



TOWN OF STONY POINT

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WELCOME TO OUR INAUGURAL QUARTERLY DISPATCH

Welcome to our first-ever Town of Stony Point newsletter! I'm thrilled to bring this new communication vehicle to our residents as a way to keep everyone informed and up-to-date on everyday life here in town. As a proud fourth term Town Supervisor, I know how important it is to make sure everyone in our community has access to information from a broad spectrum of channels. Whether you like to keep abreast of community happenings and issues online, through social media, or in-person, we're here to help!

With each issue, we'll share important details from across our departments, so you can stay updated on the latest developments from our **Police, Finance, Highway, Parks & Recreation, and other groups.**

To kick off this issue, I'm happy to share how we've put sound fiscal management into practice to benefit all town residents. **The Town Board and I are proud of the work we have done to bring a 9% decrease in town tax to our homeowners this year.** We know that increased prices nationwide on everything from gas to food have been challenging for our residents, and decreasing taxes is a great way to offset that burden. Read more about our work and how to read your tax bill on page 2.

Another great development here in town is the addition of **School Resource Officer (SRO) Mike Heath** who is serving Stony Point Elementary and Farley Elementary schools. Mike is doing a wonderful job of keeping our school kids safe and we're thankful for his work. On page 4, you can meet Mike and hear from Police Chief Ed Finn about some new additions to our police fleet and equipment.

I'm also excited about all the amazing upgrades that are in progress and upcoming for our **Parks & Recreation facilities.** Our families have been asking for new recreation options and we're proud to be able to fill those requests. Turn to page 5 to find out where you'll be able to play pickleball, enjoy a splash pad, and watch your kids and grandkids romp on new playground equipment.

This newsletter will help us detail all the exciting things that are happening in 2023 and all the reasons we are proud to be residents of this great town. I hope you enjoy our first issue and look forward to hearing from you all on what else we can do to make Stony Point the best place to live! ■

Jim Monaghan, Stony Point Town Supervisor



Senior Citizen Bus:

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

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Exemption	Value	TaxPurpose	Full Value Estimate	Exemption	Value	TaxPurpose	Full Value Estimate
PROPERTY TAXES							
<u>Taxing Purpose</u>				<u>% Change From Prior Year</u>	<u>Taxable Assessed Value or Units</u>	<u>Rates per \$1000 or per Unit</u>	<u>Tax Amount</u>
HOMESTEAD PARCEL							
County Tax	\$7,258,314			3.00	\$52,200	22.539071	\$1,176.54
Town Tax	\$17,432,610			-2.00	\$52,200	34.189656	\$1,784.70
Ambulance district	614,047			4.6	52,200	1.317729	68.79
Fire 1	1,993,835			2.0	52,200	4.278719	223.35
Lighting 1	234,000			-6.2	52,200	0.502159	26.21
Sewer dist 2	0			0.0	1	447.422396	447.42
Sol. waste disp. ch.	589,455			0.0			210.69
Sol. waste disp. ch.	0						151.38
Transfer Station	0			0.0	1	23.625011	23.63
Animal Management	0			0.0	1	19.225795	19.23
Part Payment							\$206.60
PAYMENT SCHEDULE							TOTAL TAXES DUE
	<u>Penalty/Interest</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total Due</u>				
Pay By:	01/31/2023	\$1,084.62	\$1,084.62				
	04/17/2023	\$1,084.64	\$1,084.64				
	07/17/2023	\$1,084.64	\$1,084.64				
	10/16/2023	\$1,084.64	\$1,084.64				
Apply For Third Party Notification By: 11/01/2023							
Taxes Paid By _____							CA CH

Understanding Your Tax Bill

We know you probably don't look forward to receiving your tax bill, but this year Stony Point homeowners saw a 9% decrease in their town taxes from 2022! In fact, Stony Point was the only town in Rockland to see a decrease in their property taxes for 2023. To ensure you understand each charge on the bill we have provided detailed information below keyed to the sample bill above.

