



# 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

As we embrace the start of 2024, I'd like to reflect on the wonderful year we had in 2023 and share some exciting developments for the future.

In 2023, our town witnessed numerous outstanding events that brought our community together. Despite the rainy weather, the Light Up Stony Point Holiday Parade illuminated our streets with over 50 floats, marking a joyful start to the holiday season. I would like to thank those that worked so hard to make this a fantastic event including the Stony Point PAL, the Police Department, the Highway, Parks and Recreation Departments, the Stony Point Elementary School 3rd grade chorus and staff, along with so many others!

Moreover, we've been diligently working with FEMA to secure reimbursement for the damages caused by the heavy rainstorm on July 9th. These funds will cover essential repairs, including those at Charles Eccher Park, as well as the restoration of various roads, bridges, and culverts throughout our town that suffered storm-related damage.



*Historical Society of the Palisades Interstate Park Region President Brad Conklin points out some interesting information to fellow member and brother, Lenard Conklin.*

In the background, crucial upgrades are underway at our Wastewater Treatment Plant. While often unseen, this infrastructure is vital to our town's functioning. Thanks to a \$2.7 million grant, we're making federal and state-mandated improvements to ensure the continued efficiency of this essential facility.

As we move forward, I extend my warmest wishes to everyone for a safe and healthy 2024. Together, we'll make this year even better for Stony Point. ■

Jim Monaghan, Stony Point Town Supervisor



In each issue we like to bring you a little history, so be sure to read about the Historical Society of the Palisades Interstate Park Region on the back page

I'm thrilled to announce that Karl Javenes and our Buildings and Grounds crew are currently undertaking the renovation of the Kirkbride building's first floor. For more details and photos, please turn to page 3.

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## From the Tax Office



### Tax Office Hours

We are here to serve you! Our Tax Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4 pm, providing flexible options for residents to manage their taxes. Payments can be made via mail or in person, and we accept cash, checks, and credit cards.

For added convenience, a drop box is accessible at Town Hall during regular hours from 8 am to 4:30 pm.

**Mark your calendars!** To further accommodate our residents, our office will be extending its hours until 7pm on January 31st.

We are dedicated to making your tax experience as smooth as possible. Feel free to reach out to us at (845) 786-2716 with any questions or assistance you may need. Your satisfaction is our priority. ■

### Notice to Senior Citizens Senior Citizen Tax Exemption (Different from STAR)

Property owners 65 years of age or older may be eligible for a senior citizen tax exemption on their primary residence. Senior citizens have until March 1st to apply for the exemption with the submission of their 2022 federal income tax return. To qualify, your income must not exceed \$58,400.

Renewal applications will be required annually. For information, please contact the Stony Point Tax Assessor.

**William R Beckmann, MAI, CRE, FRICS, IAO**  
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(845) 786-2716 ■



The second of two new clarifier tanks under construction at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

## Investing in Our Town's Infrastructure: Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades

While often unnoticed, the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is an essential component of our town's infrastructure. We're excited to share that a significant upgrade project is underway to enhance its capabilities, ensuring it can meet the town's needs well into the future. The project consists of two crucial parts.

**Clarifier Tanks:** Construction of two new clarifier tanks is already in progress and is expected to be completed by the summer of 2024.

**Headworks System:** Following the completion of the clarifier tank construction, work on a new headworks system will commence.

We're proud to announce that the town secured \$2.7 million in grant funding to support these federally and state-mandated upgrades. These improvements are long overdue, as the WWTP was originally built in the 1960s and has seen minimal changes since its inception.

These upgrades align with EPA guidelines, prioritizing environmental safety and ensuring that our town's infrastructure is prepared for the future. We appreciate your understanding as we invest in this essential aspect of our community. ■



Left: Who are these silly sharks at the PAL Trunk or Treat?

