attend a meeting on either (or both) days. To sign up, you will be asked to show proof of residency at the sign in desk.
- Each club has its own meetings, its own board, and plans their own lunches and parties. Several trips are scheduled every year which include both clubs.
- Some recent trips from this year include –
  - Visit to a Chocolate Factory in CT followed by lunch at Double O Grill in Wappingers Falls
  - Murder Mystery Luncheon at Patriot Lounge
  - A show at the Hunterdon Hills playhouse in NJ
  - Resort Worlds Casino in the Catskills
  - St. Patrick's celebration at the Shore Club in NJ
  - Jersey Dreamers show and luncheon at Casa Bianca in NJ
  - Pearl Buck Estate in PA
  - This September – Edwards Twins in Waterbury CT
  - This October – a scenic train ride through the Poconos with lunch in Port Jervis

And we're already planning for next year with a possible boat ride and an overnight trip to Lancaster, PA!

### Fitness Classes –

- Please call the Recreation Office at 845-947-5261, follow the Stony Point Recreation Facebook page or see our website for the most up to date information on fitness class offerings.
- [www.facebook.com/StonyPointRecreation](https://www.facebook.com/StonyPointRecreation)
- [www.townofstonypoint.org/recreation-department](https://www.townofstonypoint.org/recreation-department)

### Stony Point Seniors – Clubs 1 and 2



Top: Supervisor Monaghan joined members of Stony Point Senior Club 2 at the opening of the new Senior Center at Patriot Hills

Bottom: Supervisor Monaghan and Councilman Todd Rose at the swearing in of the new Senior Club 2 officers



On July 15, Supervisor Monaghan and the Town Board officially opened our pickleball courts, located at Veterans Memorial Park.

Pictured L-R: Children at the Playground Program enjoying the new Splashpad at Charles Eccher Park. Children at the playground program trying out the new sprayers. Supervisor Monaghan and Recreation Director Karenanne Nigro at the opening of the splashpad at Charles Eccher Park.



# Updates on the Letchworth Property

Firstly, we're thrilled to see the enthusiasm and innovative ideas from our fellow Stony Pointers about potential uses for the Letchworth property. Your creativity and vision for our town's future are truly commendable. However, there's an essential step we must address before bringing these ideas to life. Several buildings on the property contain asbestos, a hazardous material that requires specialized removal. Unfortunately, the removal process comes with a significant cost.

Understanding the importance of this project, **Supervisor Monaghan** and **Councilman Joachim** recently met with **Congressman Mike Lawler**. The



*Congressman Mike Lawler met with Supervisor Monaghan and Councilman Joachim at the Letchworth property to discuss possible funding opportunities for building remediation and/or removal.*

primary agenda was to explore potential grant opportunities available through the federal government that could assist with the cleanup costs.

We're pleased to report that Congressman Lawler, representing the interests of the Town of Stony Point, held a productive meeting with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The goal was to identify resources and experts who can guide our town in securing funding opportunities. Additionally, they will assist us in navigating the intricate laws and regulations associated with the removal and cleanup of these buildings.

We remain committed to ensuring the Letchworth property becomes a safe and valuable asset for our community. We'll continue to keep you updated on our progress and next steps. ■



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