1 County Tax: This tax is levied by Rockland County and based on the assessed value of your property. It covers a wide variety of services including county government salaries, infrastructure projects such as highway and bridge improvements, equipment purchase and upkeep, funding for nonprofit agencies, support for seniors for property tax reductions, purchasing parkland properties, and this year, college tuition assistance for volunteer firefighters and emergency responders, among other things. We include the tax on your town bill as a courtesy to the County and then pay the County after receiving the taxes from the residents of Stony Point. More information can be found at <https://rocklandgov.com/departments/county-executive/budget/>

2 Town Tax: The tax levied by the Town of Stony Point is based on the assessed value of your property. Homeowners saw a 9% decrease in their town tax from 2022.

3 Ambulance District: This tax supports the local Stony Point Ambulance Corps, as well as the contract with Rockland Paramedics for Advanced Life Support. This tax is based on the assessed value of your property.

4 Fire 1: The tax levied by Wayne Hose Fire Co. for operation, equipment, and maintenance. It is based on the assessed value of your property.

5 Lighting: The tax levied by the Town for payment to Orange and Rockland for street lighting.

6 Sewer: This charge is for the operation and maintenance of the Waste Water Treatment Plant in Stony Point.

7 Solid Waste Disposal Charge (1): This charge, levied by Rockland Green (formerly County Solid Waste Management Authority), is for capital or debt service costs for the Solid Waste Authority's facilities and general administrative costs. A portion of this charge is also for the yard waste program for composting of leaves, grass

and brush collected in the County.

8 Solid Waste Disposal Charge (2): This charge, levied by Rockland Green, is for the operation and maintenance costs for the Materials Recovery Facility which processes all of the commingled containers and paper collected from residential properties throughout the County.

9 Transfer Station: This charge, levied by Rockland Green, is for the operation and maintenance costs for the transfer station which is available to receive municipal solid waste from all residential properties in Rockland County. It is imposed on a per dwelling unit basis and is \$23.63 for 2023.

10 Animal Management: Rockland Green has taken over the management of Hi-Tor Animal Shelter. This charge is for Animal Management and the running of the facility. The per dwelling charge for 2023 is \$19.23.

Note: Paying your tax bill in one lump sum is less expensive as it eliminates the fees imposed for partial payments.

If you have any questions about your tax bill, please contact the tax office at (845) 786-2716 option 2.

Tips for Handling Refuse

We get a lot of questions about how to dispose of bulk items and yard debris and what items are acceptable to dump. To help clarify, here's a quick rundown:

Grass Clippings Drop off

Due to changes in regulations, the Highway Department is no longer able to pick up grass clippings. Bring your grass clippings to the Highway Department in biodegradable bags, which are available for no charge onsite. We cannot accept any grass clippings in plastic bags. An annual permit is not required.

Bulk Items Drop off

An annual drop off permit (\$20, cash or check only) purchased at the Town Clerk's Office, allows residents to bring appliances, furniture, mattresses, and other metal items to the Highway Department. You can also dispose of tires, for a fee of \$4 per tire. You may also drop off brush and bagged leaves for which an annual permit is not required. Drop off hours are Monday -Friday, 7am-3:30pm. Saturdays 9am-1pm.



Bulk Items Pickup

You can schedule a pick up of bulk items that are metal—such as appliances, bicycles, etc.—as well as bagged leaves and brush, cut and bundled in lengths no longer than eight feet. Contact the Highway Department to schedule a pickup appointment. Pickups are usually on Fridays and items should be left on the curb before 7am. Call (845) 786-2300 or email highway@townofstonypoint.org. Be sure to include your name, address, phone number, and items to be picked up.