Right: A look at some of the great vendors at the PAL Holiday Boutique

# Highway & Parks Dept.

FROM THE DESK OF  
Karl Javenes, Superintendent of Highways

## Latest Developments from the Highway and Buildings & Grounds

**W**e have some exciting developments and essential reminders to share with our Stony Point community:

**Kirkbride Renovation:** The renovation of the Kirkbride building's first floor is well underway. This revamped space will feature a large meeting room, a smaller meeting room, and upgraded restrooms. We are thrilled to make this space available for community groups and fitness classes. We anticipate the completion of this project in early 2024.

**New Plow Truck:** The Highway

Department is proud to announce the arrival of a brand-new International single axle plow truck. This addition replaces our aging 2001 International plow truck, which had seen better days.

**Winter Parking Ordinance:** As winter approaches, we extend our gratitude for your cooperation with the Winter Parking Ordinance. Effective from November 1st through March 31st, this ordinance restricts parking on public streets in Stony Point between 2 am and 6 am. Furthermore, we kindly request that vehicles not be parked

on streets during snowstorms at any time. By keeping the roadways clear, we can efficiently tackle snow and ice removal during winter storms.

Your understanding and compliance with these guidelines greatly assist our efforts in maintaining a safe and functional community during the winter season. ■

**15 Rose Street, Stony Point, NY 10980**  
**Phone: 845-786-2300**  
**E-mail: [highway@townofstonypoint.org](mailto:highway@townofstonypoint.org)**  
**Hours: Monday–Friday 7:00 am–3:30 pm**  
**Saturday 9 am–1 pm (except holidays)**



Stony Point Highway Department employees standing in front of the newly purchased truck.

A fresh and clean new look for the ground floor of Kirkbride Hall!





**W**e've been busy this season with various community activities and initiatives aimed at making Stony Point an even better place to live. Here are some highlights of our recent endeavors:

**No Shave November for a Cause:** Our Department, along with the PBA, participated in No Shave November to raise funds for local charities. Due to overwhelming support, we extended it into December for those who doubled their contributions. This annual event is on track to donate between \$2,500 and \$3,000 to support local charities.

**Light Up Stony Point Parade:** Despite the rainy weather, the PAL coordinated the Light Up Stony Point parade in collaboration with Town officials. The event was a massive success, featuring various vehicles and floats, Stony Point Elementary students singing at Town Hall, and enthusiastic onlookers lining the parade route.

**First Responders Breakfast:** Several of our officers attended the First Responders Breakfast hosted by the **Living Hope Fellowship** church and Pastor Steve Rush. We are deeply appreciative of their unwavering support for Stony Point's first responders.

**33rd Annual Senior Brunch:** The SPPD PAL and PBA organized the 33rd annual Senior Brunch at Patriot Hills on December 3rd. Approximately 80 seniors joined us, engaging in heartfelt conversations with our officers. This cherished event is made possible through the hard work and planning of **Detective Andy Kryger** and **Audra Morrison**.

**Dispatch/Radio Room Upgrade:** Our new dispatch/radio room project is underway and is expected to be completed by month's end. This much-needed upgrade will replace outdated equipment with state-of-the-art electronics and radio technology, enhancing our ability to serve the



*Stony Point seniors enjoying their breakfast at the 33rd annual senior brunch.*

*Volunteering their time at the Senior Breakfast from L-R: Officer Furlong, Doug Mann, Lt. Schoales, Officer Monaghan and Councilman Keith Williams*



*Over 50 floats and vehicles participated in the Light Up Stony Point Holiday Parade!*



community effectively.

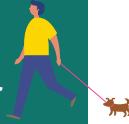
**Youth Police Academy:** Detectives Kryger and Spatta (Haverstraw PD) successfully conducted the 25th session of the North Rockland Youth Police Academy, culminating in the graduation of 21 students on November 16th at North Rockland High

School. We are immensely grateful for their dedication to nurturing the youth in our communities.