Hazardous & Construction Waste

Paint, chemicals, hazardous materials, household garbage, construction materials & debris, and tree stumps are not accepted. Call your garbage carter or contractor to make arrangements, or visit the Rockland Green website for further instructions. ■

FROM THE DESK OF
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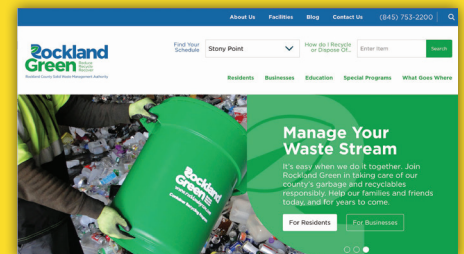
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Download homeowner's guide at:
[townofstonypoint.org/
departments/highway-department](http://townofstonypoint.org/departments/highway-department)

Hazardous waste site:

[rocklandgreen.com/residents/
household-hazardous-waste/](http://rocklandgreen.com/residents/
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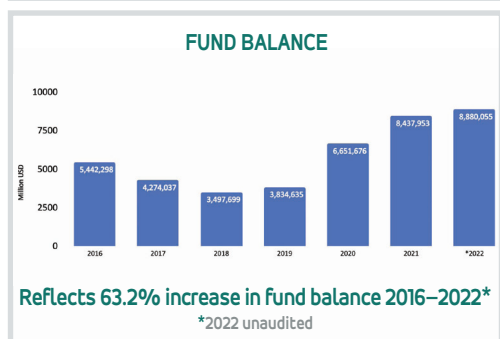
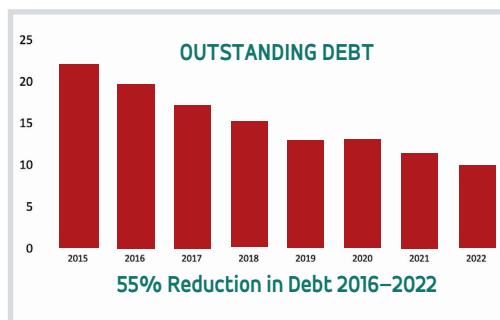


Stony Point Improves Financial Position

Stony Point has greatly improved its financial position over the past several years, which is welcome news for resident taxpayers.

The financial strength of the Town is reflected in the current year's budget, which reduces Town taxes by 9% AND provides for \$375,000 in road resurfacing, \$750,000 in capital equipment purchases, and \$200,000 in retirement obligations. While double digit increases in medical and property and casualty insurances had a negative impact on the 2023 budget, the Town Board worked hard to achieve this historic tax reduction while still providing for necessary expenditures. Key indicators on the financial strength of Stony Point include:

- Reduction in outstanding debt by 55%, or \$12 million from 2015–2022.*
 - Increase in the Town's Fund Balance by 63.2%, or \$3.4 million from 2016–2022. The Town's total Fund Balance represents the accumulated surplus (savings) of \$8.8 Million.*
 - From 2016–2022 the Town spent \$5.6 million on Capital Improvements while continuing to decrease the Town's outstanding debt.
 - The Town was the beneficiary of \$530,000 in grants from the County and State since 2016 which includes:
 - > \$55,000 for a new senior bus
 - > \$56,000 police vehicle and school radar signs
 - > \$50,000 for sidewalk repairs
 - > \$100,000 for new playground equipment
 - > \$250,000 for the renovation of Town Hall
 - > \$75,000 for the construction of new dog park
 - Most importantly the Board's adopted budget for 2023 reflects a **9% REDUCTION** in Town property taxes for Stony Point homeowners.
- To find out more details go to <https://www.townofstonypoint.org/town-budget-info> for a copy of this years budget. ■





FROM THE DESK OF
Chief Edward Flinn



\$56,000 Grant Funds New Vehicle and School Safety

The big news from the Police Department is the \$56,000 in grant funding we recently received! The grant, secured in cooperation with our former **NYS Senator James Skoufis**, enabled the department to purchase a new police vehicle and two new radar speed signs for our school zones. One sign was installed by Farley Elementary School (coming eastbound on Route 210), and the second is located on southbound Jay Street by Stony Point Elementary School. We're happy to be able to provide this additional speed protection near our schools in order to keep children and their families safe.

The department is also in the process of adding a new officer to our ranks to replace **Mike Heath**, who is now the Stony Point School Resource Officer. This is a great move for Mike and our whole community, and we're proud to watch him thrive in his new role. We are looking to hire a Spanish-speaking officer and the hire will come at no additional cost to the county because Mike's position is funded by the school district.

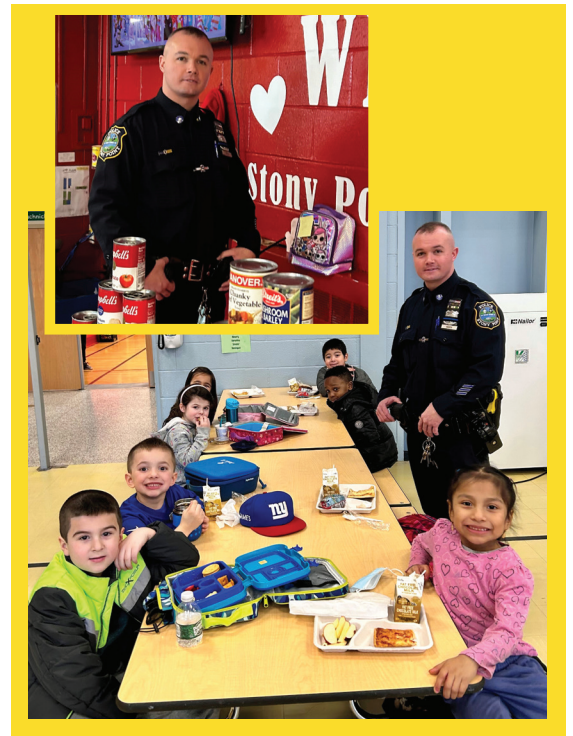
As always, we are focused on the safety of all Stony Point residents and are here to serve you! ■

Meet Mike Heath, Our New SRO

We are thrilled to welcome **Mike Heath** to our school community! Mike began serving as School Resource Officer (SRO) for both Stony Point Elementary School and Farley Elementary School in November 2022. It's been a natural fit for Mike, who grew up in Haverstraw, graduated from North Rockland High School, and currently lives in Stony Point. A 16-year veteran police officer, he spent the last 12 years as a member of the Stony Point Police Department and says he jumped at the chance to be SRO.

"My youngest child attends Stony Point Elementary and my oldest is at Farley, so I already knew so many of the students, parents, and teachers—some of whom I went to school with myself," says Mike, who has also worked with the North Rockland Youth Academy for years, and has extensive martial arts training. "It's great to be invested in this community and I have so much fun seeing how much the kids appreciate my presence."

A typical day finds Mike making sure students arrive and depart without any issues, walking the halls to enforce safety, assisting with any security concerns that arise, and frequently giving and getting high-fives from the kids—"Especially the younger ones, who see my uniform and think I'm like a superhero," he jokes. ■



"My focus is on fostering safety and community support. I want all the students to come to me whenever they feel the need to." –Mike Heath, SRO



Wesley Miles Achieves Eagle Scout Status; recognized by Town Board.

Supervisor Monaghan and the Town Board recognized Eagle Scout Wesley Miles at the January 24 town board meeting for his outstanding achievement of reaching Scout's highest honor. For his service project, Wesley prepared and installed a flag retirement bin at Town Hall for residents to place their old and worn flags for proper disposal. Wesley is a Stony Point resident and a high school senior. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 61.



PARKS & REC

FROM THE DESK OF
Karenanne Nigro, Recreation Director

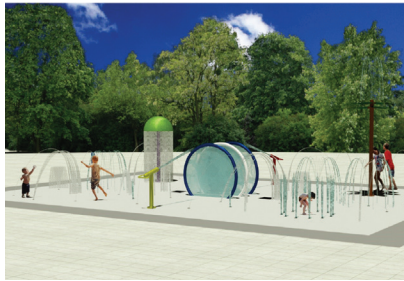


Get Ready to Dink & Splash!