Thank you for your continued support. We remain committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of Stony Point residents. ■

# PARKS & REC

FROM THE DESK OF  
Karenanne Nigro, Recreation Director



## Announcements

### Exciting Fitness Classes at Kirkbride Hall!

We're thrilled to announce that all our fitness classes will now take place in the newly renovated 1st floor of Kirkbride Hall. Join us for an invigorating lineup of classes designed to keep you active and healthy.

#### Yoga Classes:

Chair Yoga: Mondays at 10 am

Yoga Flow: Wednesdays from 5 pm to 6 pm

Yoga Basics: Wednesdays from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

#### Tai Chi:

Wednesdays at 9 am to 10 am

#### NEW! Monthly CPR/AED Classes:

We are excited to introduce monthly CPR/AED classes at Kirkbride Hall, with a fee of \$98. Upcoming January class dates include:

- January 17 at 4:30 pm
- January 24 at 4:30 pm

Stay tuned for additional class dates! To reserve your spot or for more information, please contact the Recreation office at (845) 947-5261.

Phone: 845-947-5261

Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm

[www.townofstonypoint.org/recreation-department](http://www.townofstonypoint.org/recreation-department)

[Facebook.com/StonyPointRecreation](https://Facebook.com/StonyPointRecreation) ■

## EVENT CALENDAR

The Town of Stony Point PAL is gearing up for an exciting spring/summer season filled with a variety of events and activities designed to appeal to residents of all ages. Mark your calendars, gather your family and friends, and get ready to make some great memories.

### 4/28 Color Run/Walk 5k

Mark your calendars for a vibrant and lively Color Run/Walk 5K, tentatively scheduled for April 28. Prepare to dash through a rainbow of colors and make lasting memories with friends and family.

### TBD Harlem Wizards Basketball Game

Get ready for some high-flying basketball action with the Harlem Wizards. The exact date is still pending, so keep an eye on our updates to catch this thrilling game.

Check our website and follow our Facebook pages for the latest information.

[www.stonypointpal.org](http://www.stonypointpal.org) or

[www.townofstonypoint.org](http://www.townofstonypoint.org)

[Facebook.com/StonyPointPAL](https://Facebook.com/StonyPointPAL) or [/TownofStonyPoint](https://Facebook.com/TownofStonyPoint)



Top: The hard-working volunteers of the Stony Point PAL at this year's Fall Festival. Left: Chief Finn and Det. Kryger at the Fall Festival. Right: PAL Head Chef Paul Tummolo cooking up some burgers at the Fall Festival.

# Historical Society of the Palisades Interstate Park Region

In the heart of the Palisades Interstate Park Region, a dedicated group of history enthusiasts has been quietly preserving the rich heritage of the area since the early 1990s. Officially established in 2005, the **Historical Society of the Palisades Interstate Park Region** is on a mission to safeguard the history and culture of the hamlets that thrived prior to the establishment of Harriman State Park.



PIP Historical Society members from L-R: Nellie Quinn, Brad Conklin, Lenard Conklin and Craig Babcock.

These hamlets, including Doodletown, Johnsonstown, Sandyfields, Baileytown, and Queensboro, once bustled with life, and the society is committed to ensuring their stories live on. With a membership of 41 passionate individuals, the society has undertaken numerous projects and achieved significant milestones over the years.

In a collaborative effort with the Rockland County Historical Society, the group installed a memorial bench at the site of the 1974 plane crash near Breakneck Pond, along the Long Path. This act of remembrance serves as a reminder of the region's historical significance.

Another vital aspect of their work

includes the cleanup of abandoned cemeteries within the park boundaries, ensuring that these sacred resting places are maintained with the respect they deserve.

For those interested in delving deeper into the history of the hamlet areas, the Historical Society has curated an exhibit containing valuable information and artifacts from the families who once called this region home. This engaging exhibit is located at the **Tomkins Cove Library** and welcomes visitors most **Saturdays from 1 pm to 4 pm**. Best of all, it's entirely free and open to the public.

If you'd like more information about the Historical Society of the Palisades Interstate Park Region or want to confirm exhibit hours, reach out to President, **Brad Conklin, at 845-800-2639**. ■



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