Here at the Parks & Recreation department, we're counting the days until summer when we can take advantage of the exciting new additions to our town facilities as well as new activities and services. Here's what's in store:

New Playground Equipment: The Town has invested \$230,000 in new playground equipment in 2022, and we are nearing completion of those projects. We're putting the finishing touches on the new playground at Veterans Memorial Park and have upgraded playground equipment at the Town Pool as well as Riverfront Park, Clark Park, Charles Eccher (Lowland) Park, Heights Road Park, and Laurel Park.

Splash pad at Charles Eccher Park: We're confident the kids will love the brand-new splash pad at Charles Eccher (Lowland) Park! Splash pads are a fun way for the little ones to cool off from the hot sun, as well as a safe, easy way to enjoy water play. The bid process is winding down and we anticipate starting construction and completing installation by the end of June—just in time for the summer months.



Four pickleball courts at Veterans Memorial Park: We'll be breaking ground this summer on the construction of four pickleball courts at Veterans Memorial Park. The craze that has taken over the nation is arriving in Stony Point by popular demand! We know our residents are looking forward to being able to "dink" and "drop" against their pickleball opponents right here in town. The construction of the courts are being completed with grant monies received from Rockland County as part of the American Rescue Plan Act. ■

Fitness Activities & Services

- **Chair Yoga** is held every Monday at 10am at the RHO Building.
- **Tai Chi** is held every Wednesday at 9am at the Rho Building. Call 845-947-5261 to reserve your spot.
- **Our senior citizen bus is available to town residents** for local trips to the grocery store, doctors appointments, etc. The bus operates Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9am-1pm. To request a pick-up, call (845) 947-5261. 24-hour advance notice requested! ■



The children of Stony Point have a lot to look forward to!



SAVE THE DATE!

4/15 Stony Point Community Clean Up

(sponsored by Keep Rockland Beautiful) will be held on Saturday, April 15 at 9am. Participants will meet at Farley Elementary School to pick up supplies. Registration information to come at keeprocklandbeautiful.org as well as on Stony Point website and Facebook pages.

4/21 Drive-In Movie

Start time approx. 8pm on the lawn of Stony Point Justice Court, 6 Patriot Hills Dr – Movie TBD. Information to come at www.stonypointpal.org and Facebook page when available.

4/30 Stony Point PAL Color 5k Run/Walk

9am Race starts & ends at Farley Elementary School. Go to www.stonypointpal.org for more info or to sign up.



A Little Town History:

Have you visited Town Hall lately?

The current Town Hall at 74 East Main Street was constructed in approximately 1906 as the residence and office of Dr. Sengstacken, a local physician. The building, which served as a high school and elementary school during the 1950's to early 60's, is Victorian style similar to others on the street. It still features a portion of the original porch and some of the unique details from the early 1900's, including the 2nd floor balcony.

The town purchased it from the School District in 1966. It survived a fire in the 1970's and was in a constant state of disrepair for many years. However, thanks to a \$250,000 grant from the late NYS Senator William Larkin, the building underwent major renovations to preserve and upgrade it inside and out. The building received a new HVAC system, new roof and insulation, as well as a paint job and new windows, helping to reduce the overall heating and cooling bills each year. We welcome residents to stop by and come inside to see the beautiful structure! ■

“This building is a joy to work in. It is not only historic, but also unique. You just don't see town halls like this anymore—it has a great hometown feel reflective of Stony Point's character,” states Supervisor Jim Monaghan.



Fun Fact:

Before its current location, Town Hall was located in the former Malloy's building at the corner of Rt. 9W and East Main Street.

Fun Fact:

Maryellen Gonyea's grandfather, Wilmer Keesler, helped build Town Hall 115 years ago. Maryellen has worked in the finance department for over 20 years.



Stony Point Town Hall
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